

NEWS

5th November 2021 Issue 2



We have LOTS of information, diary dates and reminders within this newsletter – so please make sure you read it thoroughly.

We are coming into some of the busiest weeks within the school year and we are hoping that COVID does not ruin it for us again. We are planning ahead but please be aware these plans are subject to last minute changes should infection rates rise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th November

School Photographer in school

8th and 9th November

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings (Rec to Y4)

16th November

Odd Sock Day in School for Anti-bullying week.

19th November

Children in Need fancy dress day in school - £1.50 donation required.

17th December

School breaks up for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5th January

School resumes for spring term



Children in Need Appeal..... We are supporting the Children in Need Appeal this year on **FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER** by asking all children and staff to dress up in their favourite fancy dress costume.

We are asking for donations of £1.50 for the day and the children will all receive a sweet treat on the day!

Please be mindful that the weather is turning colder so fancy dress costumes need to be warm and functional for a whole day in school.


It has been a long time since we have been able to have such a fun day in school so we are hoping you will dig deep and help us support this worthy cause.

Covid update:

As you will know, we have had an increased number of positive cases within school since we returned from the summer break.

There is no need for children to isolate following close contact with a positive case and instead these children will be identified and parents/carers contacted directly. If you are contacted, you will be requested to take your (close contact) child for a PCR test and advise school when the results are received.

Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

 Why not follow our school Facebook page? Teachers and staff will often share some interesting events or lessons that children have enjoyed. Just search for @holywellschool on Facebook and a page with the school logo should appear.

Reception 2022 School Applications

The Northumberland County Council portal for Reception school applications for September 2022 is now open and will close on 15th January 2022.

If you have an eligible age child and have NOT yet completed an application for Reception 2022 please do so here:

http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en



Christmas is coming.....

There is no escaping it; it is on the horizon now!
With only 30 school days left until we break for Christmas we have a LOT to fit in.

Here are some diary dates to pencil in:

- * 26.11.21 – Village Lights switch on (details to follow)
- * 01.12.21 – Christmas arrives at Holywell Village First School
- * 06.12.21 to 10.12.21 – Christmas Performances (see below)
- * 09.12.21 – Christmas Dinner Day in school
- * 10.12.21 – Christmas Jumper Charity Day
- * 14.12.21 to 15.12.21 – Christmas Parties (details to follow)
- * 16.12.21 – Special Christmas Virtual Visitor

Christmas Performance Important Information.

We are going to plan for ONE performance per class this year only. **Seating will be STRICTLY restricted to 2 people per child.**

Dates and times are:

Monday 6th December 2pm – Year 4
Tuesday 7th December 9.30am – Year 3
Tuesday 7th December 2pm – Year 2
Wednesday 8th December 9.30am – Year 1
Friday 10th December 9.30am – Nursery
Friday 10th December 2pm – Reception

We ask that all spectators adhere to the seating plans upon entry and wear a face covering whilst within school, unless exempt.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
We cannot stress enough that these performances could be cancelled if the infection rates continue to rise or we are instructed to cancel by Public Health - as always, we will keep you posted.

Packed Lunch Reminder:

Please can the parents/carers of those on packed lunches remember that we have a 'healthy packed lunch' protocol within school. **Chocolate and sweets are only permitted once per week, on a Friday as a treat and in moderation please.**

Look out for our next newsletter which will be the last one before Christmas!

..... ONLY 49 DAYS TO GO!

WALK ON WEDNESDAYS

Walk on Wednesdays continues to be a great success and we are thrilled that so many children are participating.

Please remember that if you cycle or scoot to school you must dismount before entering the pedestrian cut to avoid hurting pedestrians. We have had a few near misses recently because of children and adults cycling along the pedestrian footpath rather than dismounting and pushing their bike/scooter.

Please also remember that there is NO cycling/scooting permitted on the yard areas at all for safety reasons.

From 8.11.21, any child seen cycling or riding on the yard will receive a reminder from staff. Repeated riding will result in a sanction being applied. Your help with this is appreciated.



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