

Holywell Village First School

News Update!

4th December 2020



21 SLEEPS TO GO.....

Christmas arrived this week in school and caused quite a stir with trees in classrooms, corridor decorations and a Santa cam!

We have emailed everyone with the requirements and plans for the coming 2 weeks – these plans are also available to view on the school website under 'latest news'.

We are in the most bizarre Christmas time any of us have ever experienced, however we will continue to do the best we can. We hope everyone understands the limitations we have within school (whilst adhering to guidance) and also the efforts that staff are going to try and make sure Christmas 2020 does not disappoint the children of Holywell Village First School.

It is a sad week in school as we should have been having our annual Christmas Extravaganza which of course ends with mulled wine and juice, mince pies and carols around the school Christmas tree – maybe you could carry this tradition on for us this weekend at home and share your photographs on Google Classroom!

NEW GOVERNOR BIOGRAPHY

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as a new governor to Holywell First School. My name is Amy-Leigh Douglas, and as a Head of Department at a local secondary school, as well a parent of a student who has progressed through the school and a current parent, I have a real interest in the future development of Holywell First School, as well as education as a whole. The particular focus I am passionate about is the curriculum and the enrichment it provides for our pupils. I look forward to being involved and supporting our wonderful first school in the future.

SCHOOL CLASS

PERFORMANCES/PRESENTATIONS

As you are aware, starting next week each class will be uploading their Christmas performance/presentation to Google Classroom. These are for parent/carer and pupil viewing only and must NOT be circulated on Facebook, Chat groups or social media of any kind. We really are relying on everyone to adhere to this for the safety of all our pupils.

Important NURSERY Information

The online portal for Reception school applications is now open. The portal will remain open until 15th January 2021 and Nursery parents/carers must log on and apply for their chosen Reception 2021 places before this date.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Important information

Free School Meal Vouchers.

Those children who are eligible to receive Free School Meals (Not-Universal Infant Free School Meals) will receive Lakes and Dales Voucher week commencing 14th December in line with the Government's agreement to fund Free School Meals over the Christmas holiday period. £15 per child per week will be given.



FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

All Children and staff asked to wear their Christmas jumper with their uniform (instead of a school sweatshirt or cardigan) and donate £1 to charity. Collection buckets will be at the gates upon arrival to school.

Co-opted Governor Biography: Adrian Dougherty

I'm really excited to be joining the governing body at Holywell Village First School and look forward to working with the team. I bring with me 16 years' experience in education, including a decade in the classroom as a teacher and senior leader, and various roles supporting the professional development of teachers. I am currently Strategic Lead for the Education Challenge at North of Tyne Combined Authority. I've lived in Holywell for more than 10 years and look forward to helping the governing body support our school to build on its success to the benefit of the children we serve.