

LAST NEWSLETTER OF THIS HALF-TERM

Enjoy a safe half-term break!

As we reach the end of another half-term, we are shocked at how fast this year is whizzing by. When we return from half-term holidays, we will have only 30 school days remaining of this academic year!

We have plans to say goodbye to our Year 4 children, however these will be dependent upon restrictions lifting after June 21st. We are all more than ready for 'normality' to return after what has been a VERY difficult 14 months within school—so fingers crossed!



Thank you to everyone who has replied to our email and reserved a hot school meal for their child after half-term. Even with a restricted menu, the return of hot school meals is very welcomed. The children have been amazing over the past year or so in coping with solely having a packed lunch every day. Although it was exciting for most at first, it is safe to say the novelty has very much worn off! Thank you all for your continued support with this, it has been appreciated



After many near misses and reports of dangerous/unsafe driving, we have requested the support of our local community Policing team with enforcement of the speed restrictions and with parking issues. Can we please remind all adults transporting children to and from school, to drive safely and park respectfully to avoid accidents and costly fines. Please can we also ask that children waiting to access school are not permitted to run on peoples' gardens or up to their doors, we have very good relationships with our residential neighbours and want these to continue.

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Save the Date....

THURSDAY 1st JULY
FAMILY SPONSORED WALK AND FUN AFTERNOON.

More details to follow but we will have stalls and tombolas along with charity FUNdrasing!



Food and Drink Reminder

At Holywell, we try and encourage the children to eat and drink as healthily as possible. We permit the children to have a water bottle within their classroom (Reception to Year 4) with open access to these throughout the day. Only water is permitted within these bottles, **no juice or cordial**. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving in school with juice in these bottles and staff have been instructed to remove any juice and have the children refill the bottles with water only.

We encourage the children to have a healthy fruit snack at playtime. Free fruit is provided for children in Reception to Year 2 from the Fruit for Schools Scheme. Year 3 & 4 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to have at playtime. We must stipulate that this is an apple, orange, banana etc **NOT sliced fruit in pots/containers**. The piece of fruit must be in their school bag and not lunch box, as access to lunch boxes from 9am to Midday is not permitted.

We are so pleased to see just how healthy our children's packed lunches are (on the whole) with children enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables with houmous, healthy sandwiches and wraps and even sushi! Please remember that packed lunches cannot contain any fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate (one small chocolate treat is permitted on a Friday only). Please remember that nuts are requested to be kept out of lunchboxes. We have a number of children in school with acute allergies and therefore we request peanut butter, loose nuts etc be kept for home only. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates:

07.06.21—Pupils return to school

01.07.21—Fundraiser afternoon—TBC

07.07.21 to 11.07.21—Year 4 Transition week

13.07.21—Y4 leavers

Party 2pm to 4pm—More details to follow

16.07.21—Y4 leavers'

Celebration—More details will follow about how this will look after June 21st restriction announcement by the Government.

06.09.21—Teacher

Training Day

07.09.21—School resumes for the pupils



FIRST AID REPORTING SYSTEM

When we return after half-term, we will be using a new electronic reporting system for logging accidents, incidents and illness within school called

***EVOLVE**accidentbook.*

This system will provide us with a more efficient way of documenting accidents and injuries, but most importantly or alerting Parents/Carers to bumps, scrapes and accidents. Alerts will be sent by text/email directly to your priority number/email address in real-time.

We are very happy to be updating the current reporting system, but fear not—the all-fixing 'wet paper towel' will still remain firmly in place in the school first-aid kit!

SPORTS DAY CHANGES.

Instead of Sports Day this year, we are looking at a family FUN afternoon instead.

Although in the early planning stages and very much dependant on restrictions remaining as they are, we are thinking of a shared sponsored family activity (supporting NSPCC and school) followed by access to some tombola/raffle stalls and maybe even a sweet and Ice Cream stall.

We are 'saving the date' of THURSDAY 1st JULY from 1pm to 3.30pm for this.

All being well, we would like the children/families to gather sponsorship for a fancy dress walk of 10 laps of our school field!

We will supply sponsor forms etc upon our return to school—we always do very well when we FUNdraise for worthy causes and charities have been hit hard during this pandemic, so we hope you will support us with this Fundraising adventure.

On the day, we would like everyone to don their best sporting attire or ideally come supporting an Olympic country—hopefully GB will do better in this than we did in Eurovision!

Homework procedure

We just wanted to clarify with parents/carers that the children's homework will continue to be uploaded to Google Classroom. Apparently there has been some confusion amongst parents/carers expecting homework to revert to paper based however, the system works very well and the children are used to using it, hence Google Classroom uploads will continue.

Some fond farewells.....

Today, we are saying goodbye to two members of staff, who are moving on to pastures new.

Mr. Warren, our Site Manager of 16 years leaves us today and we wish him the very best of luck for the future! Mr. Warren will be a big miss to the school and children, however we are sure he will continue to visit us from time to time.



Miss Hackworth also leaves us today to go off into the teaching profession to find herself a permanent job.

Miss Hackworth has been with us as an additional teacher whilst completing her Newly Qualified Teacher training and has been a huge help this past year.

We wish her every success for the future.

and a friendly hello!

We will be joined after half-term by a new Caretaker, Mr. Heeley. We hope you will join us in wishing him well as he joins our team at HVFS.

