

# NEWS

4th November 2022 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 there is LOTS going to be happening in school, so please be sure to check out the website, newsletters and Facebook for information and updates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**7<sup>th</sup> November**

School Photographer in school

**14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings (Rec to Y4)

**14<sup>th</sup> November**

Odd Sock Day in School for Anti-bullying week.

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm**

School breaks up for Christmas

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Staff Training Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

School resumes for spring term



**Children in Need Appeal.....** We are supporting the Children in Need Appeal this year on FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER by asking all children and staff to dress up with the theme of 'change'. You might want to change your hair, change your uniform for a funny fancy-dress outfit or even change into a superhero!

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 without limitations, so we are hoping you will dig deep and help us support this worthy cause.

## Film Night update:

Thank you so much to Mrs. Reed and our band of parent volunteers who ensured our film night was a spook-tacular success! The children thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we hope to be able to host more events of this nature. The funds raised will ensure that Christmas at HVFS will have a little extra sparkle and shine.....

If you want these events to continue then please consider joining our Parents and Friends Association. Without the right body of volunteers, we won't be able to provide such enjoyable additional experiences for our lovely children. Please contact Mrs. Reed, via the school office, if you think you can help.



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 2023 is now open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

If you have an eligible age child and have NOT yet completed an application for Reception 2023 please do so here:

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)



# Christmas is coming.....

There is no escaping it; it is on the horizon now!

With only 35 school days left until we break for Christmas we have a LOT to fit in.

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Here are some diary dates to pencil in:

- \* 02.12.22 – Village Lights switch on (details to follow)
- \* 01.12.22 – Christmas arrives at Holywell Village First School
- \* 08.12.22 – Christmas Jumper Charity Day
- \* 08.12.22 – Christmas Extravaganza in school 4pm to 6pm
- \* 12.12.22 to 16.12.22 – Christmas Performances (see below)
- \* 15.12.21 – Christmas Dinner Day in school
- \* 19.12.22 to 20.12.22 – Christmas Parties (details to follow)
- \* 20.12.22 – Special Christmas Visitor in school
- \* 22.12.22 – Whole school surprise courtesy of the departing PAF Association

## Christmas Performance Important Information.

We are going to plan for TWO performances per class this year only. **Seating will be STRICTLY restricted to 3 people per child.**

**Please note that we ask that babies and small children only attend the performances in RED below to avoid disruption and distraction for the children performing.**

Dates and times are:

**Monday 12th December 9.15am – Years 1 & 2**

**Monday 12th December 1.45pm – Years 3&4**

**Tuesday 13th December 9.30am – Early Years**

**Tuesday 13th December 1.45pm – Years 1&2**

**Wednesday 14th December 9.15am – Years 3&4**

**Friday 16th December 9.30am – Early Years**

There will be a £1 entry charge per person (payable on the door at each performance) to help towards the costs of creating Christmas productions and performance licenses.

We have received a number of requests for class lists for Christmas cards, party invitations etc, however we are unable to provide named lists – apologies.

There are 25 children in Nursery, 32 in Reception, 26 in Y1, 24 in Y2, 31 in Y3 and 27 in Y4 at present – hopefully this will help a little.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at each performance for two amazing Christmas hampers (kindly supplied by the school staff). The raffle will be drawn after the final performance on Friday 16th December.

Refreshments will be served at each performance also – so don't forget to bring your purses and wallets!

## 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 51 SLEEPS 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.



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## Underwear appeal!

We urgently need spare knickers and underpants (for all ages) for spares when there are 'accidents'. If you have any which your children have outgrown, please pass them on to school. Many thanks