

NEWS

2nd December 2022 Issue 3



Christmas arrived at Holywell yesterday, when all of the children came into a decorated school. Thank you to the learning support staff for making school look so lovely.

With only 15 school days left until we break for Christmas we have a LOT going on within school so please keep checking the website and Facebook for updates:

- * 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
- * 20.12.22 – Special Christmas Visitor in school
- * 22.12.22 – Whole school surprise courtesy of the departing PAF Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS



8th December

Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save the Children requested.

23rd December 3pm

School breaks up for Christmas

Monday 9th January

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 10th January

School resumes for spring term

Christmas Performance Important Information.

Today you will have received 3 tickets for you to see one of your child's performances.

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

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Tuesday 13th December 9.30am – Early Years

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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.

You MUST bring your tickets to gain entry to the performance – NO TICKET = NO ENTRY.

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!

Christmas Jumper Day



Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 8th December and we are welcoming donations of £1 for Save the Children fund.

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.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

We would love for you to join us for a very special Christmas Extravaganza night within school on Thursday 8th December from 4pm to 6pm.

There will be Christmas activities in each classroom throughout school for children to participate in (for a very small charges) – everything from making environmentally friendly Reindeer dust to printing their own wrapping paper!

On sale within the school hall, there will be some beautiful crafts that the children have been making for you. Nursery and Reception have made very special star decorations, Year 1 have made personalised photo baubles, Year 2 handprint canvasses, Year 3 have each printed their own Christmas cards and Year 4 have prepared Tasty treats!

Activities will go on in classrooms until 5.15pm where we then invite you to join us for a candle-lit walk around the village before returning to school for free mulled wine, mince pies and carols around the school Christmas tree.

We have not been able to share this type of festive event with all you since 2019 – so we are all very much looking forward to this special night and hope you will join us from 4pm.

Reception 2023 School Applications

The Northumberland County Council portal for Reception school applications for September 2023 is now open and will close on 15th 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



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 @hollywellschool on Facebook and a page with the school logo should appear.

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.



..... ONLY 23 SLEEPS TO GO!

Governor News

Since September 2022 we have welcomed two new governors to our board:

Martin Swaffield joins us as a co-opted governor and brings his expertise in HR/managing people in the private sector. Lucy Ames was recently appointed as parent governor, replacing Mr. Mark Teale who stood down in October. Lucy is a teacher in another school in Northumberland and has lots of experience in this sector.

We look forward to working closely with our two new governors and hope to bring you a regular '*governor activity update*' in the new year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries for the governors, please mail the school office where Mrs. Reed will forward any communications received to the relevant governor/s.



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Thank you to everyone who donated – we raised an amazing £274.59 for Children in Need.