

# NEWS

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Issue 6**



Where has the spring term gone? With only 3 weeks left of this term, we have a great deal to still fit into those busy weeks.

We also have only 8 weeks until the Y4 residential visit to Robinwood, which everyone is super excited about.

In the coming weeks, some classes are going to visit St. Mary's church in the village as part of their Easter work and understanding why Easter is important to Christians.

We have Science Week happening in school from 20<sup>th</sup> March, with each class planning some exciting science activities and experiments.

So, please keep checking the website and new app for updates!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEU Industrial action – Nursery, Reception,, Year 3 & Year 4 closed to pupils. Years 1 & 2 remain open to pupils as normal.

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Comic Relief Non-uniform Day - £1 minimum donation

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Teacher Training Day

### **Easter Break**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
School resumes for the summer term on  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

## eSchool Lite App

eSchools have launched a new App for Apple and Android which will keep parents/carers alerted to changes on the school website including Newsletters, Calendar reminders and access to the full website.



Scan the QR code and subscribe to receive important updates and school information.

## STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

NEU have planned National Industrial action and as a result, Nursery, Reception, Year 3 & Year 4 will be closed to pupils on these days. Work will be sent via email for these children to complete should they wish to. Years 1 & 2 remain open to pupils as normal.



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Comic Relief

Non-uniform Day - £1 minimum donation



Children are invited to decorate hard boiled eggs for entry to class competitions within school. All eggs must be the children's OWN WORK and be brought into school on **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 8.40AM TO 9AM ONLY.**

No egg entries will be accepted after this, so please do not bring eggs any later.

Once staff have arranged the EGGS-ellent entries on display, they will be judged by our special VIP judges and prizes awarded in our special Easter Assembly on **THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 9AM.**

There is also an adult's category, so if you wish to submit an entry for judging as a parent/carer, you are very welcome to also!

Children will be sent home with an Easter colouring competition sheet on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to colour an entry for 50p and these will also be judged for class prizes by our VIP judges. The colouring sheets must be the children's own work – so no adult help please!

## Governor News

The Resource Management committee met on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We discussed the following policies:

1. Governor Allowance
2. Attendance Management
3. Freedom of Information & publication Scheme
4. Voluntary Fund

The governors also received updates on budgetary matters and staffing.

Governors received an update staff training and CPD along with the continuing strike action and further information on the consultation to extend the school day.

### Parking Reminder:

Please can the parents/carers park considerately when bringing children to and collecting from school. We have received a number of complaints recently regarding inconsiderate parking and conflict with residents. We have sought the help once again of Northumbria Police who will be monitoring the situation. We like to maintain positive relationships with our residential neighbours and request that when parking in the streets surrounding school, parents/carers do so considerately to help this.

**STRANGE WORLD FILM NIGHT –  
MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 3-5pm**

**Tickets on sale 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

**March - £3.50**

**Reception to Year 4 only.**

## Staff News



Mrs Saxton (and Mr Saxton!) are expecting a very special delivery in the Summer.

Mrs Saxton is hoping to stay with Reception until the end of this academic year before commencing her maternity leave.

We all wish Mr and Mrs Saxton the very best and can't wait to meet their little bundle!

As soon as a replacement teacher for Mrs. Saxton's maternity leave has been appointed, we will of course share this.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending their child(ren) into school with Wellingtons and layers.

The children have been loving the chance to play in the snow, which unfortunately arrived before the first grass cut of the spring. This has meant with the grass being long and with the added inches of snow, ankle boots or boots which were not waterproof were insufficient to keep the children's feet dry. Our intention in making requests regarding footwear/clothing are never made to cause upset or irritation, they are always made with the best interests, comfort and safety of the children in mind.



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



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## SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by NTC that the cost of school meal provision will rise for us, therefore from 1<sup>st</sup> May our paid meals will increase to £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week for children in Years 3&4. Universal Infant Free School meals will continue for Reception to Year 2.