

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

18th February 3pm

School closes for half-term

28th February 8.55am

School resumes for pupils

7th & 8th March

Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

7th April 3pm

School closes for 2-week Easter holiday

Can you help?

We have a very small but incredibly dedicated team of Parents and Carers who form our PAF Association. These lovely people fundraise to help school pay for enrichment activities, playground toys, special visitors (like Santa and Easter bunny!) and much more— if you would like to help us and join our PAF Association please ask Mrs. Reed for more details.

GIFT AMNESTY

Please can everyone look for any unused and new gift items that could be donated to the PAF Association. Perhaps you have a smellies set from Christmas or the children have games and toys still new and boxed that could be repurposed by our PAF ready for the Summer Fayre (hopefully!).

Have you an abundance of Bayliss & Harding body lotion or more Lynx gift sets than Boots?

Are they taking up space and gathering dust?!!

We will have them all—please donate by sending to the school between 31.01.22 and 01.02.22

Many thanks! Mrs Reed will be on the yard to accept them each morning next week.



Happy New Year to everyone and where have the past 3 weeks gone? Christmas is but a distant memory now as we are all working hard in school and enjoying being able to spend time together again.

We are hoping as restrictions lift that we will be able to welcome parents/carers into school again to share celebrations with us – but for the time being we must remain cautious and vigilant.

Staff are available on the yard before and afterschool to speak to if required.



Bouncing into Spring

We are so proud and a HUGE congratulations to one of our Year 4 pupils who has represented the school in a recent Trampolining competition.

James was very new to competing and was in competition with other older and more experienced trampolinists however – James did AMAZINGLY well and came 4th out of 17 boys in the competition!

James will go on to compete in the competition final in February in Salford and we couldn't be prouder of him.

WELL DONE JAMES – everyone in school is wishing you the very best of luck for the final.

Safety reminders:

There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled footwear permitted to be ridden or used on the yard.

Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.

No dogs are permitted within the school grounds please.

Can we also remind all adults transporting children to and from school, to park respectfully. We have very good relationships with our residential neighbours and want these to continue.



Road Safety Guides for All

We have different Road Safety books that you can read using the links <https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com>

Please share with colleagues, friends and family.



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SAFETY GUIDES – FREE ACCESS

Northumberland County Council, have purchased one year subscription for 6 road safety books and 1 general child safety guide. These books are regularly updated and will be useful for staff, parents, their family and friends. The link for the books

is <https://northumberland.goodeggsafety.com>

The books cover the following topics:

- **Child Car Seat Safety** - according to [In car child safety - Safety Seats, Boosters, Law and advice](#) (goodeggcarsafety.com), 9/10 car seats are fitted incorrectly
- **Child Safety**
- **Cycling for Families**
- **Drivers** - everything you need to know to help you get your licence and keep it
- **Parents of Drivers**
- **Riders** - a guide for riders of scooters, mopeds and 125cc motorbikes

COVID IN-SCHOOL UPDATE:

Unfortunately, we have seen a considerable rise in our Covid cases within school; affecting both staff and pupils within the past 3 weeks.

Please can we ask that any symptomatic child be taken for a PCR test as soon as possible and that they remain at home until the results of their PCR test are received.

Any positive LFD test received requires the children to isolate in line with national guidance and they can return to school providing they test negative (LFD test) on both days 5 and day 6.

Additional day notification:

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday which officially falls within a school holiday – school will be closed on Friday 1st July to allow all pupils and staff to enjoy the additional day with family and friends.

Free School Meals eligibility – Please check the accompanying leaflet to see if you are eligible to claim Free School Meals for your child.

admin@hollywell.northumberland.sch.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/hollywell.school/>

Emergency Out of hours contact:
Emma-marie.reed@hollywell.northumberland.sch.uk

Food and Drink reminder

At Hollywell, 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 with open access to these throughout the day. Only water is permitted within these bottles, **no juice, cordial or flavoured water**. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving in school with juice in these bottles and staff have been instructed to remove any bottles filled with juice or flavoured water (returning them home at the end of the school day) and offer plain water only to the children. Governors met this week to discuss the issue of flavoured water after parental requests however agreed to maintain the current policy of plain water only being permitted within classroom bottles.

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 (**Please note that packed lunches need to contain a drink SEPARATE from the child's class water bottle**), 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 a

