

# Holywell Village First School News Update!



26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Reflecting on a very strange year

Just over one year ago we were all plunged into this strange new world of lockdowns, closures, masks and sanitisers. During this time we have all done the best we can by our families and friends. Lots of you had to work from home whilst others continued to go to work, but weekends lost their excitement and going on a walk has become the highlight of our days.

I know some of us have had the most difficult of times; children and adults alike have struggled with their mental health and very sadly, some of you lost dearly beloved family members or friends.

The school community have had to cope with an ever-changing set guidance from the government and difficult decisions have been made, often late into the night. As ever, the community of Holywell Village First School stood strong and we are now looking forward to a brighter future.



26.03.21 - School closes for East holidays

12.04.21 - Teacher Training Day, school closed to all pupils.

13.04.21 – School resumes for all pupils

03.05.21 – May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

28.05.21 – School closes for half-term

07.06.21 – School resumes for all pupils

16.07.21 – School closes for summer holiday

I was in Year 2 the other day and they asked me, 'What would you do tomorrow if there were no more restrictions?' and my answer was, without hesitation to have a whole school assembly, a disco, a film night, assemblies, Leavers' Parties, attendance parties, sports day..... The list went on and on. That is my hope, that by the end of the year we will be able to come together as Holywell Village First School community to celebrate, sing and have fun together.

So with those words of hope I wish you a lovely Easter and I hope you start to enjoy the very small freedoms afforded to us from the 29<sup>th</sup> March and beyond.

Sarah Brett Head Teacher

# **GOVERNOR NEWS**

Governors met this morning and ratified the predicted budget for 2021 to 2025. They agreed to modernisation of school and classroom furniture and storage facilities within this time frame. Governors agreed the annual future IT expenditures also to ensure our pupils have access to up-to-date technology and learning devices. Thank you to the Governors for their time today.

# **Important information:**

Teacher Training Day 12<sup>th</sup> April – School closed!

### **SPRING BINGO CANCELLATION**

It is with regret that we had to cancel the planned Spring Bingo last night due to lack of interest.

We plan FUNdraising events to help keep in touch with families but also to raise much needed funds within school. These funds are spend on enrichment and fun things for the pupils of Holywell Village First School.

We rely heavily on our PAF Association, without whose support we would not have half of the lovely things in school we have.



Once again on this occasion we must pass on a HUGE thank you to them as they have funded for each child within school to receive a sweet treat as an Easter gift from school.



Please enjoy a restful Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.