



HOLYWELL VILLAGE FIRST SCHOOL

Making Learning An Adventure

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Can you believe school has been back for almost 3 weeks?!

Where has the time gone? One minute it was our first day back to school and the next, we are looking towards half-term!

We have had a packed few weeks and have lots more exciting things planned in the run up to half-term.

No doubt you will have all seen the online count downs already happening to Christmas....



We have had a very busy first few weeks back and this week has been no exception.

This week we have had residents of Holywell in school talking to the children about the village and its features.

Year 2 are going out into the village next week to look at some of the village's physical features.

We are very proud of our village and like to help look after it by involving and educating the children in village life.

This Saturday there will be a community litter pick (organised by Seaton Valley Council) to help keep our village looking lovely. Everyone is

Welcome; the more the merrier!

Please meet at Dale Top at 9.30am—litter pick will be for one hour, ending at Seaton Crescent park at 10.30am.

There will also be a re-opening of the park celebration at 10.30am, where there will be face painting, fun and ice-cream!

We really would love for as many of the children and parents/carers to join us at these activities.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

This Saturday
21 September 2019
9.30am - 10.30am

Meeting at Dale Top

Working throughout the village.



Seaton Valley Community Council



HOLYWELL

Harvest Assembly

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 9AM—ALL WELCOME!

In previous years, we have always managed to gather a considerable amount of produce at our Harvest Assemblies to donate to good causes.

This year we would like it to be our best yet! All donations will go to the Blyth Food Bank for redistribution within Seaton Valley.

Please send your donations into school on **THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER ONLY**—due to storage limitations.

Items much needed are:

- Tinned Meat (in date)
- Pasta & Rice
- Dry goods
- Tea & Coffee
- Toothpaste and deodorant
- Toilet paper & Sanitary products
- Toiletries & shower products
- Pet food



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Important Dates:

22.10.19—School Photographer Visit—
More information to follow

25.10.19—School closes at 3pm for half-term holiday

04.11.18—School resumes for the children in all classes.

05.12.19—Christmas Extravaganza
More information to follow

09.12.19 to 13.12.19 Christmas Performance Week

20.12.19—School breaks for Christmas

07.01.20—School resumes for the children

Attendance

Last week's winner:
Reception

This week's winner:
Year 4

House Points

Last week's winner:
Penguin House

This week's winner:
Parrot House

Governor News:

We have vacancies on our Governing body.

If this is of interest to you and you would like more information, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Brett.

She will be happy to discuss requirements with any interested parties.

UPDATES:

We will continue to update the school website and app across the year, so it is good advice to look at these regularly.

To download the app just visit app store/play store on your device and search for Holywell Village First School.

The app contains everything you would expect in a mobile phone app. There is also a function to allow users to register on the app.

To register, please click on the cog in the top right corner of the app. The unique school code for the school is **8764**.

You will be asked to put in an email address so we can verify you. When you have registered you will be able to select your preferences, choosing the year groups from which you wish to receive notifications. You can choose more than one preference.

Parents and Friends Association

News!

The PAF held their AGM will be held next week on Wednesday 25th September at 6.15pm in Tea Cake Max shop.

All committee positions will be discussed and resignations accepted and hopefully new appointments made.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the PAF Association and just how much their fundraising supports school.

The PAF are always looking for new members to join the team, if you are interested please contact school or come along to the AGM—EVERYONE is welcome.

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Just a very quick reminder that the applications portal is now open and closing date for Middle School applications for 2020 is

31ST OCTOBER 2019.

If you have not already applied for a place for your child—you need to do it online before 31.10.19.

3rd October SPORTY FUN LUNCH DAY!

3rd October we will be having a sporty fun lunch in the hall! We will be transforming the hall into a sports restaurant fit for any Olympian and having a special lunch.

Chunky chicken strips, lattice fries, corn on the cob and salad will be on the menu along with iced marble muffins and fruit juice all for £2.15 (Years 3 and 4 only) - Children in Reception to Year 2 may have a meal for free.

If your child already stays for school meals, your special dinner will have already been ordered. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to enjoy a sporty special lunch, then please contact Mr. Wood in the school office (8am—11.30am) and he will be happy to order a meal for you.



PLEASE REMEMBER - Earrings are NOT permitted to be worn at school.

SCHOOL MEAL REMINDER

As school meals are not prepared on site, we are required to give a notice of 1 week to the preparing kitchen for any meal changes.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



SIBLINGS WITHIN SCHOOL

A NUMBER OF PARENTS HAVE EXPRESSED A CONCERN OVER PICKING UP SIBLINGS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, WHEN THEY EXIT FROM DIFFERENT DOORS.

OUR ADVICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO COLLECT THE YOUNGER SIBLING FIRST AND STAFF WILL HOLD ONTO THE OLDER SIBLING UNTIL YOU COME TO COLLECT THEM. STAFF WILL BE PATIENT WITH THIS, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE AS CHILDREN NEED TO BE RELEASED SAFELY.

PAF CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our PAF Association have organised a clothing collection for Thursday 26th September. The children will have brought home a collections bag with them this week. Please take the time to fill this bag (and any others you can) with unwanted clothing items.

These bags are then weighed and the PAF Association receives money towards their fundraising efforts.

Please bring bags into school ONLY on 26th September from 8.45am to 9am and pile them in the big rack—a member of the PAF will be on hand to show you where.

Help us out by having a BIG clear out this weekend and bring them to school for weigh-in!