# Holywell News



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#### Reminders:

To ensure the health and safety of everyone:

- Dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
- Please push bikes or scooters whilst on the year to prevent accidents.
- Children line up from 8.55am each day and are taken into school by their class teacher. Children are to be left in the care of their teacher on the yard (except Reception and Nursery pupils who may be accompanied to their class).
- VIDEO RECORDING OF ANY KIND IS NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL (INCLUDING ASSEMBLIES & PERFORMANCES). Thank you.

#### **NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Holywell Art gallery last Friday (and Thursday this week for Nursery)

- it was a lovely event and something the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Their artwork was of such a high standard. We all could see just how much the children had benefited from their visit to the Laing Gallery. Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted with the visits. We really appreciate parents/carers giving up their time to accompany us. Outside visits are of such benefit to the children but budget constraints mean we can't afford the transport costs. That is why your contributions to visits like this are so important—thank you to everyone who contributed.

School only had to supplement an additional £35 to cover those unable to contribute to the transport cost, which is fabulous! Thank you.

## **Important Dates:**

16.02.17—Year 2 class assembly 9am

17.02.17—Reading Awards and 100%

**Autumn** Attendance assembly

17.02.17—School closes for half-term

24.02.17—Teacher Training Day

27.02.17—School resumes for the children

02.03.17—World Book Day

16.03.17—Year 3 class assembly 9am

23.03.17—Year 1 class assembly 9am

24.03.17—Red Nose Day

07.04.17—School closes for Easter holiday

24.04.17—Teacher Training Day

25.04.17—School resumes for the children

01.05.17—SCHOOL CLOSED—May Day

26.05.17—School closes for Half-term holiday

05.06.17—School resumes for the children

21.07.17—School closes for Summer

04.09.17—Teacher Training Day

05.09.17—School resumes for the children

Stars of the Week

W/E 10.02.17

N—Bradley Rec—Jackson Y1-Joel Y1-Harry Y2-Joe Y3-James Y4-Ciaran

#### AWARDS:

Friday 17th February (9am) will be our rescheduled awards assembly. During this assembly children will receive their reading awards (originally from 13.01.17) along with the 43 children who managed 100% attendance (from September to December). Everyone is welcome to attend the awards assembly and refreshments will be available for adults afterwards.

#### Important:

Please note that whilst videos are no longer permitted to be taken during assemblies, under certain circumstances photographs are. If we do not have a signed form returned, photographs cannot be taken.

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings
Please ensure you have returned your
request slip. Appointments will be
issued next Friday.
Pease ensure that you check bags
before the holiday starts to ensure
your appointment time is not missed/
lost.

#### NEW5:

#### PAF URGENT APPEAL:

Our Parents and Friends are currently a very small band of hardworking parents. They raise considerable funds for school and this enables us to provide additional resources for the children.

However, some of the lead PAF's children will be leaving Holywell in 17 months time and with them will our core fundraisers.

We urgently need new people to join—people who care about school and the children who attend here. Please consider whether you have a little time to spare to help out our current team. Without new PAF members, the group will undoubtedly be forced to disband within 18 months......

PLEASE HELP!

#### GET OFF STABILISERS!

Dr. Bike will be running another of his famously successful 'get off stabilisers' courses for the children in Reception and Year 1 on Wednesday 1st March If you are interested, please return the slip to school on Monday (at the latest) and your child will be included in the training. If you are able to accompany your child—this would be most helpful....... The more hands the

# School Meals from 13.02.17: WEEK 1

We are looking for parents/grandparents who have time each week to come into school and help our children look after our small on-site allotment.

They will need to be able to plan and help the children plant and grow flowers and produce throughout the coming year(s). Please contact the school office if you are interested. Any commitment of help is appreciated.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

2nd March—children (and staff!!) are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.

In addition, every morning from 27.2.17 to 3.3.17 parents/carers will be invited into classes between 8.55 and 9.20 to read with their children. This is to show the children how much we value reading and to promote good reading skills at home and school. For those working parents/carers who will be unable to attend, please feel free to send a grandparent, auntie, uncle etc. We will also provide a Reading Together leaflet that children can take home and talk through with parents/carers.

## School App—Please download and check for updates regularly.



We re-launched our school App earlier in the year and at present have 107 downloads which is great! However registered user numbers could be higher.

We really do want to keep the app as another way of keeping parents/carers updated but this really depends on user numbers.

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.