

NEWS

3rd February 2023 – Issue 5



It has been a very busy four weeks in school since returning from the Christmas break – with so much more to fit in before half-term!

Please keep checking our website and the new App for updated information & items of interest.

We are thrilled to have been offered tickets for every child in school (plus 1 parent each) to attend Kingston Park to watch the next Newcastle United Women's Football match against York City Ladies on 12th February (2pm kick-off) – Huge thanks to Mr. Lycett for this opportunity. Tickets will be issued to the children next week, so please keep checking their bags! We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to cheer on the NUW.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16th February

Whole School Art Gallery – see details over leaf.

Friday 17th February

School breaks at 3pm for half-term

Monday 27th February

School resumes for the children

Friday 17th March

Comic Relief Non-uniform Day - £1 minimum donation

Friday 31st March

School breaks for Easter

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.

Swashbuckling Dinner Day



CONGRATULATIONS TRISTAN
for winning the grand prize from
NTC of Pirate Quest and fun day at
Tynemouth Park.



PAF ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

An extraordinary PAF meeting has been arranged for **16th February from 5.30pm** to discuss the future of the PAF Association.

A number of parents/carers have expressed an interest in possibly undertaking committee positions; this meeting will be the time when these parties can nominate themselves for positions based on their skills/experiences and availability to help.

If sufficient interest and we are able to agree and vote in a new committee then the future of the PAF Association will be guaranteed for a little while longer at least - Fingers Crossed.



HOLYWELL POP-UP ART GALLERY

The children in school have been working very hard on their art work this year and we are thrilled to announce that the 'pop up' Holywell Gallery will be ready for your viewing on Thursday 16th February.

We would like to invite you into school **from 1.45pm** to look around your child's class; each Key Stage has a specific time slot to visit the hall as follows:

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) – 1.15pm – 2.05pm

Reception – 2.05pm-2.25pm

Key Stage 2 – 2.25pm-2.45pm



There will be an opportunity to purchase your child's art work canvas after the Gallery viewing.

The children are all looking forward to sharing their fabulous pieces of art with you, whilst showing off their amazing artistic sides. We hope you will be able to join us.

Governor News

The Strategic Policy and Direction committee met on Thursday 26th January. We discussed the following policies:

1. Anti-Bullying
2. Marking and Feedback
3. Maths (including Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement)
4. Home School Agreement
5. Sustained Writing and Assessment
6. LGBTI

The governors also received updates on how the leadership have assessed standards in Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes across the school. Governors received an update about the continuing strike action and further information on the consultation to extend the school day.

Staff News

Thank you to all parents & carers of those children whose classes were affected by this week's industrial action. We very much appreciate everyone's understanding; as a small school it is very difficult to remain fully open when strike action is called by unions. We must thank our staff for their openness too, as advance notice of their intent to withdraw their labour allowed us to plan for the day and prepare parents/carers in advance.

Unfortunately, the NEU has further strike days planned with the next to affect our region being planned for 28th February – we will inform all parents/carers as soon as we know which classes will be affected.

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.

MISSING COAT/SWAPPED COATS

We have a 'lost' black NIKE padded coat which we believe may have been taken home in error by a child, mistaking it for their own. We also have a 'found' similar ZARA black coat - which we believe may belong to the child who has taken the Nike coat in error, as they are very similar.

Please can you check at home and if you do find a coat which does not belong to your child, return it to school.

WELLDONE TO Sonny for coming 1st in the special Gymnastics category at the recent competition – we wish you the best of luck in the next round!



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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UNIFORM BRING AND BUY SALE



TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY – NEW AND NEARLY NEW UNIFORM ITEMS BEING SOLD FOR 50P AND £1 PER ITEM.

This is your chance to grab some uniform bargains for rapidly growing children!