

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

18th October – 9am

Harvest Food Donations into school in readiness for:

20th October – 9am

HARVEST FESTIVAL

26th October – Halloween non-uniform day (whole school) and disco (Years 1-4)

27th October – PAF

Association Toy Amnesty, details to follow!

6th November – School Photographer visit

10th November – 8.45am & 2.45pm
Pre-worn Uniform and new & pre-loved Toy Sale

14th & 15th November
Parent/Carer & Teacher consultation evenings (Reception to Y4 only)

17th November
Children in Need Non-uniform



Welcome back!



Where has the past month gone?

We have already been back to school for 4 weeks!
Before you know it, it will be time forCHRISTMAS



The children have returned to school raring to learn and are already enjoying the challenges of being in their new classes. Our new Nursery and Reception children have joined school as if they have always been here and have been amazing – Mrs Stewart and Miss Orchard are so proud of them all.



We have a LOT of things happening this term and information will be circulated about events and activities via email primarily, so please ensure you are checking your inbox regularly.



Please also remember to follow us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/holywellschool>



WEEKEND READING BOOK AMNESTY – YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED!

Unfortunately, a large number of library books have not been returned from previous years of loans and we need these back so that we can start our weekly library sessions again with all of the children in school from next week.

Please can you look through old school bags, bedrooms and bookshelves and return any school books to school as soon as possible. School library books will have a barcode within the front cover and a school/library service stamp.

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we will be asking for any lost books to be replaced as school does not have the funds to buy more new books at the moment.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

FUN DAY LUNCH

Come and join us for a
**Rugby World Cup fun day lunch on
Thursday 5 October 2023**

5th October 2023- Funday Lunch:

**CONVERSION CHICKEN KICKER
SERVED WITH FRIES AND
SCRUM SWEETCORN & PROP PEAS
WITH RUGBY BALL SHORTBREAD FOR
DESSERT**

Please email the school office to reserve a meal for your child if they do not already take a school meal on this date:

admin@hollywell.northumberland.sch.uk

Children in Reception to Year 2 – free
Years 3 & 4 only £2.45

HALLOWEEN

We will be having a whole school Halloween non-uniform day on **Thursday 26th October** – children are invited to come to school wearing their Halloween costumes (no props, accessories, masks or morph-suits please) or whatever outfit makes them happy!

Our PAF will be holding a Halloween disco for children in Years 1 to 4 – tickets will be on sale from 16th to 20th October – more details to follow!

Nursery and Reception will have a small mini-disco in the morning to show off their costumes and dance moves, so they certainly won't be missing out!

FRUIT

We are very grateful to parents/carers who are providing fruit as a healthy snack for their children for consumption at playtime, however we must request that this is A PIECE OF FRUIT only and not fruit in plastic pots.

We have seen an increase in children walking around the yard with pots of grapes, berries and sliced up fruit and even had bowls of fruit with plastic forks being taken outside at playtime. This is not something which is permitted and we ask that this be stopped with immediate effect.

Children are permitted to take outside an apple, orange, banana etc and these pieces of fruit need to be within their school bag and NOT in packed lunch boxes as children will not be given access to these before lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

Middle School Applications 2023:

Northumberland County Council portal for Middle School applications for September 2024 opened on September 12th and closes on 31st October – Please ensure you have applied for your child if required before this date:

https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

National Offers Day is Friday 1st March 2024

New Governor opportunities:

Two vacancies have arisen on the Governing Body of Holywell Village First School for the appointment of a Parent Governor. All Parent Governors must have children at the school (as parent or carer) and must also be elected by the parents and carers of pupils at the school. The period of office for service as a Parent Governor is 4 years and a Parent Governor would not be obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school; they would be able to remain in office until the expiry of the term of office.

The role of Governor can be hugely rewarding in terms of the impact that you can have on the outcomes for children as well as the opportunity to learn and develop new skills that can be of benefit to you beyond the school community.

If you think this may be of interest to you – please look out for the nomination forms coming home with children next week.

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Emergency Out of hours contact:
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Keep a close eye on our website calendar, as Christmas is only 87 sleeps away – there will be lots of fun things happening in school which you DO NOT want to miss!

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MAKING LEARNING AN ADVENTURE