

# Holywell News



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## Reminders:

To ensure the health and safety of everyone:

- Dogs are not permitted on school grounds whatsoever.
- Please push bikes or scooters whilst on the yard to prevent accidents.
- Children line up from 8.55am each day and are taken into school by their class teacher. To avoid congestion and to safeguard pupils, adults are asked to leave children in the care of their teacher on the yard (except Reception and Nursery pupils who may be accompanied to their class).

## NEWS

What is the weather doing? One minute we have sunshine and the next it's sleet and snow! With this in mind, can parent/carers please ensure that the children are coming to school in suitable footwear (not Ugg style boots or canvas shoes) and an outdoor coat. Wherever possible, we will try and get the children out to play at break and lunchtimes when not raining.

We have a need for spare trousers (boys and girls) and tights, for when changes are necessary. Should you have uniform which has been outgrown by your children, we would gratefully accept good quality donations.

## Important Dates:

02.05.16—MAY DAY School Closed

05.05.16—PDSA—working with classes

11.05.16—Y4 Residential trip to Robinwood

13.05.16—Approximately 3pm:Y4 return from Robinwood.

17.05.16—New Parents' Meeting 5.30pm

20.05.16—Non-uniform Day (Chocolate donation requested) - PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE EARLIER SCHEDULED DATE.

There will be no family assembly today.

26.05.16- School breaks for half-term

27.05.16—TEACHER TRAINING DAY

06.06.16—School resumes for the children

09.06.16—NSPCC assembly and fund raising event launched

20.07.16—School breaks for the summer

05.09.16—Teacher Training Day

06.09.16—School resumes for the children

Golden Table	Grace—Year 2, Jessica—Year 2, Chad—Year 4
Stars of the last two weeks	Ethan—N, Robbie—R, Peter—Y1, Jack M & Jack C—Y2, Will—Y3, Billy H—Y4
	Jackson—N, Bethany C—R, Rubi & Holly—Y1, Lily—Y2, Daisy—Y3, Dominic—Y4

## Polite reminders:

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school. We have an increasing number of children attempting to wear earrings for school, which is in contravention of school policy.

The school policy on jewellery states that the children may only wear a watch.

Children wearing earrings will not be permitted to participate in any sporting after-school clubs.

Staff are not permitted to remove earrings for children or cover with plasters, therefore they must be removed for school and clubs.

## Class Winners

House Points— Parrot House  
Attendance—Year Four

## NEWS

School is collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, so if you have any in your purse or wallet, please send them into school. In the past we have benefitted from lots of equipment including gardening and cookery items and sports equipment and yard toys.

At present, we don't seem to have as many as usual, so please spread the word that we are collecting them and ask relatives to pass them on.

### Debit Card Payments

At long last we have been able to secure a method for taking card payments for lunch money, trips, milk money etc with Northumberland County Council.

The system is now live and being used by a number of parents/carers. Feedback we are receiving is very positive.

There are very strict guidelines and remits which we must adhere to, one of which is that no card details can be retained for future payments.

Therefore, payments will need to be made either weekly (for lunch money) by either phoning the office/visiting in person.

OR

payments can be taken for monthly/termly amounts for ease. We hope the introduction of this system will help busy parents/carers.

Please note that after-school club fees will still only be accepted in either cheque or cash form. Premier Sport are unable to accept card/online payments at this time.

## School Meals Next Week:

### NEW Week 1 Menu

#### School Football

Our school teams continue to play brilliantly!

They both won their last matches:

**Yellows 6-0**

**Blues 4-2**

The coach reports that both teams are playing some great football! Well done to all of our school players.

There are no scheduled games until 7th May—

Thank you to all of the players and parents/carers for their dedication to the school teams.

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



We re-launched our school App in the New year and at present have 107 downloads which is great! However only 24 registered users ☹️

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.

All the alerts the school has sent in the last few days can now be viewed. You can access the previous notifications by clicking on that cog in the right hand corner. If you register in the app, it will also be possible for you to receive secure information within the app in the future. Please use this QR code to download or update the app on phones and tablet devices.