

A message from Mrs. Denham

Tempest Photos

Please can you make sure that your Tempest Photo order is back in school by the end of the day on Monday. After this time you will need to send your order direct to them. Thank you.

Admission September, 2019

Children born between: 1st September, 2014 and 31st August, 2015.

If you have family or know of friends who have children due to start school in September 2019, please promote Holywell and inform them to call Holywell. (01271) 34908 and Mrs. Denham will be delighted to show them around and discuss their child starting school.

Even if you have already given details to school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team at Devon County Council. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

How to apply for Primary School place in Devon:

You can apply online at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline : from 15th November 2018 to 15th January 2019.

Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more details by calling our Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk

CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWOP SHOP

We are planning on holding our annual **CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP** in school on the morning of Monday 17th December. This is where the children are able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that will have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

This is how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations of presents suitable for a mums, dads, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. from **December 1st**. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful.

On the day of the Swap Shop, children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents from those brought in, to bring home for Christmas Day. **There will be no charge on the Swap Shop day so you do not have to send in money!** The children are just bringing home recycled presents! We hope you like this idea – the children are very excited about it!

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

PTA Christmas Hampers

The PTA would be most grateful for any donations of goodies that they could put in this year's Christmas raffle hampers. Every penny raised goes to our wonderful school and children.

School News

Stephen's Shield Cross Country last Friday

A huge congratulations; to all of the Holywell children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that participated in the very challenging Stephen's Shield Cross Country event in Torrington last Friday. Once again the support and enthusiasm when running and when watching each other was truly awesome! A big thank you to: the parents who supported with transport and supervision at the event.

Results were:

Year 3 Girls: Sophia 18th, Matilda 42nd, Evangeline 71st, Chloe J, 73rd, Flossie 79th, Holly 84th

Year 3 Boys: Ollie 88th, Thomas 94th

Year 4 Girls: Lottie 1st, Imogen 45th

Year 4 Boys: Riley 45th, Louie 93rd, Ethan 101, Felix 115, Archie 116

Year 5 Girls: Maddie 10th, Bella 32nd

Year 5 boys: Cameron 46th, Thomas 61st, Harvey 99th, Danny 100th

Year 6 Girls: Holly 72nd

Year 6 Boys: Cooper 116th, Fred 117th, Monty 126

Coxleigh Barton Cross Country event on Sunday

A super big well done to: the children that represented the school at the Cross Country event on Sunday. Although the weather was favorable the camber of the course was a challenge, it is certainly rougher than it looks! As always thank you to the parents who joined us and supported all of the children throughout.

Results were:

U9 Girls: Lottie 10th, Olivia 54th, Sophia 55th, Flossie 57th, Matilda 58th

U9 Boys: Riley 24th, William 49th, Ethan 73rd, Archie 88th, Ollie 89th

U11 Girls: Maddie 14th, Holly 64th

Message from the School Council.

Dear Parents/Carers

For 'Children in Need' this year we would like to hold some little events like...

A cake sale and a PTFA tuck shop - after school.

We would also like to hold some other events during school hours like...

- Dressing up in PJs, spots or onesies – 50p per person
- A game called pin the patch on Pudsey and pin the bow on Blush – 20p per go

And a draw a Pudsey, build Pudsey out of lego or dress your teddy in spots competition – You may only enter one of these cost - 20p

We would like to say thank you for all the ideas from each class, we had a hard choice when we came to choose.

Year 4 Indoor Athletics

A huge well done to: the Y4 children who all represented the school at the Indoor Athletics event at Park School on Wednesday. Everybody worked so hard and the team spirit was delightful. The team placed 4th overall, missing the third spot by 1 point!

Super work:

Imogen, Lara, Lottie, Emilia, Bella, Katie-Jayne, Ruby C, Ruby L, Daisy, Louie, William, Riley, Ethan, Archie, Sonny, Harry and Felix - you all really let your lights shine!

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 5.

We have been allocated a date for this year's flu vaccination to take place in school on Tuesday 4th December. We will be sending out further details on how to register as soon as we receive it.

PTA. Christmas Fayre

This year's fayre will take place in the village hall on Sunday 18th November from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be lots of lovely stalls, beautiful gifts, art and crafts, hot food, children's activities, face painting and of course a visit from Santa between 11 am – 1 pm

School Meals

Please can you remember to return your child's school meal selection form, even if your child has a free school meal or a Meal for Free. This is the form St Michaels use to order the quantity of food required, so is very important if we wish to keep the cost per meal at a minimum.

Cheques

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

News from the PTA



Holywell Christmas Fayre

Holywell's Christmas Fayre will be taking place in the village hall on Sunday 18th November from 10 am – 2 pm. If anyone would like a stall or knows of anyone who would, please contact Emma.barstow@btinternet.com. The cost of a will be £10.00.

Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Fizz Pop Science	Mrs. Curtis	For those who have already signed up.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Handball and Bench ball	Mr. Day		
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Last day of the Autumn term, – Thursday 20th December, 2018.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 7th January, 2019.

Start of the Spring term, - Tuesday 8th January, 2019.

Spring half term starts, - Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February, 2019.

End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.
Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.
Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019
May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.
Summer half term starts; - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, 2019.
Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.
Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th December - Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 5.

Christmas Performances KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)

Wednesday 12th December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.

Thursday 13th December, - Performance starts 2pm

Friday 14th December, - Performances starts 6pm. The children will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm.

Wednesday 19th December, - Whole school **Christmas lunch** - 11.50 am.

Wednesday 19th December, - **KS1 Nativity** and whole school Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

Community News

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Brownies – spaces available

The Brownies that meet at St Michael's nursery in Sticklepath on a Wednesday evening 6.15 to 7.30pm for girls aged 7 – 11 years have a few spaces available. If you would like further information please text or call on 07770 910702.

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome
Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.
Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall
For more details contact Sue on 07890 046033.

Circuits

Every Tuesday
9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.
£4 pay as you go
All fitness levels welcome!
Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.
Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.
07973 533668

Caretaker of Hall

Daily clean of hall as & when required during term times & cleaning as & when required after booking of hall – this would include evenings & weekends. The hours on average will be 10 hours per month.

A fair rate to be discussed with applicant direct

Enquiries to julie@rollestonfarm.co.uk or in person 01271 8586



If anyone would like this keyboard can they please contact the office on (01271) 345908 for further details.

Links you may be interested in?

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/open-day-september-2018>

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Courses for Parents and Children

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

These events are only open to parent/carers this time around.

<https://20novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

<https://27novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Cullompton Community Centre

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

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<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.