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12th March 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

Wow what a fabulous week! It has been so lovely to have all the children back in school together again. The school feels back to normal – well as normal as it can during a pandemic. ☺ The children have been marvelous and have on the whole settled back really well. We think they are enjoying the structure and routine of being back in the classroom with their friends and staff.

Thank you for some lovely emails we have been sent this week. Your words have been so kind and gratefully received. We were so pleased the children liked the balloons and banners and the little “back together again” figures. We would also like to say a **very big thank you** for a very kind and generous donation to help replace the damaged sign.

Our amazing PTA has been working so hard to think of ideas to help raise funds for the school. They are a wonderful group so please support them and read the details in the newsletter below. They post lots on the school Facebook page too so please look out on there.

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I remind everyone driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce your speed accordingly and to drive in a conciliatory manner. We have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from are school. We all leave and arrive at different times, so please respect other road users and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

Parent Consultations

All class teachers will be holding parent consultations via team during the week commencing Monday 22nd March – Friday 26th March. You will be able to book your appointment/s with your child/ren’s class teacher from 5 pm on Monday 15h March via the Arbor portal.

If you require any further help with the booking process, please contact Mrs. Palmer who will try and answer your query.

RSE Policy

We are currently reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education Policy, which can be found on our school website. If you wish to share your views on this policy, or have sight of any of the resources used, we would encourage you to contact the school office via elaine.palmer@ventrus.org.uk by Wednesday 17th March, 2021.

http://www.primaryschoolsbarntaple.co.uk/storage/secure_download/M29STTJ4cWMrWS9ybjduN2RlaVRGQTO9

DFE Information

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college
NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. **Parents and other adults in households** with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) (PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms **are not** being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

PE with Mr Day

Robins: Thursdays only

Hedgehogs: Thursdays & Fridays

Foxes: Thursdays & Fridays

Squirrels: Fridays only

Children will need to come into school in full PE kit with suitable footwear for both field & playground.

Goal Getters After School Club

The Goal Getters After School Club for KS1 children will be recommencing on Wednesday 17th March. A letter will be going out to all KS1 children on Thursday.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 children will be receiving letters next week about the Level 1/2 training on offer that is due to take place in the week commencing 19th April.

Prostate Cancer UK House Group Day

On Friday 19th March, we will be having a creative house group day (although staying in our bubbles!) in aid of Prostate Cancer UK (Nick Butter's chosen charity). The children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including a sponsored Prostate Cancer UK Mile around the field. Children may come into school dressed as their famous sports person if they wish along with £1. More information to follow.

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND WILL NEED PLENTY TO DRINK.

Pre-School Funding

Working parents with three and four year olds could get up to 30 hours funded childcare. You'll [need to apply now to claim for next term](#). If you're already claiming, don't forget to reconfirm your eligibility every three months. [Check the government website for full eligibility criteria](#) to find out if you can claim.

All parents get up to [15 hours funded childcare per week for their three and four year olds](#).

if you receive certain benefits or they have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

[Please visit our website for more information about funded childcare](#)

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Spring Term

Last day of the Spring term will be 1st April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Non-Pupil Day Friday 28th May 2021

Half term Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 inclusive

Vodafone Sim Card

Vodafone UK wanted to do their part to help keep children and parents connected and be able to continue learning from home during this difficult time. They have given away for free 250,000 data SIMs with 30GB of data to use for 90 days.

We requested and have been allocated a small number of Vodafone data SIM cards to give out to parents who have problems logging on to the Wi-Fi for their children to access Microsoft Teams from home. As they are limited, they will be given out on a first come first served basis.

- ❖ Vodafone data SIM to use as a Wi-Fi replacement.
- ❖ 30GB data (lasts for 90 days)
- ❖ Need a smart laptop/dongle that has a slot for a sim card or a smart phone that takes a sim card
- ❖ Need good Vodafone signal (you can use the Network Status tracker on www.vodafone.co.uk)

- ❖ If your phone is locked to another network, you just need to contact your network provider's customer service team to request for your phone to be unlocked.
- ❖ You won't be able to use your phone to make calls/texts while using this data SIM.
- ❖ You will be able to enjoy 30GB data for 90 days this will start once you insert the SIM into your phone and start using the data.

Privacy Notice

The Trust has updated its Privacy Notice for parents. It is available for you to view on our website <https://www.ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Term Dates – Jan 2021 to July 2021

1 st April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term

News from the PTA



Thank you for the donations already made towards the Easter Hamper raffle. We would still be grateful for any more items to be included in the hamper by 19th March to Hazel Malin or the school office. Please look out for a letter and tickets coming out in your child's book bag soon!

Uniform shop

We will be holding a stall outside school on the last week of term so you can stock up on summer essentials such as shorts and dresses. If you require any items more urgently or wish to donate, please contact Hazel on 07974208835.

Online fundraising

If you are buying from Amazon, please remember to use Amazon Smile, where you get the same products and prices while raising money for the school at no extra cost to you! Just go through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>