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17th December 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Well we've all made it to the end of another rather unusual term. We thank you so much for all your support, understanding, kind words and help. I really do believe the Holywell community and family is a very special one. Even through these very difficult times the school team has ensured your children have been able to share as many of Christmas traditions as possible such as Christmas jumper days, Christmas lunch, meeting Father Christmas, swop shop, carols and Christingle and treat times.

We have so many people to thank this term who have helped make the school such a wonderful place to work and a fabulous place for your children to learn, grow and thrive. These include:

- Our Governors who help support and run the school and have managed this so well even in these difficult times. Special thanks to Tim Baker the chair of governors whom has been a great support.
- Ventrus MAT who support the school behind the scenes, with areas such as School Improvement, HR, H&S and training
- Reverend Gary and the Church team for all their love, support and kindness.
- The amazing PTA who even through a pandemic, have organised the Christmas raffle, quiz and Reindeer antlers! These activities will have helped to raise much needed funds for our school.
- Jenny Baker who has supported the children with a much loved specialist music programme.
- Miss L Winfield our new catering manager for a scrummy Christmas dinner.
- You as a parent for supporting the school and helping us follow the COVID risk assessments and guidance as best as possible. Thank you also to everyone who sent in gifts for the Swop Shop. The children REALLY enjoyed choosing something to bring home to you – their faces were a picture and we hope you enjoy receiving your gift on Christmas morning!
- A big thank you to Matt and Emma Harding and Tesco's for supporting the school.
- And lastly the most wonderful school team who despite anything and everything that has been thrown at them this year, have accepted it and just got on with a huge smile on their faces and a massive loving heart. They are an extraordinary team and I am so grateful to each and every one of them for their support and absolute dedication.

I hope your child was able to successfully bring home the willow Christmas decoration.

We have to say a very sad "au revoir" to Mrs. Garland who is leaving Holywell to work with her husband. We will miss her warmth, compassion, dedication and kindness. She will be very sadly missed. We are also saying "au-revoir" to Miss Ryder-Green who has covered Hedgehogs class this term and wish her well in the next stage of her career.

We are therefore, also saying a big welcome and hello to Mrs. Boast, who will be the teacher working in Hedgehogs for the next two terms and to TA's Jade Williamson and Bea Hutchinson who will also be working in Hedgehogs. Mrs Boast is well known in the school and Jade used to work at the school so knows the staff and children well.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy being together as a family and spending precious time with each other. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday, January 4th 2022.

With very best wishes
Sue Denham

Important information regarding Breakfast and After School Clubs

The After School Club will continue as now until the end of this academic year as well as the Breakfast Club on Mondays, Tuesdays. and Wednesdays when they will both be reviewed. However, the Breakfast Club on Thursdays and Fridays will have to be booked in advance as staff will only be employed on a casual basis. The reason for the amendment to Thursday and Friday Breakfast Club is that we have no regular bookings.

School News

Services at St Peters, Tawstock

Sunday 12th December

Community carol singing in Tawstock churchyard from 4.00pm. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Mulled wine, juice and mince pies for all.

Sunday 19th December

Christingle service in church at 11.00am

ATTENTION YEAR 4/5 PARENTS

Year 4 & 5 children will be attending Falcons Gymnastics in the Spring term starting on Tuesday 18th January. The total cost for 9 sessions will be £34.00

A letter will be sent out at the beginning of next term with further details.

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,

http://www.primaryschoolsbarntable.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

ParentPay Payments

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item and for the correct child in your family.

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals

Skern Lodge – Residential

Breakfast & ASC

Uniform

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 8th January, 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads' We are consulting on this between 1st November 2021 and 8th January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

DIARY DATES:

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Thank you for all your support this term. Our Christmas fundraising campaign has raised £450 for the school and we have also been able to provide some festive treats. We hope you are pleased with your Christmas cards and other lovely items made with the children's wonderful designs!

Asda Green Tokens

Thank you for voting for the chance to receive £500 for the school! We are already in the lead but voting stays open until the end of January so please go back to vote every week! This is online and available to anyone, no purchase necessary. Simply vote in this link: <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4399>

Signal group

We have set up a secure messaging group for all PTA members using the Signal App. Parents and teachers can scan the attached QR code or click on the link below to join ·

<https://signal-group/#CjQKIMt31dkqvvyOhB4dgkFxpMKE9FT8ms51Q4vmbzAVboaPEhCsmBnbBk2j4zZJkEISVyfU>

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time

at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.