

## A message from Mrs. Denham

Well what an amazing day Foxes class had on Thursday when they went to Lundy Island for the day. The sun was shining the water was calm and they were treated to the most amazing display of dolphins both on the sail over and its return. It really was a special and spectacular sight, which I am sure the children will remember for many years to come. While on the island ranger Dean took the children on an exploratory trip of the island including a trip to the Old Lighthouse, where the view (slightly covered by the sea mist) was quite stunning. The children learnt so much about the plants and animals on the island as well as seeing most of them up close – but sadly not a puffin insight!

We were very lucky to have some of our amazing parents and grandparents join us on this trip, (oddly it was one of the most well supported trip this year!), sharing some of these wonderful sights with your children and grandchildren must have also been very special for you as well: Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Barrow, Mr. .Owens, Mr. Cockbain, Mrs. Wileman, Mrs. Dingley, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Dymond, Mrs. Ayres and Mr. Wilson. Thank you and we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as your children.

A big thank you also has to go to the school staff that helped to organise and supervise this great trip, (especially given the risk assessments needed for boats and cliff edges!). So a very big thank you to; Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Lewis, Miss May & Mrs. Hammond as well!

Your child's yearly report will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

## **Holywell Rocks!**

I would like to thank all the PTA committee as well as all the parents who have been working hard behind the sense to put on this event for us tomorrow. Parents have been at school most of the day helping setup for this event with many taking times of work to do so.

If you can, please come and join them for what will, I'm sure, be a wonderful 4 hours. Please remember your money and change there will be some lovely things to tempt you!

## **Holywell Rocks!**

Family Music Festival

8<sup>th</sup> July 11 am – 3pm

Tawstock Village Hall and Fields

There will be:

Live Bands on stage at various times throughout the afternoon, interspersed with children's entertainment, a BBQ, Beer Tent, Ice creams, Bouncy Castle, various stalls and kids activities.

If you have not already bought a ticket the cost on the gate is £2.00 per adult.

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## School News

### North Devon Schools Show Jumping League

The June competition ended with another 4<sup>th</sup> place for the Gateway Federation team. All four girls rode brilliantly and we should hopefully have done enough to qualify for the Championships in September as a team. They were also sporting their new team tops and hope they bring luck for the final qualifying rounds on 31<sup>st</sup> July!!



### Pupils Achievements

Isabelle Westaway won on her pony May Queen at the Mullacott Event Centre Summer Championships last weekend. Two double clears meant she beat fellow competitors that were mostly older than her!!

### Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

### Found Coat

Mrs. Palmer has in the office a size 10-11 years, grey 'Nutmeg' coat with a blue lining, if this belongs to your child can you please come and collect it. Thank you.

### Preschool

We still have a few places available in September

### Funding

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September working parents of children aged three and four may find that their entitlement to free childcare and early learning will rise from 15 hours to a potential 30 hours per week.

The deadline for applications to use the extra Government funding, for children expected to start childcare this September, is the 31<sup>st</sup> August. **By the 31<sup>st</sup> of August** your chosen provider must have received your authorization number and had this approved. To enable this to happen can you please make sure that you pass on this number to your provider by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August or earlier if possible.

But before then parents must apply online to receive an 11 digit code from HMRC to take to a childcare provider who must validate the code with Devon County Council.

From September, eligible 3 and 4 year-olds will be entitled to 1,140 hours per year – that's the equivalent of 30 hours a week during term times – of funded early learning and childcare.

To be eligible, parents must be in work and earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the national minimum wage £120 a week or £6,000 per year.

Further information is available here  
<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at  
<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

#### News from the PTA



*50 50 CLUB*

*This week's winner is*

Kay Broad

*Congratulations on winning £15.50!*

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

#### Op-Shop

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

#### After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	YR,	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
				<b>Cricket clubs is cancelled for the rest of this term.</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	Yr1,2 & 3	
Friday	Athletics	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	

**Rugby Tots** has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs the club.

#### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

##### Term Dates

End of summer term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 (inclusive).

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July (inclusive) the year 5 & 6's will be at the Gym/Tennis etc.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Saunton Sands Trip.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 service in the village hall.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Community News**

#### **St Michaels Nursery**

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org) or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

#### **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

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#### **Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers**

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 Mel:

07866783740

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#### **Newton Tracy Cricket Club**

Are holding Junior Cricket Session

Starting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

At the Newton Tracey pitch

5.30 – 6.15 for under 9's/beginners

6.15 – 7.45 Under 10's and over

Contact Pete Newby 07747 792006

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### **Nearly New Sale at the Freedom Centre**

1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**10am to 1pm**

Good quality clothes, shoes, bags, books all at BARGAIN prices

**Tea, coffee and cake**

**Free admission & parking**

All proceeds to Freedom Community Alliance (charity number 1125960) to provide help and support to vulnerable adults in our community

# NORTH DEVON DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**11:00 - 17:00**

**Castle Green, Barnstaple**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

*World music, dance, family  
activities, food and more!*

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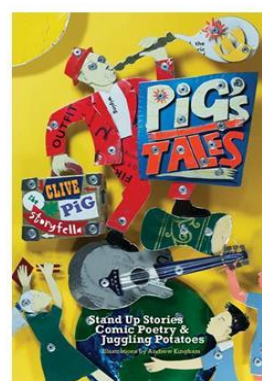
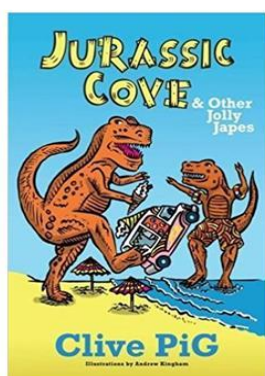
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**Thursday 24th August**  
**11.00-12.00noon.**

For ages 4 - 104

£2.50 per ticket, payable at the time of booking.  
Booking essential.



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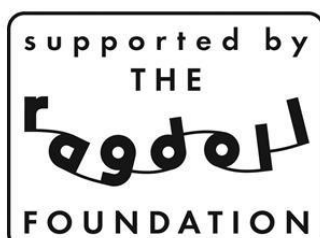
Join **Dance in Devon** for a  
**'Great Big Jungle Dance'**  
based on the children's book  
**'Gerald the Giraffe'**.



Tuesday 15th August, 10.00-10.45am  
Tuesday 22nd August, 10.00-10.45am

Suitable for children aged up to 5 years old.  
Older siblings are more than welcome to join in!

£1 per child, payable at the time of booking.



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## A serious break in at Barnstaple library!

Certificates stolen, books ruined, pot plants destroyed and Sharon's sandwiches eaten!

Animal Agents from Exmoor Zoo have been called. Look at the forensic evidence, examine the clues, to find out who's responsible!

**Barnstaple Library**  
**Tuesday 8th August**  
**10.30 – 11.30am**  
**Suitable for all ages**



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All children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge at Barnstaple library by **Saturday 2nd September** will receive a free ticket for Exmoor Zoo (with a paying adult).



Each child will also be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a selection of prizes including:

**Be a Zoo Keeper for the day at Exmoor Zoo**

Free tickets to a local attraction

Plus many more prizes



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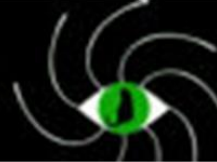
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**FOR CATS' EYES ONLY**



## Author Reading and craft session with Olli Tooley

**Barnstaple Library**

**Monday 14th August**

**10.30am - 12noon**

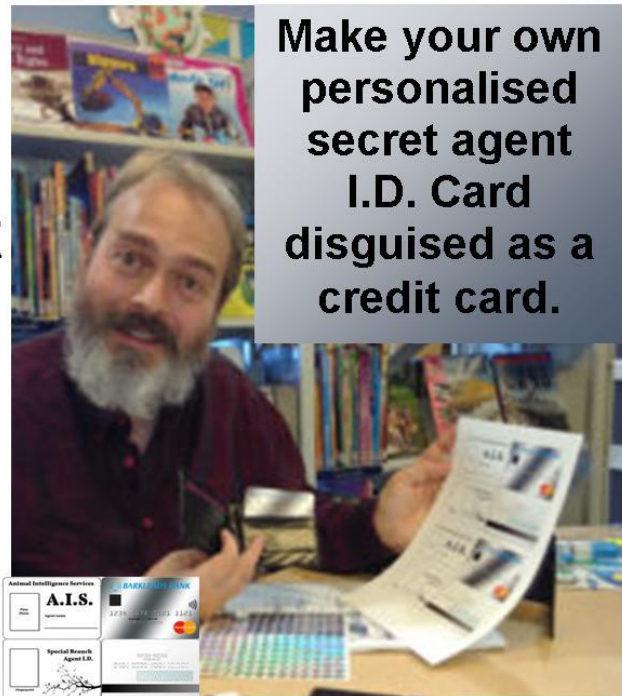
**Suitable for ages 6+**

**£2 per child**

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## Really Wild Learning at Barnstaple Library



Monday 21st August  
10.30-11.30am  
Suitable for all ages



**Really Wild Learning**  
*Education, Inspiration, Conservation.*

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School workshops.  
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## Sciencedipity workshops at Barnstaple Library

Friday 1st September

10.00-11.00 & 11.30-12.30

Science inspired by  
'The Lorax' and 'Horton Hears a Who'

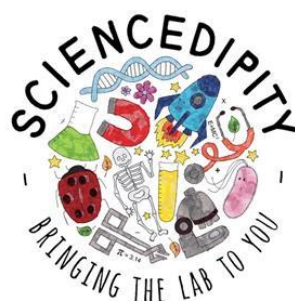


1.30-2.30 & 3.00-4.00

Science inspired by  
'Green Eggs & Ham' and 'The Cat in the Hat'

**£3.50** per child per workshop,  
payable at the time of booking.  
Booking essential.

**Suitable for children of all ages**



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## Craft sessions with WOW Scrapstore at Barnstaple Library



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10.00am – 12noon**

**Help the Animal Agents fight crime with your own crime fighting kit!**

Make magnifying glasses, finger printing sheets, forensic cases and sample containers, flashlights and detective ID.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am – 12noon**

**Help the Animal Agent with their top secret work!**

Make you own spy gadgets, make a hidden place for all your secrets, create your own top secret files folder and some clever disguises.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am – 12noon**

**Test you Animal Agents, make them puzzles!**

Make your own puzzles, mazes, codes and secret gadgets to follow the Animal Agents in their search for clues.

**Suitable for children of all ages.**

**£2.50 per child, payable at the time of booking.**

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## Barnstaple Library Launch Event

Saturday 15th July 10.00am-3.00pm

Stalls and activities all day

Barnstaple Library  
Library Square  
Castle Green



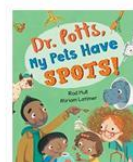
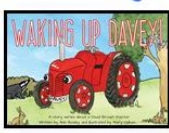
### Meet some animals from

Exmoor Pony Centre

Exmoor Zoo

Really Wild Learning

Safe Haven Exotics



Sciencedipity  
WOW scrapstore  
Devon Wildlife Trust  
Mabels Ices  
Goodwin Art Gallery  
Barnstaple History Group  
Phatdog Events  
The Plough Arts Centre  
Exmoor National Park  
The Voice Radio Station  
Landkey Girl Guides  
Dance in Devon  
Fab Lab Devon

### Children's authors

Alan Bosley

Victoria Eveleigh

Sandra Everitt

Lesley Glover

Miriam Latimer

Lisa McNeill

Dan Metcalfe

Olli Tooley

