

A message from Mrs. Denham

Wow what a week! I am so proud of the Y6 and how they approached their SAT's. They were so sensible and engaged and really worked their hardest. Some of the papers – they sat 6 different tests – were very difficult. I would love people from the general population to be asked to sit the tests, and then see how many passed! I would also like to say a huge well done to Mrs Curtis and Mrs Vine who have worked so hard to prepare the children and even went the extra mile with booster classes before school. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful Y6.

We hope you can find time to support the PTA with their work on Holywell Hollow on Saturday June 10th from 9am to 5pm. Please see their message below in this newsletter. They have also got a great event planned for nearer the end of term but I'll let them tell you!!

Thank you to those parents who responded to the website/ eschools platform letter that went out last week. We will be sending out a letter to you shortly telling you how to sign up to the platform. Please look at the new website. We hope to keep this as up to date as we can.

Message from Mrs. Curtis

Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Vine were so proud to see how the year 6s worked to the best of their ability to complete their SATs tests this week. Some of the questions were really hard! It was also brilliant to see how you supported each other and pull together as a team, offering each other support, sympathy and encouragement. A big well done! Have a wonderful restful weekend and come back refreshed on Monday, ready to show what amazing writers you can be as our focus shifts onto writing.

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when 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.

School News

Pupil Achievements:

Congratulations and well done to: **Ols Lardner** who has achieved a distinction in Pianoforte – Performance Award Level 1, with through the London College of Music, and also

Maise Wileman; has been awarded her Level 5 British Gymnastics proficiency award.

FizzPop Science Club

Just a reminder that if you have signed your child up to the FizzPop Science club this starts on Monday 15th May. If you have agreed, with FizzPop Science, that you would send your payment into school for them to collect and have not yet done so, can we please have this by Monday morning or otherwise we will be phoning home for you to collect your child/ren and they will not be able to join the club.

Foxes WOW afternoon

Foxes class would like to invite parents into school on Friday 26th May to celebrate our children's learning. We will need you to help explode volcanoes, help make and then judge our healthy sandwiches, play musical instruments to accompany our singing and lots, lots more! Please meet us in the village hall at 2pm.

Year 5 Cricket Festival

On Friday 5th May the Year 5 children from Squirrels competed in the annual year 5 Cricket Festival. They were split into 2 teams, the Holywell Pythons and the Holywell Adders and both teams were amazing! The Adders played as a strong team with some fantastic runs, coming 5th in their group. The Pythons stormed to the top of their group with some inspiring wins. However, the top 3 teams all ended with the same number of points so the winners were decided on the number of runs scored. This saw the Pythons come a VERY close second! Mrs. Vine is proud to report that both teams were amazing, praising other schools and working brilliantly together. Many thanks: to Mrs. Cook and Mr. Anderson for accompanying us for the day.

Lost Uniform

Please can you check the label of your child's sweatshirt to see if they have picked up a sized 9-10 which belongs to Adam Rashid.

Free Hockey Sessions

North Devon Hockey Club and Taw Valley H.C. are jointly offering 6 FREE taster sessions from TUESDAY 13TH JUNE`17 6.45-7.45 at Park School.

Sessions are open to Girls and Boys from Years 4, 5 and 6. Qualified coaches will be running these sessions and will be able to guide your son or daughter in the basics of Hockey.

Places will be limited to 30 pupils so early booking is recommended.

For further details or to book a place:

Please ring or text Nick Howells on-07929058926 after 5pm.

News from the PTA

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be held at the Cedars Inn, on Wednesday 3rd May at 7 pm. All welcome as always. If you are unable to make the meeting but have something you would like discussed please contact Emma Barstow (Secretary) on 07976 269525.



Op-Shop

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

HELP THE HOLLOW – SATURDAY 10 JUNE – 9.00AM – 5.00PM

(the wooded area behind the school)

The PTA would like your help – the money that we have raised so far with the Christmas Fayre, cinema nights, cake sales and all our other activities has paid for the rent of the school I-pads for this year (£1839.00), the coaches for the summer school trip to Saunton Sands (£500) and for new gravel outside the school gates (£120.00) but we do not have sufficient funds to Help the Hollow.

The Hollow needs some work to make it a more useable space for all the children to enjoy.

It requires new fencing, so the children can run freely and safely within the school grounds.

There are areas that need clearing of ivy and brambles.

Foliage needs to be cut back along the existing pathways and new pathways made.

An outdoor learning hut would be very much appreciated for the wet weather days.

What we need:

If anyone has any spare –

Tarpaulin

Roofing materials

Corrugated Iron

Fencing timbers Wood

If you have any other items that you think may be useful for building fences and building an Outdoor learning space, please contact Kevin Dymond (Rufus and Felix's Dad) 07803 005647 to arrange bringing them to school.

We also need manpower!! If you could spend an hour, or the whole day, please come and help.

Parent's help is needed to facilitate all of the above! Help is needed with clearing and digging, fence and hut building. **No experience needed but willing to lend a hand to help make this a fabulous place for our children to use.** Bacon sarnies and beverages will be provided. Good fun and a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome to pitch in and help (supervised by yourselves).

If you are happy to help, please contact Emma Barstow 07976 269525 or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the school office.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Science	Fizz Pop Science	All Years	If you have not already signed up and your child would like to attend you MUST contact FIZZ Pop Science to register before the 15th May. If you have not registered your child will not be able to stay. Details were sent home before Easter but can be found in the office, if required.
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3,4,5&6	
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

Half term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of Summer term – Friday 21st July, 2017.

Start of Autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th April – Reception & Yr6 will be attending Falcon Gymnastics for the next 5 Tuesdays. Please can parents collect their children from the Tarka Tennis Centre at 3pm. Siblings will be looked after at school until you arrive to collect them.

Tuesday 6th June to Tuesday 11th July (inclusive) the year 5 & 6's will be at the Gym/Swimming etc. The letter should be out next week.

Tuesday 6th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 11.45 am.

Thursday 15th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 23rd June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 3pm.

Friday 16th June – Oceanfest – Year 5 & 6

Monday 19th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 18th July – Saunton Sands Trip.

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 service in the village hall.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

Free to a good home, 2 green plastic compost bins, call 01272 323151.

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 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

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 26th 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