

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Thank you everyone for the wonderful care, compassion and support shown to families and the whole school community this week. It shows yet again what a very special place Holywell is and I am very grateful to be part of it. It's been a difficult week but the children have been just outstanding sharing support, love and so much kindness. Thank you x

We had a wonderful musician come into school and work with Foxes and Squirrels classes this week. She very cleverly combined singing and playing instruments with superb work on confidence, self-esteem and mindfulness. She was so good and such incredible value for money that Hedgehogs and Robins are going to book her, as well as the classes over at Bratton!

We are so proud of all the achievements at recent sporting events, including the tremendous effort of pupils at the **Olympic Legacy** yesterday. The event is made up of a mini marathon and then year group mixed relays and then mixed year group boy and girl relays. This is a big event with all 15 schools within the learning community taking part - it is also lots of fun! A big well done to all of the children who took part: **Rufus Dymond, Harvey Reeves, Bella Ayres, Maddie Wilson, Charlie Wileman, Dan Doyle, Isabelle Westaway, Kodie Harmer, Charlie Marshall, Adam Rashid, Felicity Ayres, Leah Smith, Summah Barrow, Nathan Pullen, Jayden Comer, Tabitha Andrews, Charlie Pullen, Macy Barrow, Honeysuckle Andrews, Max Lewis, Ella Swales, Jack Ayres and Ethan Ashcroft.** A special 'thank you and well done to: **Jack Ayres and Ethan Ashcroft** for running the mini marathon in very hot conditions, **Ella Swales** for completing the whole of the mini marathon while many around her were just dropping out, **Macy Barrow** for running the mini marathon, the year 6 mixed relay event and the girls relay event and **Harvey Reeves** who kindly ran two legs within the year 2 relay race as one of his team mates was unable to do so. These children really did let their lights shine. Thank you to: Mrs. Vine for being the school representative at the event, Mr. Anderson for driving the minibus and to Miss Ford, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Andrews for supporting with both transport and supervision throughout. It really was a fantastic event.

We hope you can join us at the **Queen's Birthday Cream Tea Celebration** next Sunday on June 19th at 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. The children have been busy making bunting to decorate the Hall and we hope to have as many children as possible involved in the singing, playing recorders and maypole dancing that will open the celebration. Please come along and support this event – a great place to bring dad on Father's Day!!! The Tawstock Parish Council will be kindly donating a Celebratory Coin to all children who live in the Tawstock Parish.

To celebrate the Queen's Birthday in school, we would like the children to dress up in clothes that are red, white and blue next Friday, June 17th. We will have a street party outside at lunchtime followed by some activities. Squirrels class (years 5 & 6) will need to come in there PE kit on this day as they will be going to Oceanfest and not participating in the above events.

NEXT MONDAY 13th JUNE it is CLASS/GROUP PHOTO DAY, which will include class photos, a whole school photo, a leavers photo and possible sporting team photos. These will take place after lunch.

Sun Cream.

Now that the warmer weather is here we would like you to make sure that your child has a sun hat and sun cream in their bag in school at all times.

Please see below an article from the 'Which' magazine about 'once-a-day' sun creams.

'Which' has tested the claims of leading high-street brands of 'once-a-day' sunscreens and found that they may not offer the long-lasting protection that they claim. They said "We tested the SPF of four products and saw an average 74% decrease in SPF protection after six to eight hours. This means that over the course of a day, a SPF30 'once-a-day' product could drop down to just SPF8. We don't think you should rely on any sun cream to stay protected for a full day in the sun. We also tested 11 standard sunscreens, checking whether they meet their SPF30 claim. One sun cream failed our tests, so has been branded a Don't Buy product to avoid. The one regular sunscreen to fail was a Hawaiian Tropic."

Pupils' achievements:

Well done to **Honeysuckle, Tabitha and Monty Andrews, Ethan Ashcroft, Louie Isaac and Felix Dymond** who took part in the Falcons Gym club competition on Sunday. **Honeysuckle** took bronze for beam for her age group. **Monty** took bronze overall for his age group and gold for parallel bars. **Ethan** and **Louie** both took silver overall for their age groups. **Ethan** took gold for trampette, silver for floor routine and vault and bronze for parallel bars. **Louie** took a gold, silver and bronze for floor routine, bars and vault. **Rufus** took a silver and bronze for trampette and parallel bars.

During half term, **Honeysuckle, Tabitha and Monty Andrews**, took part in a dance academy with Diversity and were taught a dance routine which they then performed! What an amazing experience!

Found Sweatshirts

Squirrels Class - We have 4 new style sweatshirts, all age 9-10 and an old style sweatshirt of the same size, none of which are named. If your child has lost one then please come and claim your property or it will be passed on the PTA for the next Op Shop sale.

Emails

Mrs. Palmer would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who have answered the request regarding your emails.

This will now give us another route of communication which is so important for us all with our busy lives. Remember you can also email us at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk to get any information to school and to specific members of staff.

If you are not receiving the newsletter, letters and other communications by email could you please let us know so that we can check the address that we hold for you.

Year 2 Tennis

A big well done to our year 2 tennis team: Lannah Barrow, Harvey Reeves, Danny Coram and Maddie Wilson who participated in the Barnstaple School's tennis competition at the Tarka Tennis Centre on Wednesday. The children played amazingly well, supporting and encouraging each other throughout. There were some tough and close matches played by all of the children with everyone winning at least one of their matches! Thank you to Mrs. Garland for transporting and supervising the children at this event.

PTA - School Fete

This year we are planning to organise a 'School Fayre', on date to be confirmed. If you think that you can help us with this please contact Hayley Cook (Chair) or the school office. All the funds that the PTA raises come into school which help with various events that the children participate in such as coach costs to the annual whole federation trip to Saunton Sands, books, I pads and many other items.

Maypole

If your child is able to attend the Tawstock Queen's Birthday Celebrations on Sunday 19th June from 2pm and would like to participate in maypole dancing at the event please can they let Mrs. Hammond know. After school practices will then take place on Monday 13th June and Friday 17th June finishing at 4:15pm.

Open the Book Team:

It was lovely to be back in school this week to lead collective worship. We are a small group from the local church who help to lead collective worship at Holywell, using stories from the Bible. Over the past year we have been experimenting with costumes and props to the great amusement of the children. We try to be in school roughly once a fortnight and have a fully written program that we follow. We were very sad to lose two key volunteers at Easter, Clive and Jo Andrews but are very grateful for all the help they have offered. If you know of someone, a parent or grandparent at the school or someone who comes along to church from time to time who might be interested in joining our team, we would love to hear from you. Rev Katie Cross Tel: 01805 603113 Email katie.cross@gmx.com

Cool Milk

If your child is over 5 years and you would like them to have milk at morning break, then you may purchase it from Cool Milk. A leaflet can be found in the office or you can contact them direct. Their contact details are: Email registrations@coolmilk.com, website: www.coolmilk.com or telephone enquires 0844 854 2913.

After school clubs – All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

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| Monday | Football | Mrs Vine | Y3, 4, 5 & 6 | NO CLUB UNTIL MONDAY 27th JUNE |
| Monday | Pottery | Mrs Coulam | YR, 1 & 2 | |
| Tuesday | Nature Club In the Hollow. | Miss Lee & Mrs Carlyon | Y 1 and 2 | Have appropriate clothing in school to change into including wellies and waterproofs. Last session 28th June. |
| Tuesday | Rounders | Mrs Hammond | Y3,4,5 & 6 | |
| Wednesday | Computer | Mrs Curtis | Y6 | NO CLUB UNTIL WEDNESDAY 6th JULY |
| Wednesday | Cricket | Mr Anderson | Y3, 4, 5 & 6. | |
| Wednesday | Recorders | Mrs Archer | Y4,5&6 | |
| Thursday | Rugby Tots | John Hudson | YR, 1 & 2. | (£4.50 per session) |

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

End of the Summer Term – Friday 22nd July, 2016.
Tuesday 7th June (last session); – Year 5's and 6's at Falcon Gymnastics and Tarka Tennis.
Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June, 2016.
Monday 13th June – Whole School and Class Group Photos. Smart uniform please.
Sunday 19th June – Queen's Birthday Celebrations – 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 30th June – New intake visit and parents meeting, 9 am in the village hall.
Wednesday 6th July – Sports day, starting at 1:30pm.
PTA School Fayre, date to be arranged, starts at 3pm onwards.
Friday 19th July – Gateway Federation Beach Trip.
Thursday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Service – Tawstock Village Hall (time to be confirmed).

Community News

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

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have limited places available in our breakfast club; please enquire for availability (rather than every day). We still have Tuesday's after school club available. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Garden Trail

Sat, 11th June 10-4pm
Start at St. Peter's Church Hall Fremington
Adults £5 Free children's trail (children free with paying adult)
10 gardens including Little Bridge House's Narnia. (That's 50p per garden - bargain!!)
ALL proceeds to CHSW

Nearly New Sale
at the Freedom Centre
1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171
Saturday 9th 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

Forest School Saturday Club

Bug Hunting, natural crafts, den building,
tree climbing, fire building, campfire cooking,
using and making tools and much more.

Ages 5-12
10am-12pm
or
1pm-3pm
£10 per child

April 30th, May 21st, June 11th, July 9th

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SECRET SCIENCE: IT'S MAGIC!

THE SCIENCE BEHIND MAGIC WORKSHOP

Saturday 18th June @ Barnstaple Library

SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB:
2 HOURS HANDS-ON SCIENCE THEMED
ACTIVITIES & LEARNING

Flying cups

Inseparable books

Swipe card magnetic experiment

Balancing tricks

Tube of ribbons (take home)

Salt water & ice weird experiment

Cartesian jelly fish (take home)

The magic spinning penny

No clowns!

Suitable for ages
7-12 approx.
£15 per child.
Choose between
morning (10-12)
or
afternoon (1-3)
session.
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Devon Orienteering Club 6th & Final Event in Devon League **Braunton Burrows** Sunday 19th June 2016

Devon OC are pleased to be holding the first event at Braunton Burrows for a number of years.

This is one of the largest areas of open sand dunes in England which will present a range of technically challenging courses to suit all levels of experience, located approx. 8 miles west of Barnstaple.
GR ref of car park: SS 467327/ EX33 1PR

This event will use the Southern part of the area only.
No dog (by instruction of the land owner)

Registration from: 10.30 – 12.45
Starts from: 11.00 – 13.00
Course Closure: 15.00

- Courses: Yellow, Orange (Ideal for those new to the sport)
- Have a go at a fun maze exercise also ideal for younger children and those new to the sport.
 - Help available to newcomers.
 - Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue & Brown.
 - Blue and Brown will have a double sided map.

Due to the likely popularity of this area and also the 300 entry limit set by the landowner, pre-entry is preferred via www.fabian4.co.uk first closing date 5th June 2016.

Entry fees: - £8.00 senior, £2.00 juniors under 21
Late entry and Entry on the day, seniors £9.00, juniors £2.00
Dibber hire: - £1.00 Second runs: - £1.00

Access to the area is via a toll road (£1.50 per car).
The toll is payable at the Toll House at GR ref: SS 482349/ EX33 1PR
Please check the Devon OC website for any further, and final details closer to the event.

Organiser: Phil Beale 01271 860855 philbeale@invershin.fsworld.co.uk
Planner: Ben Chester's
Controller: Alan Simpson



Further details and other events: www.devonorienteering.co.uk