

A message from Mrs. Denham

We have been asked to send out letters by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to those parents whose children have below 95% attendance. These should have been sent home today. Our EWO monitors the attendance of all pupils carefully and asks us as school staff to do all we can to ensure pupils attend school every day. However, we really appreciate that if your child is ill there is nothing you can do about it and they have to be off school. We discuss this with the EWO and explain absences wherever we can.

If a parents asks for their child to have an exceptional absence from school, I always appreciate it when parents come and discuss this with me beforehand. A detailed covering letter has always allowed us to have discussions with the EWO that are acceptable.

At present we have 24 pupils with below 95% attendance but the wonderful news is that 6 pupils have 100% attendance - a huge well done to Tabitha Andrews, Summah Barrow, Billy Dudden, Reegan Fowler, Charlie Marshall and Adam Rashid.

World Book Day

Thank you to all the lovely children of Holywell who supported the school by dressing up yesterday. It was great to see you all enjoying characters of books. Our author visit was great fun and Leyland Perree was very complimentary about all of our lovely children, their enthusiasm for Literacy, manners and creativity. Well done to Sonny Worsley, Libby Carlyon and Monty Andrews for representing the school at the World Book Day quiz held at the library. We didn't quite make it to the finals this year, but you all did Holywell proud with your book knowledge. Thank you to Mrs. Andrews for transporting the children and supervising them throughout.

School News

Robins Class

Due to Mrs. Coulam being off ill yesterday and today the new spellings and homework will be sent home on Monday.

Letter sent home this week:

Newsletter, from the PTA, including a consent form for the next cinema night.

Letter from St. Michaels Nursery – 'Wrap around Care'

Year 5 & 6 – Letter regarding 'The Daily Mile'.

Pre-School

Can you please make sure that your Pre-School child always has a complete change of clothes in their bag.

Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in clothes from school, could you please make sure they are returned washed.

Lost Property

Adam Rashid has still not found his green polo shirt (no emblem) and black PE shorts which he lost a few weeks ago. They are both named on the labels which, on the polo shirt are down the side. They are both from Sainsbury's and have TU on the label. Can you please help by checking your child's garments this weekend.

Isabella Arnold has also mislaid a waterproof coat, it is Turquoise with flowers on. Isabella's name is on the label and the coat is from Muddy Puddles.

Computer Club

Computer Club will not run again until Monday 15th May as Mrs. Curtis will be running a SATs Booster Club for year 6's in the coming weeks.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We have now started to collect the Active Kids 2017 vouchers from Sainsbury's. You will find a box in the office where the vouchers can be posted.

News from the PTA



See attached newsletter.

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 except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Computers	Mrs Curtis	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Computer club will not be running after half term and will restart on Monday 15th MAY, 2017
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	No Netball Club 6th March
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Yr. 6 Booster lessons	Mrs Curtis	Y 6	Last session 3rd May.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			Next session Thurs 16th March

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 this club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

21st February - 21st March inclusive – Year 2 children to Gymnastics + competition children. Please make sure you know where to collect your child.

Year 2 children, who are not taking part in the competition, collect from school at 3.15 pm. Competition children collection from Tarka Tennis centre at 3 pm.

24th March Red Nose Day

30th March Easter service at Tawstock village church starting at 2pm.

Term Dates

Spring Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.

End of Spring Term (Last Day) – Friday 31st March.

First Day of the Summer Term – Tuesday 18th April.

May Day – Monday 1st May.

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

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

Family Hack Jam Event - Thursday 20th April.

Park School would like to invite you to their **Family Hack Jam** at Park Community School, Barnstaple. The aim of this **Family Hack Jam** event is to bring together friends, families and teachers to discover the fun, excitement and power of computer science, through an enjoyable, team-based problem-solving evening.

We have 50 free places available - please visit Park School's website front page for more information about the event and to book a place.

<http://www.parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk>

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Nearly New Sale

at the Freedom Centre

1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171

Saturday 11th March

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

Hakeford Woods, Forest School

Easter Holiday Club Dates are now available for booking.

Holiday Club for Children aged 5-7:

Mon 3rd, Wed 5th, Fri 7th April

Woodland Craft Club for children aged 8-12:

Tue 4th and Thurs 6th April

Holiday Club for children aged 5-11:

Wed 12th and Thurs. 13th:

Cost £30 a session

All sessions can now be booked through our Bookwhen booking page:

<https://v1.bookwhen.com/hakefordwoods>