



15th March, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I remind everyone driving to school through the lanes and villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce your speed accordingly. We have received several complaints from the local community regarding the inconsiderate speed at which some of our parents are driving. We also have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from are school. We all leave and arrive at different time, so please respect other road users and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

PTA – HOLYWELL HOLLOW

A huge thank you to the PTA working party that came in last weekend to further develop the Holywell Hollow, it is very much appreciated.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this morning's coffee morning .We will let you know the date when we plan to hold the next one. Mrs. Arend and I have started these up again as we think it gives a nice opportunity for parents to meet up and have a good chat! Please join us at the next one.

Comic/Sports Relief

The School Council would like to thank you all for supporting their events for Comic Relief today. The children all managed to complete their runs in the dry and did amazing well. Could you please collected and send into school by the end of next week any sponsorship money which you have been promised. We will then be able to announce how much has been collected from these various events. Thank you again for your support.

Easter Service 3rd April.

This year's Easter service will be held at St Peters Church, Tawstock at 9 am on Wednesday 3rd April. On this day we are asking if you could kindly drop off your children at the church rather than school. We are also hoping that many of you will be able to stay and join us in this celebration. You are all very welcome.

Robin's Parent Conference

For those of you who had your appointments postponed last Tuesday, they will take place on Tuesday 19th March at the same time. If this isn't convenient, can please email holywell@ventrus.org.uk Thank you.

Autumn term

The start of the Autumn term is on Tuesday 3rd September, 2019.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

North Devon Cross Country Event this weekend

Update on arrangements for re-scheduled Finals on Sunday 17th March at West Buckland School. First race at 10am with presentations being held in the Old Gymnasium from 11:20am (NO MUDDY SHOES IN THE GYM PLEASE)

go to www.northdevonxcleague.weebly.com for full details

Schools Gymnastic Competition Sunday 24th March

Your child should have come home with their letters about timings for the competition after their session on Tuesday this week. If it has not made it home, please let Mrs H know ASAP!

Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

News from the PTA



Forthcoming events:

Cinema night's on Friday 8 March.

Working party needed for the Holywell Hollow on Saturday 9th March at 9am.

Easter Trail on Friday 29th March

Bags2School – dates in May and October, 2019.

Op Shop

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

Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	No Pottery - Tues 19th March
Wednesdays	Tag rugby	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Autumn term starts, - Tuesday 3rd September, 2019.

Diary Dates

Sunday 25th March – School Gymnastic Competition.

Sports Day – to be confirmed.

Tuesday 16th July – Saunton Sands Trip.

Community News

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. office@stmichaels-nursery.org

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 Sue on 07890 046033.

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

Links you may be interested in?

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

the NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from the NSPCC: on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organization; working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

Red Nose Day

<https://www.specsavers.co.uk/red-nose-day>

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Courses for Parents and Children

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

These above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGCC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>