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22nd November, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

Road Closure

As some of you will know, that the road through Tawstock has 'Road Closure' notices on it. This does not directly affect the school, as the road will be open from the Eastacombe direction at all times. However, we have spoken with the contractors and they have informed us that there will be three separate closures at different times. We have been informed that these will take place as follows, but could alter (as the work dictates).

They are:

Closure 1 Week commencing 25th November – The road in from Bishops Tawton (Newbridge). This doesn't affect the whole road only the stretch from Newbridge to the Harepie/Upacott fork junction. The diversion will be from Newbridge (second right) signposted, Harepie. Then at crossroads turn right, passed Upacott woods which then re-joins the road to Tawstock at the forked junction.

Closure 2. Week commencing 2nd December – The road from Lake. The work will be taking place at the junction of the fork turning to the Church. They are not sure how many days this will be closed for, but hopefully only a couple of days.

Closure 3 Probably the week commencing 9th December – The road will be closed just below the phone box, before the junction off to Newbridge, as you approach from the Lake side.

There will be pedestrian access.

The manager for the works has told us that he will keep us updated, which we will then pass on as necessary.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP

We are planning on holding our annual **CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP** in school on the morning of Monday 16th December. This is where the children are able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that will have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

This is how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations of presents suitable for a mums, dads, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. from **December 2nd**. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful.

On the day of the Swap Shop, children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents from those brought in, to bring home for Christmas Day. **There will be no charge on the Swap Shop day so you do not have to send in money!** The children are just bringing home recycled presents! We hope you like this idea – the children are very excited about it!

Save the Children Fundraiser - Christmas Jumper Day:

Next Friday, 29th November and the following three Fridays 6th & 13th and 20th December, the children can wear their Christmas jumpers for a **one off donation of £2.00 – on Friday 29th November**. All money raised will go straight to the Save the Children Jumper Day appeal. Thank you.

Admission to Primary School September 2020 for children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016

The application facility opens on 15th November, 2019 and closes at midnight on 15th January, 2020. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made. The online address on which to apply is www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

School News
Autumn term

The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 20th December, 2019.

The first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Calling all of our wonderful Holywell family: parents, carers, grandparents.... we are looking for some reading helpers. We are looking for people that have a DBS check (if you don't have one, it's not a problem, Mrs Palmer can sort this for you) who can give their time to listen to our lovely children read or play reading games on a one to one basis. This could be an hour after drop off in the morning, an hour before collection at the end of the day or a whole morning/afternoon if you are able. Any time you have can be utilised! 😊. This is a plea for all classes, so the more the merrier. If you are able to support the school in anyway, please can you let Mrs. Hammond know in person or by email: samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk

North Devon Cross Country League: West Buckland School

It is the next North Devon Cross Country race on Sunday 24th November. If you would like to walk the course with Mrs Hammond, please meet at the start line at 9am.

Measuring the Height & Weight of Children in Reception and Year 6

If you do not wish your child to take part, please complete the online form <http://devon.cc/ncmp> by 1st December.

Church News and current Christian Value

Value: Peace

All the children have started thinking about our new value of peace this week and writing prayers for peace.

Services at St. Peters Church for November:

Sunday 17th 11am PCC Led Worship

Sunday 24th Family Service and Baptism

Hedgehog and Robin Christmas Nativity

This will be on Wednesday 18th October, at the church as part of the Christingle service. All welcome!

Foxes Class

On Monday 2nd December, Foxes Parents are welcome to come in for our Wow afternoon to see some of our work from this term. Arrive at 2.45pm.

Hedgehog WOW afternoon – save the date!

We would like to invite you to a Hedgehog WOW afternoon on Wednesday 4th December at 2:15pm. We will start in Hedgehogs class, where you will be able to look at some of your children's Topic learning. We will then go to the hall where the children will perform a dance that they have choreographed themselves around the Great Fire of London theme. After this, we will complete a Great Fire of London quiz, which the children will join you for as your team mates! Finally, the children will share with you bread that they have made – hopefully not quite as well done as that of the bakers in the Great Fire of London!

Tawstock -Community Phone Box

Thank you for those that kindly donated. Please pop in and take a look. If you have any books which you are able to donate, please take them along to fill the shelves. Thank you.

Absence from School

May I please remind all parents if you need to take your child out of school for any reason we must have the appropriate paper work in place. A form S2 must be completed at least three school weeks before the intended absence.

Parent Pay.

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and It has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

Items on Parent Pay

Swim & Gym (Autumn term) – Yrs. 3 & 4.

Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4

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.

Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and toot lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email imsnorthdevon@gmail.com

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone that donated a bottle today for non-uniform day, we've now got a great variety of items for the stall! If you forgot your bottle, please don't panic we will happily take bottle donations up until the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December.

Our next request is for empty jam jars for the 'Lucky Jars' stall! If you do have any, please bring them in to school early next week and give them to Katherine Broad or another member of the PTA.

We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help!

easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Friends of Holywell School, Tawstock raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us

at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschooltawstock/>

Forthcoming events:

Christmas Fair, Friday 6th December 2.30 – 4.30pm

Op Shop

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

Club

Please see the information above.

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| Monday | Netball | Mrs Hammond | Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6 | |
| Monday | Singing Club | Miss Shapland | Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6 | |
| Tuesday | Pottery | Mrs Coulam | YR, R, 1 & 2 | |
| Wednesdays | Goal Getters | Goal Getters | Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3 | |
| Thursday | Football | Mr. Dymond | Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6 | |
| Thursday | Staff Meetings | | | |
| Friday | X County | Mrs. Hammond | Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6 | |
| Friday | Dodge Ball | Mr. Day | Yrs., 3, 4, 5, % 6 | |

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

17th September, 2019 – 29th November, 2019 (excluding Tuesday 1st October) – Swimming and Gymnastics for Foxes class.

6th December, 2019 – PTA - Christmas Fayre 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

This year's KS 2 Christmas Performance is: Lights, Camel, Action 2 – The sequin!

10th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 1.30 pm Dress Rehearsal

11th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 3.30 – 5 pm

13th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 5.30 – 7 pm

Details regarding the ticket allocation will be circulated soon.

16th December, 2019 – Annual Sway Shop, further details to follow for our new parents.

18th December, 2019 – Christmas Lunch, please look out for the letter which will be sent home shortly. Adult places are allocated on a first come first served basis which must include payment.

18th December, 2019 – Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 2 pm

18th to 20th March, 2020 – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4.

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

A full list of dates can be found on the school website under 'Links and Downloads' on the home page

Community News

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children's birthday party is now £45.00.

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 53366

Links you may be interested in?

The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

Romarsport

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

www.romarsports.com link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

HappyMaps

www.happymaps.co.uk

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

Outdoors Group

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

Riverdart.co.uk – event 30th March

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

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, app 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.

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/>

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

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>