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19th November 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

As we all start to get ready for Christmas we would like to remind you of a few events:

- Christmas jumper days 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17 December.
- PTA Christmas Fayre - on Thursday December 2nd at 2.30pm for adults and 3.00pm for children. Please come and support the wonderful work of the PTA and get in the Christmas spirit. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day too.
- Our annual pupil SWOP SHOP will go ahead on the morning of Friday December 10th 2021. We would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. from Monday December 6th. This 'Swop 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 the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day. There will be no charge so you do not have to send in money!
- A yummy and delicious Christmas lunch on Friday December 10th – This is available to every child even if your child does not normally have a school meal. The cost is £2.30, please pay on ParentPay. There is no charge for children in Reception to Year 2 inclusive, as payment falls under the Universal Income Free School Meal Scheme. Christmas Jumpers can also be worn on this day.

Clerk to Governors

The Trust wish to appoint a number of Clerks to provide administrative support to the Local Governing Boards of several school within the Trust. Please follow this link which will take you to the application on the Ventrus website <https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Catering opportunities

WANTED

Do you have free time whilst your children are at school?

If you would like to be considered for a casual role in catering and are flexible with your availability, to cover when catering staff are absent, then please contact Christine Guard – Mobile Number 07891505816 or for more information please email hr@ventrus.org.uk.

Hourly rate: £9.25

Please note that this position is neither a permanent or temporary position, and there is no guarantee of the offer of any minimum quantum of work. Assignments may be offered at the sole and absolute discretion of the Trust when available, and there is no obligation on any worker to accept a minimum number of assignments, if offered.

Tempest Photos

The final day for you to bring your orders into school will be 3:30pm on Tuesday 23rd November. Orders required after this date will have to be placed via the Tempest website.

Nativity tickets

If you would like 2 tickets for the school Nativity which is beginning held on Wednesday 15th December at 2pm or Thursday 16th December at 9.15pm can you please email the school holywell@ventrus.org.uk stating which performance you would like. If we have any tickets left we will re-advertise

School News

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. 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 Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website, http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

Jumper Days

Every Friday starting on November 26th until the end of term on Friday 17th December children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to make a one-off payment to donate £2.00 via ParentPay which we will send to the charity.

Christmas Lunch

A letter will be sent home on Monday with a return slip to confirm if your child will be having a Christmas lunch on Friday 10th December. This form will need to be sent back immediately to help us with the food order. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

ParentPay Payments

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item and for the correct child in your family.

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)

Christmas Jumper Day

School Meals

Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 8th January, 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads' We are consulting on this between 1st November 2021 and 8th January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

St Peter's Church Tawstock invites Holywell children and their families to join them for a family service on Sunday 21st November. These services start at 11am and will be shorter than normal (40 minutes) and will have something for everyone to enjoy. There is an area of church set aside for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.
After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

Breakfast Club – please confirm dates booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

After-School Club (4:15 and 5:15 finish). Please confirm by email the dates and finish times booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

If you are going to be late or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

DIARY DATES:

23rd & 30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. **Can parents please collect their child at 3pm. School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them.**

November 27th 2020 (Friday) – Christmas Jumper day. Followed by Friday 3rd, 10th, and 17th December.

December 10th (Friday) – Christmas Lunch, children only this year due to Covid restrictions.

December 15th (Wednesday) – Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 2pm to 3pm

December 15th (Wednesday)– Flu Immunisation

December 16th (Thursday) - Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 9:20am to 10:20am

December 16th (Thursday) – Carol service and Christingle at Tawstock Parish Church – 2pm to 3pm.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

At Holywell we currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant.

You can find the job description and application form for this vacancy on the link below

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Thank you to those who attended this week's meeting, we would love to have a few more people getting involved! Please let us know if you could lend a hand on the Christmas Fayre or serve refreshments at the Nativity performances or Carol Service.

Christmas cards

Thank you for submitting your orders and payment. Sorry we forgot to mention that you could keep the sample cards! If you have not returned your order envelope yet but still want to order, please contact us asap. If we have not heard from you by Monday we will assume you do not wish to place an order.

Christmas Fayre

This will take place on **Thursday 2nd December 2.30-4pm** in the village hall and in preparation we would like to ask for the following items to be donated: soft toys for 'adopt a teddy', bottles for the 'bottle tombola' and items suitable for a hamper for the raffle. Please could all donations be brought in by the **22nd of November**. On that day we will also distribute empty jars for you to fill and return on the **29th** for the 'lucky jars' stall.

Christmas Raffle

Please see letter attached and look out for raffle tickets in book bags. We are still taking donations of prizes or items for the hampers.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.