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10th July, 2020

## School News

We only have one week left of this summer term. We are so saddened we haven't been able to enjoy our normal events such as Sports Day, PTA Summer Fayre, whole school annual trip to Saunton Sands. We look forward to the Autumn term where we hope we will be able to enjoy some of the normal school events. Next week I will send out a letter detailing all the guidance for us regarding re-opening to all pupils. It will be wonderful to have all the children back into school. We know there will be changes to school, not as it was pre Covid19, but we are confident we will be able to fulfil all the DFE guidance as best as possible. We are busy writing another comprehensive Risk Assessment.

We also understand that all this preparation may have to be altered if government guidance changes during August and even through the Autumn Term depending on what happens nationally and locally.

We will be saying a very sad good bye to Miss Shapland but welcoming back Mrs Bellew. Following Mrs. Bellew's maternity leave she has decided to return to work on a part time basis and so is going to transfer from Bratton to Holywell, Miss Shapland, who presently works part time at Holywell is going to transfer to the full time post at Bratton Fleming. We are also saying good bye to Mrs. Arend who is retiring and Mrs. Lewis who is leaving to pursue a new career after studying for a degree in Autism over the past few years.

We hope you received the end of year report for your child on Seesaw this week and enjoyed reading it.

The price for school meals will remain at £2.30 a day and the menu for September is attached. If you require **any** school meals for the month of September, can you please complete the form, one per child, and return to the school office. We understand that there will be times when you need to order the odd meal on the day, this will be acceptable, but in order for the St Michaels kitchen manager, to accommodate your child's dietary requirements, we ask parents please, to order and pay for any meals a month in advance.

**Gifts and presents** Whilst, we absolutely do not expect any end of term gifts at all, several parents have contacted me saying they wanted to send in a gift to mark the end of the year and say thank you. Some parents said they have already bought the gifts. We are so very grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

However, due to COVID19 I need to ask that if you have a gift to send in, you clearly label who its for (or if for everyone just put "all staff") and place it in a box that we will put by the school gate each morning from 8.45 to 9.05am next week. We will then isolate the box for 72 hours before the gifts are given out to the staff or put into the staffroom. I hope you understand our dilemma and support how we have decided to do this. (I did ask a few parents if they thought this sounded the best option and they agreed!)

## A message from Mrs. Denham

### Summer Term

The last day of the Summer term will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**First day of the Autumn term will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.**

# Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

News from the PTA



Take part in the BT Digital Dash for the chance to win up to £10K to spend on new tech for your school: <https://www.bt.com/skillsfortomorrow/home-life/digital-dash>

Thank you for helping us raise funds through easyfundraising. Please remember to use this link next time you shop online! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=qxe9k8&referral-campaign>

Would you like to help create and reserve a copy of our limited edition fundraising 2021 calendar? <https://forms.gle/QvttFWcfzn1BpeA2A>

## Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Hazel Malin on 07974 208835 Thank you for your support.

## Uniform Order

We need to make a uniform order and would like your help.

**Please complete the attached order form and return to:** [holywell@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:holywell@ventrus.org.uk) - marked uniform required for September as soon as possible. After returning your order form to school you are now able to purchase all items on parent pay. We will let you know the arrangements for collecting the items at a later date.

The important thing at this time is that we have some idea of the amount of stock we need to order.

## Parent Pay

As previously notified, all payments must now be made by parent pay and we are unable to take cash payments, if you have not yet logged onto parent pay and have lost your username and password can you please email and we will get this sent out to you.

## Can you help

During these unusual times we are aware that many people have been taking the opportunity to clear-out. If you have any of the following items that you no longer require, the school would be very pleased to receive them.

Small world characters and buildings; fantasy, farming, construction workers etc. (Playmobil, Lego, or similar).

## Payment to St Michaels for school lunches

Please could you ensure that no cash or cheques are used as forms of payment for school lunches. St Michaels will only take payments by BACS or card over the phone at this time. Their bank details can be found on the menu which was sent home last week and their telephone number is (01271) 327074 or (01271) 267038. Thank you.

## Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

### **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](http://www.romarsports.com) link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

#### **Happy Maps**

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

**Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>