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24th January, 2020

A message from Mrs. Denham

Pupil Achievements

Isabella and Wilf Arnold have been learning all about their world and how to help save the planet. At home, they read a lovely book written through Greenpeace, called "There's a rang-tan in my bedroom." They decided that they had to do something about the palm oil production destroying so many forests. So they wrote letters and drew pictures and Wilf sent his to the Oreo biscuit company and Isabella to Mars Bars asking them to stop using palm oil.

We are so proud of them both and their family for being so proactive and wanting to change the world. Well done Wilf and Isabella.

Jack Watts also has been playing his part – he wrote to the wonderful Sir David Attenborough sending him a petition Jack had collected to save animals. Sir David wrote back saying a huge thank you to Jack for making a difference. Well done Jack. Also over Christmas, Jack performed a short sketch to his family who in return gave a donation towards our sponsored child Nathaniel.

You three children have really let your light shine and have made me so very proud.

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, especially in the recent icy conditions. 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 our school. We all leave and arrive at different times, so please respect other road users and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

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School News

Spring Term

The last day of the Spring term will be Friday 27th March, 2020.

The half term will be from Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February, 2020 (inclusive).

Summer term

The first day of the Summer term will be Tuesday 14th April, 2020.

Please remember that the May Bank Holiday will now be on Friday 8th May, 2020.

The half term will be from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May, 2020 (inclusive)

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

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Dates of this year's Yr. 2 & Yr. 6 SAT's, the new multiplications check for yr. 4 pupils and the phonics check for yr. 1 pupils.

Please can we ask that if you are considering an exceptional absence request, that you speak with Mrs. Denham before you book anything and please avoid the dates below and the lead up to these.

Yr. 6 – 11th – 14th May (inclusive).

Yr. 2 – 18th – 22nd May (inclusive).

Yr. 1 Phonics check - 8th – 12th June (inclusive)

Yr. 4 Multiplication check - 8th June for 3 weeks (until Friday 26th June).

Church News and current Christian Value

Value: The current Christian Value for this month is; **Wisdom, Truthfulness and Honesty**

We would like to invite you to join us for a school prayer meeting on Weds 12th February. Please note the time has changed to 2.45 pm. This will be interactive and younger siblings are welcome. We will be joined by Rev. Gary.

Our Easter service will be on the 25th March at St Peter's Church, Tawstock, starting at 9 am.

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

Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4 – There are still a number of you who have not yet paid the 2nd instalment which was due on the 10th January, 2020, can you please make sure this is paid as soon as possible. The 3rd and final instalment of £42.00 is due on the 10th February, 2020.

Swim & Gym – Years 1 & 2

Gymnastics Competition

North Devon Ability Games

Uniform – When you purchase items on parent pay please remember to email elaine.palmer@ventrus.org.uk with the size/s you require.

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



EasyFundRaising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. . After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges – and Friends of Holywell School, Tawstock will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

PTA Diary Dates:

7th February, 2020 - 3.15 pm Film Night £3.50 to include a picnic. There will be popcorn and sweets for sale on the night. More details to follow next week, please look out for the letter!

March 26th, 2020 – PTA Easter Egg Hunt. – After school 3 & 315 pm.

Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Hazel Malin on 07974 208835

Club

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	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	No club until notified
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	
Friday	Indoor Football	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

January 14th, 21st and 28th, 2020 – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics – If you have not yet paid for this event can you please do so by the close of day on Monday. Thank you.

February 7th, 2020 – PTA Film Night. £3.50 to include a picnic. There will be pop-corn and sweets for sale on the night.

Parent Conference week 2nd to 6th March. Times and dates to be confirm.

March 3rd, 10th and 24th, 2020 – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics.

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

March 25th, 2020 – Easter Service at St Peters Church, Tawstock. On this morning can you please drop of at the church from 8.45 pm. Everyone is welcome to stay and join us for our school family Easter Service.

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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/UKCECC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>