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19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

This week we have to start off the newsletter with a reminder as we have received several complaints about excessive speeding not giving way to traffic and aggressive driving.

When dropping off and collecting your children from school please:

- Be considerate to other car drivers
- Reduce your speed accordingly when driving through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe
- Do not block the entrance to the car park
- Do not park on the farm track or block the entrance to it
- If you need to get away at drop off or pick up, please park on the road
- The safety of our children, the villagers and yourselves is paramount.

THANK YOU.

We are so pleased the children have **thoroughly** enjoyed their special day this week taking part in a variety of sporting activities throughout the day for **Comic Relief and Prostate Cancer**.

They have loved the running, the dancing (watch this space for a final version of the dance next week!) and **took part in** an obstacle course around the **school** playground. Thank you so much for all your donations towards our **annual charity event for prostate cancer and for Comic Relief**.

Supporting the **Prostrate Cancer** charity started a few years ago with the amazing Nick Butter who visited the school every year for a couple of years whilst he was running a marathon in every country in the world. **He was so inspirational and the children still talk about him now**. Nick has continued to do amazing things and at the moment he's busy running the whole length of New Zealand! **WOW!**

Many thanks to Mr Day for organising the **special** day. Mr Day also supported a parent at Holywell, Mrs Jones, whilst she ran 21 miles around the cul-de-sac in which she lives for the PTA's 21 challenge. That is just amazing - well done **Mrs Jones**. Then, Mr Day on Wednesday at Bratton, ran a marathon around the school field. This involved **running** 197 laps and **with** an **overall** elevation of over 3000 feet. **Wow and well done**.

Please, please, keep an eye out for all the amazing things the PTA have prepared for the end of term. Please help support them if you can.

## Parent Consultations

All class teachers will be holding parent consultations via team during the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. You have been able to book your appointment/s with your child/ren's class teacher since 5 pm on Monday 15<sup>h</sup> March via the Arbor portal. However, so far very few parents have booked.

You have to make your appointment through your child's Arbor portal and then nearer the time the teachers will email you a link via Teams to join a meeting.

Today you should all have received and email with a reminder of your Arbor login details.

If you require any further help with the booking process, please contact Mrs. Palmer who will try and answer your query.

### St Peter's Church

Our local church (part of the Two Rivers Mission Community) is starting a new online Alpha on Tuesday 23rd March at 8.00pm via Zoom. They are inviting parents to settle their children in bed and log on to chew over life's big questions. Each of the 11 one hour sessions involves a 15-minute video and then a chance to share views. Alpha is set in the context of Christianity but all views are welcome and no previous knowledge is necessary. It's free, fun and something worthwhile to do whilst waiting for lockdown to end.

For log in details email [revgaryowen@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryowen@gmail.com) or text 07947358050.

For more information about Alpha visit [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

### PE with Mr Day

Robins: Thursdays only

Hedgehogs: Thursdays & Fridays

Foxes: Thursdays & Fridays

Squirrels: Fridays only

Children will need to come into school in full PE kit with suitable footwear for both field & playground.

### Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 children will be receiving letters next week about the Level 1/2 training on offer that is due to take place in the week commencing 19th April.

## DFE Information

**Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**  
**NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.**

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. **Parents and other adults in households** with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) (PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms **are not** being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

### Pre-School Funding

Working parents with three and four year olds could get up to 30 hours funded childcare. You'll [need to apply now to claim for next term](#). If you're already claiming, don't forget to reconfirm your eligibility every three months. [Check the government website for full eligibility criteria](#) to find out if you can claim.

All parents get up to [15 hours funded childcare per week for their three and four year olds](#).

if you receive certain benefits or they have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

[Please visit our website for more information about funded childcare](#)

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### Spring Term

**Last day of the Spring term will be 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

**May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Non-Pupil Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Half term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 inclusive**

#### Vodafone Sim Card

Vodafone UK wanted to do their part to help keep children and parents connected and be able to continue learning from home during this difficult time. They have given away for free 250,000 data SIMs with 30GB of data to use for 90 days.

We requested and have been allocated a small number of Vodafone data SIM cards to give out to parents who have problems logging on to the Wi-Fi for their children to access Microsoft Teams from home. As they are limited, they will be given out on a first come first served basis.

- ❖ Vodafone data SIM to use as a Wi-Fi replacement.
- ❖ 30GB data (lasts for 90 days)
- ❖ Need a smart laptop/dongle that has a slot for a sim card or a smart phone that takes a sim card
- ❖ Need good Vodafone signal (you can use the Network Status tracker on [www.vodafone.co.uk](http://www.vodafone.co.uk))
  
- ❖ If your phone is locked to another network, you just need to contact your network provider's customer service team to request for your phone to be unlocked.
- ❖ You won't be able to use your phone to make calls/texts while using this data SIM.
- ❖ You will be able to enjoy 30GB data for 90 days this will start once you insert the SIM into your phone and start using the data.

#### Privacy Notice

The Trust has updated its Privacy Notice for parents. It is available for you to view on our website <https://www.ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

#### Term Dates – Jan 2021 to July 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term

#### News from the PTA



#### **21 Challenge**

Thank you very much to all who got involved by completing their challenges and donating sponsorship. Together we managed to raise an amazing £235! A very special thank you to Mrs Jones and Mr Day for the incredible running challenge they completed, well done!

#### **Easter Hamper Raffle**

Thank you very much for the donations made towards the Easter Hamper raffle. A letter and tickets came out in your child's book bag earlier this week, please find the letter attached and let the school office know if you require any more tickets.

### **Selling on eBay**

Are you having a lockdown clear-out or spring clean. Why not sell any items you no longer need on eBay? You can donate any percentage of the sale to go to "Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock", raising vital funds that help enrich your child's school experience.

### **Uniform shop**

We will be holding a stall outside school on the last week of term so you can stock up on summer essentials such as shorts and dresses. If you require any items more urgently or wish to donate, please contact Hazel on 07974208835.

**Next meeting** 28th April 7.30 pm. All welcome!