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8th April 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

We have made it to the end of another extraordinary term. We have survived so many staff and pupils being off with COVID – more so than at any other time in the whole pandemic and now hope we are returning to some normality. I cannot praise and thank the staff enough for being so flexible and adaptable. They really do deserve a very well earned break and rest. I do hope the sun shines for us all.

Holywell is 200 years this year! What an amazing achievement. We want to celebrate this anniversary with the staff and children. If anyone has any memories, stories and photos of the school, we would so love to hear and see them. We would also love to hear from anyone who came to the school. Please send any information to holywell@ventrus.org.uk

He has worked at Holywell for over 13 years and will be very missed. next term.

Today, we have had to say a very sad farewell to Mr. Anderson, who is retiring as caretaker from both Bratton Fleming and Holywell Schools this week. It is the end of 13 years at Holywell and 10 years at Bratton Fleming. He has not only been a wonderful caretaker, but he is willing to turn his hand to most things including driving the school minibus and attending residentials, which he really loved. Mike will be missed by all the pupils and staff and we all wish him a happy retirement. We aren't saying goodbye completely though – just "au revoir". We welcome Mr. Steve Coles as our new caretaker.

We have also said farewell today to Mrs. Boast who has been teaching in Hedgehogs class for the Spring term. Mrs. Boast is leaving us but staying with Ventrus moving to Orchard Vale School. We thank her for all her hard work during this period.

We are so pleased to welcome Miss. Boundy who will be joining Hedgehogs class after the Easter Break. The children have already had the opportunity of meeting their new teacher this week.

Finally, we would like to say farewell to Evangeline and a big Holywell welcome to Sapphire and Kenie-Dee who have joined us this week.





Pupils in Squirrel's Class have been very busy reading!

Congratulation to the 3 girls in Squirrels on achieving their bronze owl reading award on accelerated reader.

Thank you to our lovely PTA for funding the badges for this scheme.

I would like to say thank you to:

- Rev Gary and all the parents who attended our Easter Service in St. Peter's Church on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the service as much as we did.
- Our amazing PTA for all their fundraising and support they give to our school. We hope everyone who attended their Easter Egg Trail enjoyed it yesterday. We thank them also for the amazing hoodies the Y6 children have been given.
- All those parents who have emailed in and thanked us for the wonderful time that their children had on our recent residential to Skern Lodge. It was so nice to hear such positive news.
- Our Governing Body for their support and guidance that they so willingly offer.

And finally I hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 25th April 2022.

Class Robins Gymnastics

Your child will have taken a letter home today regarding Gymnastics next term. This has also been emailed out to parents. These sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons at Falcons Gymnastics Academy starting on Tuesday 26th April.

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Lola & Evan for receiving this week's Sportsperson of the Week Awards. Every week Mr Day will pick a child from both KS1 & KS2 who has particularly stood out or 'let their light shine' during PE lessons. If your child receives the award, please you ensure it is returned by Friday the following week. Thank you.



Walk to The Moon

A reminder that the Walk to The Moon challenge has now ended. Please can you make sure that your sponsorship/donations have been paid into ParentPay by on return on the 25th April. All money raised will support Morish in his education.



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).

If you are going to be late collecting 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)



ParentPay

PLEASE CAN ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS FOR SCHOOL MEALS, BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS BE PAID OFF BY THE 25th APRIL – THANK YOU

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

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC –

Robins class – Gymnastics which starts on Tuesday 26th April.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.

Walk to the Moon – donations of sponsorship money raised

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

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

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>

DIARY DATES:

May 26th (Thursday) - Celebration for the Queens Jubilee.

End of Spring term – last day Friday 8th April 2022.
First day of the Summer term Monday 25th April 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter trail, donated and bought cakes this week. We raised over £190 for the school! We hope you all have a very happy Easter enjoying time with the children. And we wish all the wonderful staff a restful break!

Sponsored Sing of the National Anthem

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we would like to challenge the children to learn to sing the National Anthem. Please see the letter and sponsorship form attached. This is our first fundraiser that qualifies for Gift Aid since we registered, so if you or any other sponsors are eligible, please make sure you tick the box and complete the details requested.

Plant sale

After last year's success, we are planning to hold another sale on **6th May**, so please remember to save your surplus seedlings!

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, each ticket is entered into a **prize draw**. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

When 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.

Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd May 7.30 pm online, everyone welcome!