

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Mrs. Denham wishes you all lovely long bank holiday weekend and is looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 8th May when she is returning to work after her recent op.

Message from Devon Highways

We have been notified that the road between Barnstaple and the school (via lake) will be closed for the week commencing 14th May. From the Monday to Wednesday evening you will only be able to reach the school, by vehicle, via Newbridge or Eastacombe and on the Thursday & Friday you will only be able to access the school, by vehicle, via Eastacombe.

On Thursday and Friday all vehicles will be coming and going via Eastacombe so please drive safely and at an appropriate speed. Please remember children will still be walking to school from the Eastacombe direction. Our children are precious to us all.

DBS Checked Parent Helpers

If you help in school and have had a Disclosure and Barring check. Ofsted guidelines now require the school to keep a copy of your right to work in the UK. We therefore need to keep on file a copy of your passport; if you do not have one the school can guide you as to what information we will need sight of. Please bring your passport in to show the admin staff as soon as possible so that the necessary information can be recorded.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

E-Schools - Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have still not logged on.

Save the date – Saturday 7th July – Holywell Rocks

The PTA are busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event. It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.

Pupil achievements

Well done and congratulations to: - Olivia James who has achieved the level 5 swimming award with Swim England.

Lost Sweatshirt

Ray Taylor has lost his sweatshirt, it is named. Please can parents of Early Years and KS1 please check that their child did not pick it up by mistake.

Lost

A child has lost a toy frog at school; it's about 4-5 inches long, has the colouring of a frog and is filled with sand so it feels a bit like a beanie. If anyone comes across it can you please pass into the office. Thank you.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the **end of APRIL** to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

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Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Will not be starting until 23rd May
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Friday 29th June, 2018 – Sports Day – Take 1.

Friday 6th July, 2018 – Sports Day – Take 2.

Wednesday 25th July, 2018 – The year 6 assembly will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

Community News

Links you may be interested in?

Courses

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

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 Mel:

07866783740

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 533668



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

