

A message from Mrs. Denham

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival service at St Peters Church, Tawstock on Wednesday 4th October at 9am. Please drop your children off at the church instead of school by 8.50am where they can be registered by their teacher so we can start promptly at 9 am. We would love you to stay and join us in this celebration; it should take just under an hour. The staff will then walk the children back to school as usual.

This year we are collecting for the Freedom Centre, who came and spoke with the children today about their work within our community.

The Freedom Centre in Barnstaple is open to a wide range of people in need across North Devon including homeless and vulnerable adults. They provide hot meals and food parcels throughout the year. They are always in need of tinned soup, fruit, tomatoes, meat and fish, rice, pasta cous cous, jam, sugar, tea, coffee, squash, brown and tomato sauce, mayonnaise, non-bio washing powder, washing up liquid, kitchen rolls, toilet roll, shower gel and shampoo. If you could please support this by sending any of these produce, items, into Church on the morning of Wednesday 4th October. We will then deliver them to the Centre.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Robins lunch Thursday 5th October

We would like to invite the parents of all the children in Robin's class to come and have a lunch with their children on Thursday 5th October, the cost will be £4.50. The menus have been sent home this week. Can you please email Mrs. Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk if you would like a meal as soon as possible.

School News

Pupil's achievements:

Congratulations to **Adam Rashid** who has been awarded the **U10's best all-rounder** at Westward How! Cricket Club and both teams that Adam plays for, the U10's and U11's, won there North Devon leagues. Well done to; **Chloe Jenkins** who has this week achieved his **20m** swimming award.

Letters sent home this week.

Letter from St Michael's about school meals plus the menu for October (up to half term – 3 weeks).
Letter from the PTA 'Help Holywell'

North Devon Cross Country League Kingsley - Results

A very big well done to the: 9 children that represented Holywell at the North Devon League on Sunday. The course was dry under foot, but tough given the terrain and a very steep hill! It was great to see all of the children

smiling and enjoying the challenge of the course in fields of up to 75 children. Thank you to the parents who supported the children at the event, your enthusiastic cheers really did make a difference.

Results were:

U9 Girls: Madison Wilson 7th, Lottie Perfect 27th

U9 Boys: Riley Lloyd 25th

U11 Girls: Tiana Comer 12th, Isabelle Westaway 17th, Leah Smith 34th, Holly Perfect 35th

U11 Boys: Charlie Marshall 12th, Findlay Lloyd 18th



Handball

On Wednesday, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Garland took the year 5's to a Handball Festival at Kingsley School. In the morning the children took part in skills sessions, learning all they needed to compete in a Handball Tournament, in the afternoon. All the year 5's were amazing, they listened well and learnt a new sport. In the tournament both Holywell teams came 2nd in their group. A great effort by all who took part.

Preschool

We still have a few places available in Pre-school on all days so If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like a few extra hours, please ask them to contact Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908

Funding:

Further information is available here

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

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>

School Meal payment to St Michael's

Please note that their new bank details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB

St Michael's Learning centres LTD

Sort code: 30-90-49

Account Number: 53005660

Secondary School Transfer – 2018

The system opens on 1st September and closes on 31st October. It is very important that parents apply within this timescale as late applications may be disadvantaged where schools are oversubscribed. The actual application facility will be open at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Parents may express up to three preferences

ranked in priority order. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019. Allocation day is Thursday 1st March, 2018

News from the PTA

PTA Diary Dates

Disco: Thursday 19th October from 3pm – 5pm in the village hall. Further details will be out soon.

Auction: Friday 3 November at Portmore Golf Club, from 7pm - around 1 am. Further details will be out soon.

Christmas Fayre will be at Roundswell Community Centre on Saturday 9 December from 10am - 3pm. £10 per table: plus a donation for the raffle. If anyone would like a stall they can let us know.



50/50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Anthony Barstow

Congratulations on winning £15.50!

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christmas Cards

The children will be designing their own Christmas Cards early this term, and you will be able to order packs nearer to Christmas. This will help to raise funds for our School whilst helping you get organised for Christmas with personalised Christmas cards. More details to follow.

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.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	NO NETBALL CLUB ON 2nd OCTOBER
	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	
Wednesdays	Guardians of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner		Starts on Weds 27th September
	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	NO X COUNTRY CLUB ON 6th OCTOBER

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Last day of the autumn term – Friday 15th December, 2017

Start of the Spring term – Tuesday 2nd January, 2018

Diary Dates

Swim & Gym: Year 3 & 4, September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st and November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Author visit: Tuesday 10th October

Harvest service: Wednesday 4th October at St Peters Church Tawstock, 9 am.

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

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Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 2 pm and Friday 8th December – 6 pm.

Community News



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!

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

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

After School Library Event

On the 10th October, bestselling children's author Steve Cole is coming for a fun packed after school session here at Barnstaple Library as part of the Appledore Book Festival Schools Week.

Author of the 'Cows in Action' and 'Astrosaurus' series, Steve joins us to talk about his latest book. Tickets are £2.50, payable at the time of booking. Booking is advisable.