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17th June 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

We have some happy news to share - I am sure you are all aware that Mrs. Bellew will be leaving at the end of term to go on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the very best and can't wait to hear her lovely news in the autumn term.

And we have some sad news to share - I know this has been a very tough decision for her, but Mrs. Hathway has decided to leave Holywell in order to be able to focus more of her time on her own family. We have absolutely loved her being part of the Holywell family and will be very sorry to see her leave, but will treasure the memories she has made at Holywell.

To replace both Mrs. Bellew and Mrs. Hathway, we are delighted to have Mr. Platt to take over the teaching in Foxes for the next academic year. Many of the children already know Mr. Platt as he has been into Holywell several times already over the last couple of terms and he will be coming in before the end of term to meet his class for September.

200th anniversary of Holywell School

We will spend the week of July 4th to 8th celebrating the 200th birthday of Holywell.

On Monday July 4th we would love the children to come into **school dressed up** from any time period in the last 200 years. We would like re-enact some of the old photos and take photos of modern day life at Holywell if we can.

The children will spend the week leaning all about the history of the school.

We hope we can get a couple of past pupils and staff in to be interviewed during the week.

Each class will contribute items for a time capsule which we will bury in the Hollow.

The PTA are very kindly providing a commemorative tree and plaque to be planted in the Holywell Hollow and a small key ring memento for each child.

On the morning of the 8th, we will be holding a fun celebration morning playing "old fashioned" games such as coconut shy, splat the rat, skittles, hook a duck etc. in the hall and outside the hall and the PTA are very kindly providing a bouncy castle to be in the hall. If anyone has any suitable games we could borrow, please let us know asap.

At 12pm, weather permitting, parents and families are very welcome to join us for a picnic on the school field. The children will be able to order a bag meal from the kitchen – fish and chips – which will be taken up to the field to eat. Children can sit with parents if they can join us or they will sit in their class groups.

We would like to have a big 200 celebration cake to share and eat whilst up on the field. Would any parent be interested in making one for us?

At 2pm the Y6 will perform their play in the hall where the children will travel through various periods in history with a focus on life in the school at the appropriate time. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Finally, we are going to make a book of 200 reasons to love Holywell –each child and staff member are going to write a reason (about A5 size per person) and we would love parents to contribute too. We will put all these reasons together in a celebratory book. If any parents would like to write a reason for us, please send it in to school asap.

Thank you for your support with this special week – we want it to be a memory making week

Ventrus Parent Survey

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 8th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

School News

Sports Day 2022

This year's Sports Day will be held on Thursday 23rd June. Families are invited to attend on the sports field from 12.45pm for a 1pm start. PTA will be selling refreshments and also be kindly donating an ice pole for every child. Children are to be collected from the school gate at 3.15pm

Saunton Sands

We are thrilled that we can once again plan our annual trip to Saunton Sands this year with our partner school Bratton Fleming. We have not been able to go on this beach trip for the last 2 years due to COVID so children and staff are really looking forward to this fantastic day. We will send out a letter with more details shortly but we wanted to be able to share the good news with you asap. We aim to go on Monday July 11th. Our wonderful PTA have offered to help subsidise the trip and pay half the costs of the coaches. Therefore, we are pleased to say the trip will work out at £3.50 per child, with an ice cream included in the cost.

We are looking forward to a day of digging sand castles, sunshine, games and fun.

Help required

My daughter Willow has recently joined Holywell in year 5 and has settled really well and loves it. However, we are struggling to make it work with transport and may have to move her back to her old school.

We were wondering if there was anyone in Barnstaple that Willow could car share with? We are willing to contribute towards fuel costs. My contact details are: 07769 266987 Thank you Sonya.

KS2 tenpin bowling

Congratulations to our KS2 tenpin bowling team who participated at the Panathlon Challenge event at Let's Go Super Bowl this week. The whole team were supportive to both each other and other teams throughout the competition. Holywell finished in first place, bringing certificates, gold medals and a trophy back to school. An extra special mention to Chloe who scored the most strikes and spares across the competition collecting an additional prize for this achievement. Well done everyone!



Father's day service.

Family Service at St Peter's Church Tawstock - Sunday 19th June at 11.00am to celebrate Father's Day. All Holywell school children and their families are welcome.

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance. None of these accounts should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

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 –

Squirrels class – Gymnastics

Squirrels class – Swimming

All Year Groups – Saunton Sands

Current Year 4 & 5 – London Residential

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



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 mornings) beatrice.hutchinson@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 9-11am (term-time)

Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.

Children £2 – Adults £1

Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)

Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.

For details call Emma on 07368 422791 or Philly on 07799 543781

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.

Diaru Dates:

June 23rd (Thursday) – **Sports Day** at Holuwell –we hope that this event will start around 1pm and ask that parents start arriving from 12:45pm. The sports day is due to finish around 3 – 3:15pm. **Parents are being asked to collect their child from the gate as normal**

further details will be circulated nearer the time.

June 27th (Monday) – Year 5's **Cricket Festival** – further details will be circulated nearer the time.

July 1st (Friday) – **Torrington Aquathlon** – open to any children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

July 8th (Friday) – **Holuwell 200 years' celebration.**

July 11th (Monday) – **Saunton sands beach trip.**

July 15th (Friday) – **Year 6 leavers service** – Tawstock Village Hall at 2pm.

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>

Chulmleigh College Year 5 Taster Day Wednesday June 29th 2022

Chulmleigh College are delighted to invite prospective pupils to join them for a fun day experiencing life at the College. For parents/carers there will be a presentation from senior leadership at the end of the day. To book a place please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/CCYear-5-Taster-Day-2022> and complete their booking form **before 15th June 2022**.

Out of catchment?

SCHOOL TRANSPORT is available from Barnstaple, Crediton, Rackenford and Torrington areas. Please contact us for more information. (Transport is not available for the Year 5 Taster Day.)

They can't wait to meet you!

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Librarian. Also below is a link to the Reading Aencu Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Family survey

The Children's Commissioner has been asked to undertake an Independent Review into family life. This Review is a chance to really understand what family means to the nation, what they feel about family, what support is already in place and what more we can do. If you would like to have a say, please complete the survey. [Family survey](#)

SEND training for parents and carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/send-training-for-parents-and-carers>

Child Safety Week

For some useful fact sheets on child safety week visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/Pages/Category/child-safety-week>

For more information on button and coin cell safety please visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>.

More information on the Harper Lee Foundation can be found here

- <https://harperleefoundation.org.uk/>.

Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.

First day of the Autumn term Monday 5th September 2022.

Non-Pupil Days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you very much to those who attended our meeting on Tuesday. We made some exciting plans for the bicentenary celebrations. We will also be selling refreshments at Sports Day. We welcome more volunteers to help out at these events!

Sports Day Refreshments - Thursday 23rd June

We will be selling refreshments for spectators only and giving a free ice pole to all pupils, so those whose parents aren't there don't miss out!

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 24th June

What will you dare to do with your hair? Please donate £1 at the gate in the morning. If you are a UK tax payer, your donation qualifies for Gift Aid, meaning that we can get an extra 25p at no cost to you. If you haven't already done so, please fill in a Multiple Donation Gift Aid Declaration form.

Ice Lolly sale

Every Friday after school, weather permitting, 50p a lolly. Please dispose of the wrapper responsibly! If you are early for pick up, you are welcome to help set up the table.

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>