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15th November, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

What a week! We are all pleased with how the SIAMS went on Tuesday. The report with all the final grade and all the findings will be coming out in the next couple of weeks and we will of course send it straight to you all. Many thanks to the parents who talked to the inspector. He was very impressed with you all!

The business of Christmas is starting to make its mark. Many, many thanks to our wonderful PTA for all they are doing towards the Christmas Fayre and other events. If you are able to support them and help out in any way they would be very grateful!

I hope you saw in the news last weekend, that Nick Butter completed his most awesome of achievements by running 196 marathons in 196 countries, the first time anyone has ever done this in the world. He is such an inspiration and we look forward to another visit from Nick to the school in the new year.

A Message from the PTA

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Admission to Primary School September 2020 for children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016

The application facility opens on 15th November, 2019 and closes at midnight on 15th January, 2020. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made. The online address on which to apply is www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

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The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 20th December, 2019.

The first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Measuring the Height & Weight of Children in Reception and Year 6

This week we have sent letters out from Public Health Devon, to all parents of children in Reception and Year 6, providing information about the National Child Measurement.

If you do not wish your child to take part, please complete the online form <http://devon.cc/ncmp> by 1st December.

Church News and current Christian Value

Value: Peace

All the children have started thinking about our new value of peace this week and writing prayers for peace.

Services at St. Peters Church for November:

Sunday 17th 11am PCC Led Worship

Sunday 24th Family Service and Baptism

Bratton Fleming Cross Country

Well done to all 31 children who took part in the Bratton Fleming Cross Country on Wednesday.

Thank you to all the parents who so very kindly gave up their time to help transport & accompany the children; these opportunities just wouldn't happen without you!

Thanks also to the staff for your support at this event, especially as it was such a cold day!

All of the children completed the tough hilly course which was made even trickier by the recent downpours.

A special mention goes to the following children whom finished in the top 10: 🏆

Freya: 7th, Greta: 2nd, Ruby: 6th, Aston: 2nd, Lottie: 3rd, Immy: 7th, Lara: 10th, Riley: 3rd and Maddie: 2nd.

Inhalers

VERY IMPORTANT If your child has been prescribed an inhaler, please can you now arrange for the school to have **two spares inhalers** to be kept in school and the corresponding paperwork will need to be completed. This is a request from Devon County Council so please help us to confirm to the requirements. Please contact the school office if you require any more information.

Change of address

On occasions we may have to write to you or pass your address on to outside agencies who need to write to you e.g. School Nurse, Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapy etc. Therefore, if you have moved within the last 2 years can you please check that we are holding your correct address. This can be done by emailing your current address to holywell@ventrus.org.uk Thank you.

Tawstock -Community Phone Box

Thank you for those that kindly donated. Please pop in and take a look. If you have any books which you are able to donate, please take them along to fill the shelves. Thank you.

Absence from School

May I please remind all parents if you need to take your child out of school for any reason we must have the appropriate paper work in place. A form S2 must be completed at least three school weeks before the intended absence.

Parent Pay.

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and It has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

Items on Parent Pay

Swim & Gym (Autumn term) – Yrs. 3 & 4.

Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4

Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested, please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and toot lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email imsnorthdevon@gmail.com

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

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We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help!

easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Friends of Holywell School, Tawstock raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us

at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschooltawstock/>

Forthcoming events:

Christmas Fair, Friday 6th December 2.30 – 4.30pm

Op Shop

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

Club

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No Netball Club 18th November, 2019
Monday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	
Friday	Dodge Ball	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

17th September, 2019 – 29th November, 2019 (excluding Tuesday 1st October) – Swimming and Gymnastics for Foxes class.

19th November, 2019 - Flu Immunisation

6th December, 2019 – PTA - Christmas Fayre 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

This year's KS 2 Christmas Performance is: Lights, Camel, Action 2 – The sequin!

10th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 1.30 pm Dress Rehearsal

11th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 3.30 – 5 pm

13th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 5.30 – 7 pm

Details regarding the ticket allocation will be circulated soon.

16th December, 2019 – Annual Sway Shop, further details to follow for our new parents.

18th December, 2019 – Christmas Lunch, please look out for the letter which will be sent home shortly. Adult places are allocated on a first come first served basis which must include payment.

18th December, 2019 – Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 2 pm

18th to 20th March, 2020 – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4.

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

A full list of dates can be found on the school website under 'Links and Downloads' on the home page

Community News

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children's birthday party is now £45.00.

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. office@stmichaels-nursery.org

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 Sue on 07890 046033.

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 53366

Links you may be interested in?

The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

Romarsport

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

www.romarsports.com link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

HappyMaps

www.happymaps.co.uk

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

Outdoors Group

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

Riverdart.co.uk – event 30th March

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

The NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from the NSPCC: on social networks, app and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organization; working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Courses for Parents and Children

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

The above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGCC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>