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16th December, 2016

A message from Mrs. Denham

Wow what a wonderful last couple of weeks to such a busy term. Thank you for all your support and help and thank you for the lovely gifts and cards you have given to us all. We really appreciate them and look forward to opening them on Christmas morning.

The children have sung, danced, performed and played their hearts out. All the children took part in the wonderful Nativity play called "Lights, Camel, Action" and I know these performances were enjoyed by everyone who watched them. All the children have had a scrummy Christmas dinner (thank you to the St Michael's team), worn gorgeous Christmas jumpers and had the swop shop and parties to enjoy! What a wonderful busy end to the term.

We are very grateful to everyone who sent in gifts for the Swop Shop. The children REALLY enjoyed choosing something to wrap and bring home to you, so we hope you enjoy them on Christmas morning!!

Thank you to Mrs Andrews for all the work she has put into the music for the school. We are very grateful for her commitment to the school.

Also a huge thank you to: our wonderful PTA. They have supported the school so well over the festive period and we are very grateful for all their hard work and commitment – and mince pies and mulled wine! Thank you to the whole team, and especially Kirsty, Emma, Estelle and Katherine.

And finally a massive thank you to the whole school staff team. Everyone has worked so hard to bring a wonderful Christmas to your children and I am so grateful to each and everyone of them.

I wish you all a happy and merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. See you on Wednesday January 4th 2017!

School News

Collection for Nathaniel

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the end of the service yesterday we collected £27.78 which will go towards our sponsorship of Nathaniel.

Foxes WOW

A big thank you: to all of the parents that attended the WOW day on Wednesday. The children loved showing you their marching and chanting. When talking to the children afterwards the activities organised by the museum were perfect and they not only enjoyed them but also topped up this terms learning. The children looked amazing in their Roman dress and the whole day was one to remember.

Mrs Hammond and Mrs Garland would like to wish all of Foxes class and their families a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year when we will be learning about mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes!

News from the PTA



Merry Christmas from the PTA

We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you all for the support you've given us through our festive fundraising activities. The Christmas Fayre was wonderful; amazing stalls, delicious food and such a great atmosphere. We thought you'd like to know that we raised a huge £960 from the fayre bringing our total for the cake sale, bag packing, plays, photos, raffle and fayre to £2,181.84. That is a staggering amount and one we should all be proud of. Thank you again for your support and we'll see you all next year for some very special events!

January 18th

Our first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Cedars on Wednesday 18th January starting at 7 pm. If you have not yet been able to join us and feel you would like to be part of our growing team please come along as we would love to meet you. Everyone will be made welcome.

Op-Shop

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

Admission to School September, 2017

The primary school admissions round, opens on Tuesday 15th November 2016 and closes at midnight on Sunday 15 January 2017.

Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 155 1019

If you know of anyone who is due to start school in September 2017 and maybe interested in applying for a place at Holywell please encourage them to come and speak with Mrs. Denham and have a look round.

Despite increasing pupil numbers, Devon is still meeting 95 per cent of parents' first choices for primary and secondary school places.

Gliddon & Squire League: Northam Burrows, Westward Ho! Sunday 15th January 2017

January's Gliddon & Squire League race is being held in conjunction with the Westward League at Northam Burrows, Westward Ho! and is being hosted by Bideford AAC with support from North Devon AC.

Full details are now on the website at www.northdevonxcleague.weebly.com

The course will be available for inspection from 10:30am with the first race at 11:30pm.

The full Race programme is as follows:-

11:30am G&S League ONLY - UNDER 9 GIRLS RACE: (1600 metres)

11:45am G&S League ONLY - UNDER 9 BOYS RACE: (1600 metres)

12 noon UNDER 11 GIRLS and UNDER 11 BOYS RACE: (2400 metres)

12:20pm UNDER 13 GIRLS RACE: (3200 metres)

12:40pm UNDER 15 GIRLS and UNDER 13 BOYS RACE: (4000 metres)

1:00pm UNDER 15 BOYS and G&S SENIOR WOMEN RACE: (4800 metres)

1:30pm UNDER 17 MEN/WOMEN and SENIOR WOMEN and G&S League SENIOR MEN RACE: (5600 metres)

2:20pm SENIOR MENS RACE: (8600 metres)

Please note that the Under 9 Races are for Gliddon & Squire League runners ONLY.

All other races combine both leagues at the same time but to score in the Westward League runners must be members of a club affiliated to the Westward League and a Club vest must be worn.

As is the norm with Westward League the Under 11 Boys and Girls run in the same race.

U11 Girls and Boys will be scored separately for the Gliddon & Squire League

Senior Men and Senior Women who usually run in the Gliddon & Squire League have TWO RACE OPTIONS.

1. If they are a member of a Club affiliated to Westward League they may run in the longer races at 1:30pm (SW) and 2:20pm SM if they wish. They will not therefore be able to score in the Gliddon & Squire League.

2. If they are not a member of a club affiliated to the Westward League they can only run in the 1:00pm race (SW) and the 1:30pm race (SM) and will therefore only score in the Gliddon & Squire League.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A FINISH DISC SYSTEM WILL BE USED IN ALL RACES OTHER THAN UNDER 9s

A finish disc will be issued to each finisher at the end of the finish funnel showing his/her position. Runners who are not in clubs affiliated to the Westward League should place their finish disc in the collection box at the end of the funnel - all others must pass their disc to their Club Team Manager to be recorded for the Westward League.

All eligible runners' will score in both leagues.

Any problems.... please email me on ndxcleague@hotmail.com

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Computers	Mrs Curtis	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	All clubs will be starting - week commencing 10th January.
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			
	Records	Mrs Andrews	Y 4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Start of Spring Term – Wednesday 4th January.

Spring Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.

End of Spring Term (Last Day) – Friday 31st March.

First Day of the Summer Term – Tuesday 18th April.

May Day – Monday 1st May.

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

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

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have limited places available in our breakfast club; please enquire for availability (rather than every day). We still have Thursday's after school club available. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Code Club at Barnstaple Library

*Would you like to learn how to make computer games, animations and websites?
Then Code Club is for you.*

*For children aged 9 - 11
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm*

booking essential. For more information or to sign up please contact the library.

01271 318782

barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

The Plough Arts Centre

Torrington

Jack Frost - Family Theatre Show for 3+ - Thursday 16th Feb (2.30pm)

Half Term Treat! Tickets £7 (Buy three get one free!)

A magical, wintery production brings Jack Frost to life through puppetry, live music and enchanting storytelling. Meet our mischievous sprite as he takes us on a snowy adventure and spreads winter wherever he goes. But wrap up warm or you'll catch him nipping at your fingers and toes!

Moon on a Stick transform the stage once more using their unique combination of light play, song and visual theatre to reimagine this well-known Nordic legend. A playful production perfect for children 3+

Moon on a Stick is a Norfolk based puppetry company combining visual theatre, storytelling and puppetry to create theatre for all ages.

Book online <http://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/jack-frost> or through our Box Office on 01805 624624.

North Devon Football Development Centre

Primary School Children

This year the centre is offering coaching opportunities for children (boys and girls), of **primary school** age (yrs. 1-6 inclusive) on Saturday mornings **9am-10am** at **Park School, Barnstaple**. The sessions will be in three ten week blocks, one in each school term, starting on **September 17th 2016**. The cost will be £35 per child per ten weeks payable after the first session. Further bookings from the same family will be at half price (Payment should be **by cheque**, and made out to **D. Langford**).

The next sessions begin on Saturday 7th January 2017 and run for ten weeks (excluding half term 11th and 18th Feb) until Saturday 25th March 2017.

Please ring David Langford (01237479625 mob.07877730986) to book your place as soon as possible.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS HALF OF THE FORM FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Please complete the following information and bring this with you on your first day.

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone No_____mob_____

Medical Needs_____

Parent/Carer_____

Email_____

School_____