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19th November 2021

School News

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to the BBC Children in Need Appeal. The amount raised was £152.00

Swap Shop

Our annual pupil SWAP SHOP will go ahead on the morning of Friday December 10th 2021.

We would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations (from Monday December 6th) of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful. On the day the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day. There will be no charge so you do not have to send in money!

Nativity tickets

If you would like 2 tickets for the school Nativity which is beginning held on Wednesday 15th December at 2pm or Thursday 16th December at 9.15pm can you please email the school holywell@ventrus.org.uk stating which performance you would like. If we have any tickets left, we will re-advertise

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. 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 Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,

http://www.primaryschoolsbarntable.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

Jumper Days

Every Friday until the end of term on (Friday 17th December) children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to make a one-off payment to donate £2.00 via ParentPay which we will send to the charity. The ParentPay link will stay open for those of you who have not yet made the £2.00 donation.

ParentPay Payments

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

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

Christmas Jumper Day

School Meals

PTA Christmas Fayre - on Thursday December 2nd at 2.30pm for adults and 3.00pm for children. Please come and support the wonderful work of the PTA and get into the Christmas spirit. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day too.

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)

Ventrus Job Vacancies

At Holywell we currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant.

You can find the job description and application form for this vacancy on the link below

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/2447536?cid=1711&s=False&t=Teaching-Assistant&l=Barnstaple>

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

Clerk to Governors

The Trust wish to appoint a number of Clerks to provide administrative support to the Local Governing Boards of several school within the Trust. Please follow this link which will take you to the application on the Ventrus website

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

Catering opportunities

WANTED

Do you have free time whilst your children are at school?

If you would like to be considered for a casual role in catering and are flexible with your availability, to cover when catering staff are absent, then please contact Christine Guard – Mobile Number 07891505816 or for more information please email hr@ventrus.org.uk.

Hourly rate: £9.25

Please note that this position is neither a permanent or temporary position, and there is no guarantee of the offer of any minimum quantum of work. Assignments may be offered at the sole and absolute discretion of the Trust when available, and there is no obligation on any worker to accept a minimum number of assignments, if offered.

Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 8th January, 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarntaple.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads' We are consulting on this between 1st November 2021 and 8th January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

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.

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>

DIARY DATES:

30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. **Can parents please collect their child at 3pm. School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them.**

November 27th 2020 (Friday) – Christmas Jumper day. Followed by Friday 3rd, 10th, and 17th December.

December 10th (Friday) – Christmas Lunch, children only this year due to Covid restrictions.

December 15th (Wednesday) – Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 2pm to 3pm

December 15th (Wednesday)– Flu Immunisation

December 16th (Thursday) - Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 9:20am to 10:20am

December 16th (Thursday) – Carol service and Christingle at Tawstock Parish Church – 2pm to 3pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Thank you very much for your donations of items for the Christmas Fayre and offers of help at events.

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 2nd December 2.30-4pm

If you still have donations to make please could you bring them to school by **Monday 29th November**.

Lucky Jars - please could you return your filled jars by **Monday 29th November**.

Bric-a-brac - please bring any donations for this stall straight to the Fayre.

Christmas Raffle

Please return stubs with payment before the draw at the Christmas Fayre. You can request extra tickets from the school office. Prizes include:

4 Christmas Hampers

Winter boiler service from Jamie Arnold

Pet manicure from Maria Arnold

1st Class Family ticket from the Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

Gift bag from Rolly's Fudge Pantry

Rucksack from Frugi

Gift card from Saltrock

Christmas cards have been ordered and should be with you soon. If you missed the deadline you can still order directly from the company, please email us and we will send you a unique code to order items with your child's design for a limited period.

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>