



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We are getting busy organizing our nativity play called "It's a Party". The children will be given parts and costume lists in the next few days. We are going to trail new times for the Christmas Play performances to try and give as many families the most opportunities to attend. We will have to initially limit tickets to 2 per family and these will be available after a letter goes out to parents next week. We will have one evening performance, one afternoon and one straight after school. We hope these new times appeal to everyone.

Tuesday 8th 6pm drop off; 6.30 – 7.30 performance

Weds 9th performance 2pm – 3pm

Thurs 10th performance 3.30pm – 4.30 pm

We hope you will enjoy that on the last 4 Fridays of term (27th Nov, 4th Dec, 11th Dec & 18th Dec) your child/children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school for a one off donation of £1.00 on the 1st week. The total of money donated for Save the Children will be doubled by the Government. First Jumper day next Friday 27th November

Can we please ask that parents DO NOT park in the disabled car parking spaces unless they have a disabled badge. We have pupils at the school who need to use the spaces and their parents are finding they are often full.

Pupils Achievements

Congratulation and well done to:

Ethan Liepa: who has passed his 20 metre swimming badge and **Fin Carlyon;** who has passed his 400 metre swimming badge.

Also to **Kodie Harmer,** who has strengthened her overall first place in the South West Series with a win in Cornwall. She achieved first place in the U8 race despite difficult conditions in Perranporth last Sunday.

Phonic Workshop for Robins and Hedgehogs parents

We are inviting all the parents from Robins and Hedgehogs class to a phonics workshop on Tuesday 1st December from 2.15 pm to 3.00pm. This workshop is so that you can help support you child with phonological development and reading. If you are UNABLE to make this workshop could you please inform Mrs. Coulam or Mrs. Ashcroft .

Appledore Trip

On Wednesday, Year 1 and 2 had a trip to Appledore to visit the Victorian museum and the lifeboat station. The schoolroom was very small and all the children sat quietly at their wooden desks in the traditional Victorian school clothes. They wrote on slates and found out what the cane was used for! Luckily, nobody misbehaved!! At the lifeboat station, we checked out all the kit worn for protection and felt the warmth of the heater to warm people up. We got to sit in the lifeboat and have a turn in the driver's seat. Thank you to Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Lockhart for helping to transport the children and getting into the Victorian spirit by dressing up along with the children and school adults!

Road Safety Awareness

Next week it is road safety awareness week. On Friday all classes will be having a road safety focus to the day. Please take this opportunity to promote road safety awareness; point out safe places to cross the road, different crossings, recall the green cross code (who remembers the hedgehog advert?) and keep children safe when out and about.

Forest Schools

Year 2 will need their wellies and warm jumpers next week for our final Thursday afternoon Forest School. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying, learning from, learning in and learning about the outdoors. They have absorbed and been absorbed in the activities we have done.

Saxophone, Clarinet and Flute Tuition (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Children are being offered the opportunity to learn clarinet, flute or saxophone. Instruments can be rented through Babcock LDP Music Service or John Packers of Taunton from as little as £12 per month. Flutes can be purchased new from around £100 and saxophones £200. Lessons are charged at £7.00 per 15 min individual lesson or 30min group lesson (2sharing), £9.50 for 20min individual and £13.50 for 30 min individual lesson. (Saxophone is not offered to year 3). They provide 10 lessons per term. Lessons are available through the school and if you would like you daughter/son to receive lessons, please call into the school office to collect and application form

North Devon Cross country at Shebbear College

A huge thank you and well done to the children who represented the school at the North Devon cross country event on Sunday. The weather was appalling with very strong winds and the conditions under foot were very muddy and slippery. Despite the course being relatively flat the conditions made the race a tough one for all competitors. This said the conditions suited our two under 9 boys very well, with Charlie Marshall breaking into the top ten for the first time this season – well done Charlie this places you 12th overall in the race series and Billy Dudden who had his highest finish to date! Our under 9 girls once again put in a fantastic team performance, which means that they are now holding their 6th (out of 15 teams) position comfortably. Particular recognition needs to go to Ella Swales and Jayden Comer for being Holywell's only U11 representatives in their races. By the time they raced the conditions on the ground were something resembling a mud bath. Their determination to compete means that Jayden is now 66th out of the 96 competitors in his age group and Ella 57th out of 81.

Results were:

U9 Girls: Tiana Comer 25th, Madison Wilson 27th, Leah Smith 30th, Isabelle Westaway 37th

U9 Boys: Charlie Marshall 9th, Billy Dudden 63rd

U11 Girls: Ella Swales 55th

U11 Boys: Jayden Comer 68th

A big thank you to all of the parents that enabled their children to race at this event.

Next race is at Arlington Court on Sunday 29th November.

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Competition

We think Holywell have found yet another sport that they are good at! On Wednesday a team chosen by our Tarka Tennis coach participated in the year 3 & 4 Tennis competition. It was a great day of tennis with all of the Holywell children having great success in the games that they played. Although we do not have the final results we know that our A team placed joint 4th out of 37 teams in the competition. Mrs Garland reported great tennis play by all and delightful team support. The teams were:

A Team: Leah Smith, Adam Rashid, Amelie Masters, Charlie Marshall

B Team: Billy Dudden, Kyle Smith, Felclity Ayres, Kodie Harmer

C Team: Fred Cockbain, Charlie Wileman, Emily Peart, Holly Perfect

A big thank you to: Mrs Smith and Mr Cockbain for driving and supervising the children at this event.

Children in Need

A big well done to School Council: who organised some great fundraising activities for 'Children in Need' last Friday. The treasure hunt was great fun, with children chasing around the playground and Hollow to find the Pudsey bears, while the pin the patch on the Pudsey caused great amusement, with some children being a little awry in their placing of the patch. All children and staff looked great in their spots and the Pudsey created by Mrs Vine to collect the money was full by the end of the day.

Thank you all for supporting this great cause, your efforts in allowing your children to participate in the fun has meant the school has raised approximately £70.00.

Intake for September, 2016

If you have a child which was born between 1st September, 2011 and 31st August, 2012 it is now time to think about where you would like them to attend school. Even if they already have siblings at the school you must apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline from 15th November, 2015 to 15th January, 2016.

If you can't apply online you can get a copy of the First Step Booklet by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk.

Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

Swap Shop

We are keen for our annual pupil Swap Shop to go ahead on Friday December 11th as every year the children love to be able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

So here's how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in on **Friday 4th December** any small donations 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 'Swop 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 on the Swop Shop day so you do not have to send in money!

Letters sent home this week:

Costume letter for School Performances.

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.

Tag Rugby – Cancelled until further notice due to water logged field.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	No computer club Wednesday 25 th Nov
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18th December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5th January.

Friday 27th November – PTFA Bazaar, 3.15pm. Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

Wednesday 16th December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17th December – School Christmas meal.

Thursday 17th December – Christingle Service at St Peter’s Church 2pm. The PTFA will be serving mine pies and teas after the service so please stay and join them.



PTFA

Thank you to everyone who help or attended the cinema night last Friday.
We raised a total of £68.43. Well done

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen’s Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

Raffle Tickets – Christmas Bazaar

These will be on sale for the raffle at the ‘Christmas Bazaar’ on Friday 27th November in the school hall from 2.30pm. We need donations for the raffle please which can be left in a box in the school office. Thank you.

Community News

Children’s hospice South West

On the 24th January Summah Barrow will be doing a sponsored swim to raise money for the children’s Hospice, South West. She will be swimming 1 mile in the Leisure Centre Swimming Pool. If you would like to support her in this please see Nadeanne.

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org

The Military Wives & The Hartland Orchestra Charity Concert

In aid of Northern Lodge

Tuesday November 24th 2015 at 7.00pm

(Doors open 6.00 pm)

The Methodist Church

Bideford High Street

Tickets £15 each and available from:

www.northamlodge.co.uk

Email; tickets@northamlodge.co.uk

Telephone: 01237 477238

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