

A message from Mrs. Denham

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Looking ahead we have some very interesting visits coming up; with the Authors visit in October and the Year 5/6 residential in September. The Years 3's & 4's also start their Swimming and Gym sessions next Tuesday and their parents will be receiving a text this weekend to let them know which group they will be in. You will also notice from the diary dates that we have set dates for the annual activities around Christmas. Please look out for letters that are sent home during the weeks from the class teachers to keep you up to date with what is and will be happening.

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Letters sent home this week.

PTA – Christmas Fete and Auction letter

Years: R, 1 2, 3 & 4 – NHS letter regarding Flu vaccination for your school – forms to be returned to school by Friday 22nd September.

Years 3 & 4 – Film festival letter.

All year groups – Appledore book festival, author visit.

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Funding:

If you are planning on registering for the extra 30 funding before the 29th August can you please then email immediately to adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk, with your insurance number, full name and date of birth of your child + the 11 digit authorization code which you will receive on registering with HMRC. If we (school) have not activated the code before the end of August then the funding will not start until January, 2018.

Further information is available here
<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at
<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

If you are a parent who has been unable to find suitable childcare, please let Devon County Council know by completing this form so they can support you to find childcare and it can help them plan:
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/devon-family-information-directory/childcare-brokerage/unable-to-find-suitable-childcare>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

Hedgehog & Robin Parents

Please can all Hedgehogs and Robins Class parents check that they are not missing any school jumpers. We have several unclaimed and unnamed jumpers in Robins classroom which will be passed on to the school swap shop next Friday.

Hedgehogs Class

Well done to Hedgehogs Class who took part in the Bodycoach live fitness class on Friday along with thousands of other children around the world. We even got a shout out!

New Club

Guardians of Ancorra; is a new club that will be starting on 27th September and running on Wednesdays for 6 weeks. Mrs. Turner is running it with the help of Chris Eales, who works for Scripture Union and also helped us to put on a special Year 6 activity day at the end of last term. The club will involve playing a game on the iPad, which helps children to explore Bible stories and is really fun! The children who showed an interest should have had a letter but if not come and see Mrs. Turner. There are only about 10 places so we may have to run the club in two groups.

Secondary School Transfer – 2018

The system opens on 1st September and closes on 31st October. It is very important that parents apply within this timescale as late applications may be disadvantaged where schools are oversubscribed. The actual application facility will be open at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Parents may express up to three preferences ranked in priority order. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019. Allocation day is Thursday 1st March , 2018

News from the PTA

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Christmas Cards

The children will be designing their own Christmas Cards early this term, and you will be able to order packs nearer to Christmas. This will help to raise funds for our School whilst helping you get organised for Christmas with personalised Christmas cards. More details to follow.



50 50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Pat Wright

Congratulations on winning £15.50!

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Shop

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

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs, 2,4,5&6	
Wednesdays	Guardians of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner		
	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Last day of the autumn term – Friday 15th December, 2017

Start of the Spring term – Tuesday 2nd January, 2018

Diary Dates

Swim & Gym: Year 3 & 4, Tuesday September 26th to Tuesday 28th November (inclusive). Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Author visit: Tuesday 10th October

Harvest service: To be confirmed

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

Christmas service: Thursday 14th December

Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 2 pm,

Community News



Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club; we are planning ahead for September and families will have received an email from school with booking forms attached to show your interest. This year we have seen a fall in numbers and, therefore, we are reviewing the service we offer. For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis, with a short deadline of Monday 17th July. We hope to see many of your bookings come in for the Autumn Term; Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Summer childcare! If your child is in pre-school, Reception class or Year 1 and you are looking for childcare this Summer, we may be able to help! Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org to show your interest.

30 hours funding – did you know you will be able split your funding next year with another setting. If your child is at Holywell Pre-School and has hours to spare in the school holidays (Mrs Palmer will be able to advise you), we may be able to offer you a space in our Kindergarten in the holidays using the hours you are not using at Holywell. Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Good luck... we would like to wish the Year 6 children, many of whom we remember as tots in our nursery, the very best of good luck as you set off to Senior School. Enjoy the next steps of your learning journey and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

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

2017 Carnival

Saturday 16th September

See:

www.barnstaplecarnival.org.uk

for updates information on classes and entries.
