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5th June, 2020

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

How lovely to be back writing a Friday newsletter and what a lovely week we've had back in school. We've had about 30 children back in from reception to Y6 and have a few more starting on Monday.

The children in have been amazing and we are very proud of them. They have tried so hard to follow all the new school guidelines and rules. The children have enjoyed having their own desk and their own resources and weather permitting we have spent a lot of time outside! St Michaels are providing yummy hot lunches for KS1 and any pupil in KS2 who would like them.

We have reorganised the classrooms and staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. We are only taking children back into school at the beginning of each new week and depending on the dimensions of each classroom, we have a limit of the number of pupils in each class/team. Once we reach that limit, we cannot take any more into that team.

For those children remaining at home, can we please remind you that teachers and staff are still posting work to our online learning platform Seesaw throughout the week. We have noticed a decline in the number of children who have been onto Seesaw this week. Just because we are all back in school, it doesn't mean the home learning has stopped! The teachers are missing seeing your amazing work and messages and hope to see you all again back on Seesaw next week.

Thank you so much to the many parents who have sent in lovely supportive e mails and phone calls (whether they have sent their child back to school or are still remaining at home). We have all really appreciated your support through what has been a very unusual and often very difficult time. As you can imagine, things are still altering each day as we get sent new guidelines and information. Many parents are asking us when all the children may be back into school? I promise you, we are only told when you are told - we have no pre warning!

I wish you all a lovely weekend and will leave school with a smile on my face, after feeling that our school is returning a little back to some sort of normality – albeit a new normal!

Devon Family Advice Line

ECI have launched a new phone advice line for parents and carers across Devon on Monday 1 June. The number for the new service is 01392 949059 and it will be manned from 10 – 2pm Monday to Friday. People will be able to leave a message outside of these hours, or when the operators are all busy.

It will offer advice on a specific issue around their children and their family relationships, including any communication issues or conflict they are having with their partners or co-parents of their children.

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School News

Summer Term

The last day of the Summer term will be Friday 17th July, 2020.

**Holywell is a NO NUT
Zone.**

Parent Pay.

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please email Mrs. Palmer.

Thank you.

You will have received an email from Ventrus stating that we are not accepting cash payments. In the next week we plan to get all the uniform orders on to Parent Pay so as you can purchase multiple numbers of the same item.

Items on Parent Pay

Uniform – When you purchase items on parent pay please remember to email elaine.palmer@ventrus.org.uk stating the item and size/s you require.

News from the PTA



Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Hazel Malin on 07974 208835

Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

July 16th, 2020 – Year 6 Leavers service, end of day, timings to be confirmed.

Community News

Village Hall Hire.

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 Friday
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 their website and the parent booking link.

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

Happy Maps

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/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>