

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Thank you to everyone for their best wishes after my recent knee replacement operation. I was very surprised that it went ahead on Saturday – in fact I was the first one into surgery!
I am busy recuperating and resting and will look forward to seeing everyone back in school after the holidays.

It was wonderful to hear how well the boys football team did this week and to hear how much year three and four enjoyed their residential to Sheen Lodge. Many thanks to the staff for being so dedicated and willing to go on residential and ensure the children have a fabulous experience.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter service this afternoon.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter break and hope the snow stays away and the sun shines.

School Helpers

If you help in school and have had a Disclosure and Barring check. Ofsted guidelines now require the school to keep a copy of your right to work in the UK. We therefore need to keep on file a copy of your passport; if you do not have one the school can guide you as to what information we will need sight of. Please bring your passport in to show the admin staff as soon as possible so that the necessary information can be recorded.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

e-Schools

Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it was to book their appointments this way. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have never logged on.

Most schools use electronic systems for paying for trips, sending messages, booking meetings etc. especially secondary schools so slowly Holywell is catching up!

Head lice

We have had yet another case of head lice reported in school so could we please ask that you all check your child's hair the Easter Break Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all back on TUESDAY 17th APRIL for what I am sure will be a busy and enjoyable Summer term.

Robins – Reception

Please practice the new sounds added to the Pink Phonics Book over the holidays.

Foxes WOW day

Foxes will be having their WOW event to celebrate the Spring terms learning on Friday 20th April at 2pm. Prepare to be amazed by our dancing, artwork and much, much more.

Squirrels Wow Afternoon/Morning

We are planning to invite parents in soon after Easter for a Wow activity to round off our topic for this term. Mrs. Curtis is just trying to find a suitable date in an already busy calendar and will let you know as soon as possible when that will be.

Year 5 and 6 Boys Football

Huge congratulations to our team that went to the Barnstaple Learning Community football event on Wednesday. You were all absolutely amazing, especially as we took the minimum amount for a team due to staffing and transport limitations, which meant you, had to play every match! Your team work meant that we have been selected to go forward to represent the learning community at the North Devon schools competition in July. A big thank you to; Mr. Dymond, Mr. Wileman and Mrs. Andrews for all of their help and encouragement at this event.

Year 3 and 4 Residential

A big well done to all of the children in Foxes who went on the Residential to Skern Lodge on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They were amazing in their attitude and behaviour - a real credit to the school. A big thank you to; Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss May who gave up their home life to join us and enable all of our children to truly let their lights shine.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the end of February to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

News from the PTA



PTA Events

Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

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.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Gymnastics Reception & Year 5 children for the following weeks - 24th April, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May. Please remember to collect your child from the Falcons at Tarka Tennis at 3pm on these days. Letter and monies need to be sent into school by Tuesday 17th April. Thank you.

Lifeguard visit – Monday 30th April, 2018. All year groups.

Community News

Biznet - Parenting Support Training

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

Other parenting support for parents and carers can be found on the link below, these include;
The Teenage Years and Handling Anger in the Family.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

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

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



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** 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. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Barnstaple Library-April events

Wednesday 4 April 10.30-12.30 FabLab Workshop Book on fablabdevon.org

Wednesday 4 April 2.00-4.00– Drop in Springtime crafts– FREE– Suitable for all ages.

Friday 6 April 2.00-4.00 FabLab Workshop Book on fablabdevon.org

Monday 9 April 10.30-12.30 Lego Animation workshop– Suitable for ages 7-12. Booking essential in the library.

Tuesday 10 April 10-12-Drop in Springtime Crafts–FREE–Suitable for all ages.

Wednesday 11 April 2-4pm North Devon Animal Ambulance visit. Booking essential in the library

Thursday 12 April 10.30-12.30 FabLab Workshop. Book on fablabdevon.org

Friday 13 April 10-12-Drop in Springtime Crafts–FREE–Suitable for all ages.

Saturday 21 April 10-12 Barnstaple Library Friends Group Coffee morning & crafts

Monday 26 March—Saturday 14 April BIG Easter Egg Hunt–Spot all the hidden eggs & you could win a prize!

Grosvenor Church

Easter Holiday Club 2018

Wednesday 4th April to Friday 6th April 10 am – 1 pm

(Doors Open 9.45 am)

School Years: Reception to Year 6.

Each day will include:

Bouncy castles, face painting, crafts, sports, team games and a Bible talk.

We will be having a Special Family Lunch on Friday 6th at 1 pm.

Only 150 places available, so please ACT NOW!

The cost will be either £5 per day or £12 for all 3 days.

Special family lunch on: Friday 6th at 1 pm.

This will include hot dogs, fish fingers and ice-cream for only £2 per head. Please indicate on the form how many wish to join us and include the payment.

(Please make cheques payable to Grosvenor Church).

Please either post or drop the registration form and money into the church.

This will be the only way to guarantee a place.

Any questions please ring Paula or Susie on 01271 323725

Grosvenor Church, Eastern Avenue, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8PB

North Devon Taiko Drum Project

Do you have rhythm?

Do you have stamina?

Do you like performing?

Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club will be starting on Friday 2nd March in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm

£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com

for more details if you would like to come along

Places on a first come, first served basis.

U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL



**Does your daughter like football?
Is she in school years 3 or 4?
We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!**

**Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she
has talent.**

Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728

e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk