

A message from Mrs. Denham

A big thank you to: Kev, Dymond, Clive Perfect and Rob Broad for sorting out the drainage and laying the gravel. We will not now bring mud into school which Mr. Turner, our cleaner, will be very pleased about. Thank you.

Holywell website – e Schools

We hope you have enjoyed looking at our new website. We are trying to aim to keep these up to date with newsletters, news, trips and visits and dates. The website is mobile phone friendly so please access the website that way too.

We are sending out again letters today each family's unique login details for our eschools learning platform. You will only be able to see your own child's information.

The 2nd week after half term is parent conference week. This year we ask that you login on to e schools using your login information which is on the letter sent home today, and then book your parents conference online. We hope this process is fairly painless and should be quicker for you as parents and for teachers. If you have any problems please see your class teacher.

We really hope you can support us with this new venture!

Data Protection Sheets

In the envelope with your username and password for eschools you will find a data collection sheet for each of your children. Please can you check the information held and correct any discrepancies and fill in any blanks with the correct details. Once you have completed this could you please return them to the school office. Thank you.

Children arriving at school

Please can all children be in the playground ready to line up at 8:50 am. We need them in class and registered and ready to start work by 9 am. If you wish to see the class teacher about any concerns please arrange an appointment or arrive at school early to speak with them. On most days the teachers are available and in their classrooms by 8:30 am.

Lost iPod Touch – £20 reward

Gabriel has mislaid his iPod Touch which he had in school on Wednesday. If anyone finds it, could they please email Gabriel's Mum on antonialidder@hotmail.com.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Secondary School Transfer – 2018

If you have not yet registered your child to move to secondary school, the application line 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

School News

Pupil achievements:

Congratulations and well done to **Olivia James**, who has passed the ASA Stage 4 award and the ASA 400m badge and **Monty Andrews** (year 5) who got his Gold Booktrack badge during the summer at Barnstaple Library, for reading and discussing 100 books. He was lucky enough to be presented his certificate by one his favourite authors, Steve Cole (Astrosaurus, Cows in Action etc.) who gave a very funny talk at the library on Tuesday.



North Devon Cross Country - Shebbear

It is the next cross country event in the league on Sunday 15th October at Shebbear. If you would like to walk the course with Mrs. Hammond, please meet her at 9am. Also don't forget your vest and number!

School Council

It is time for our School Council elections! If you are interested in representing your class and the school throughout this year, then this could be the job for you. If you want to be the child voice of Holywell that can make change happen, this is the job for you!

We are looking for:

Two representatives from each class: Robins, Hedgehogs, Foxes and Squirrels

Year 6: Chairperson, vice chair person

Year 5 and 6: two secretaries, two events organisers.

If you are interested in standing for any of these positions you must create a campaign poster that you can share with your class by next Friday (no poster, no position). A vote will then be taken and the new school council will be formed!

Preschool

We still have a few places available in Pre-school on all days so If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like a few extra hours, please ask them to contact Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908

Funding:

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>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

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

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

School Meal payment to St Michael's

Please note that their new bank details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB

St Michael's Learning centres LTD

Sort code: 30-90-49

Account Number: 53005660

News from the PTA

An invitation from the PTA

Fancy an evening with great food, fine wines, pretty good company, tuuuuunes, oh and the chance to bid on some outstanding lots to raise funds for our amazing school?

Then don't delay and get your tickets for the one and only

Holywell School Auction Night.

What you need to know:

Venue: Portmore Golf Club

Date: Friday 3rd November

Time: 6.30pm until late

Food: 2 Course sit down carvery dinner

Cost: £25/person. Tables of 10 being sold. If there aren't 10 of you don't worry – let us know and we'll put a table together for you.

Lots: There is a list of some of our very generously donated lots attached, although we would welcome any more you may have to offer. A complete catalogue of lots will follow shortly. You don't have to come to the auction to bid though – if any are of interest just let us know along with your top bid and we'll do the work for you.

What to do now: If you are interested please speak to **Kevin Dymond** (Rufus and Felix's Dad) to arrange tickets or contact him on **07803 005647**.

**Tickets must be bought by Friday 13th October.
Only 12 tables available so book early to avoid disappointment!**

Holywell School Auction Night

3rd November 2017

Menu

Roast Exmoor Beef with Homemade Yorkshire puddings

Roast Turkey with Cranberry sauce

Cod Loin on Crushed new potatoes with a pea and mint puree

Goats Cheese and Apricot Nut Roast

All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables

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Baileys Bubble

Homemade Ice cream with a baileys and Maltesers theme on a gingernut base

(contains raw egg)

Raspberry Pavlova

Sticky Toffee Pudding

with butterscotch sauce and salted caramel ice cream

PTA Diary Dates

Disco: Thursday 19th October from 3pm – 5pm in the village hall. Further details will be out soon.

Auction: Friday 3 November at Portmore Golf Club, from 7pm - around 1 am. Further details will be out soon.

Bags2School – Monday 6th November.

Christmas Fayre will be at Roundswell Community Centre on Saturday 9 December from 10am - 3pm. £10 per table: plus a donation for the raffle. If anyone would like a stall they can let us know.

50 50 Club

A letter has been sent home today regarding the 50 50 Club run by the PTA, so far they have given away many cash prizes. If you would like to join this club then they need to have your monies in before the end of next week (Thursday 19th October) to be included in next half terms 50:50 draw. Thank you for supporting your school.



50 50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Number 16

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

Christmas Cards

Bags2School

These have been sent home this week and the date for collection is Monday 6th November. If you or any family members would like any additional bags, these can be obtained from the office.

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

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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, September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st and November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Author visit: Tuesday 10th October

Harvest service: Wednesday 4th October at St Peters Church Tawstock, 9 am.

Tempest individual + family photos – Thursday 2nd November

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

Christmas service: Thursday 14th December

Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 2 pm and Friday 8th December – 6 pm.

Community News



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!

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

After School Library Event

On the 10th October, bestselling children's author Steve Cole is coming for a fun packed after school session here at Barnstaple Library as part of the Appledore Book Festival Schools Week.

Author of the 'Cows in Action' and 'Astrosaurs' series, Steve joins us to talk about his latest book. Tickets are £2.50, payable at the time of booking. Booking is advisable.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

holiday club



An amazingly fun packed day for 6-11 year olds
Based in a laboratory

how cool is that?!

Monday 23rd October 9.00-4.30 at Kinglsey School, Bideford
Thursday 26th October 9.00-4.30 at Petroc, Barnstaple

To book go to:

www.sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-clubs/
or call/text 07847006048.

£35 per child



Electrifying

Hands-on science workshop for kids

Saturday 21st October @ Barnstaple Library

This workshop will make your hair stand on end!



make series & parallel circuits
investigate insulators & conductors
silly fun with static electricity
play with the magic orb & the cosmic ball
make a buzz-wire game or light up pic (take home)



Suitable for all primary school aged kids. £15 per child.

Choose between am (10-12) or pm (1-3) session. Book via the website:

www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/

Or email: sciencedipity@outlook.com



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