

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

What a very busy week; our Y2 pupils have worked extremely hard with positive attitude throughout their SAT's tests, we are also so proud of the sporting teams who have competed this week – we love hearing comments about their sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Well done to you all.

We have also welcomed our September intake and their families to the school on their first of three visits. It was lovely to meet the children and parents and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

Cleaning Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner for our school. The hours are roughly 2.5 hrs. day, timings can be discussed. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested please call into the school office or phone (01271) 345908 or email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

Robins Class – Year 1's

As we are approaching the last half of the summer term we need to get the Robins year 1's ready to become a year 2. Therefore, after half term can we ask that all Robin year 1's stay in the playground until the bell is rung and then line up next to the Hedgehogs children.

As we are entering DBS Checked Parent 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. 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 still not logged on.

Head lice

We have had a case of head lice reported in school so could we please ask that you all check your child's hair this weekend. Thank you.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to greeting you back on Monday 4th June, for what I am sure will be a very busy and fun half term.

Dear Parents,

We would like to set up a gardening club after school on a Friday to keep the Memorial Garden and school areas tidy. Please could 1 or 2 parents help us run this club? If you can only help every other week or once a month we may be able to arrange a rota.

Thank you Archie Barstow and Ethan Liepa

What a busy week of sport!

Huge congratulations to the school Rounders team who came 4th at the Park and Pilton learning community competition on Monday. Your success means that we will now represent Park at the North Devon Schools in a few weeks' time.

Well done to:

Fred Cockbain Monty Andrews Adam Rashid, Billy Dudden, Kyle Smith, Finley Ellis, Madison Wilson, Leah Smith, Holly Perfect, Rufus Dymond, Kodie Harmer and Katy Pullen.

Big thank you: to Mr. Cockbain and Mr. Wilson for driving and Mrs. Garland for being the supervising adult.

A super well done: to the schools Mixed Cricket team who played in the Kwik Cricket event at Instow on Thursday. We managed a very respectable 3rd in our group and were an absolute delight to accompany throughout the competition.

Well done to: Leah Smith, Kodie Harmer, Adam Rashid, Aidan Milton, Fred Cockbain, Charlie Wileman, Monty Andrews, Fin Ellis, Billy Dudden and Danny Coram.

On-line Safety

Please see the article below about the game Fortnite and the separate newsletter regarding online safety which is also attached to the email. Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information

on the CEOP <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

and NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

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 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



Save the date – Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm - Holywell Rocks

The PTA are busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event.

It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.

Op 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	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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

Thursday 21st June, 2018 – Tempest Photography

Friday 29th June, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 1.

Friday 6th July, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 2.

Wednesday 25th July, 2018 – The **year 6 assembly** will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

Community News

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!

Links you may be interested in?

www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk

Courses

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

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>