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Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Wow what an amazing week we have had celebrating the 200th anniversary of Holywell School. We started the week with a lovely visit from a family who have had 4 generations being taught at Holywell. The highlight of the talk was Great Granma who is 94 years old telling the children she was given the cane across her hands for talking!

The children looked amazing in their costumes on Monday, they have looked at books and artefacts about the school, handled Victorian items and old fashioned toys, suggested items for our time capsule and written some beautiful reasons why Holywell is such a special school for our book. Today the children loved their morning in the hall playing old fashioned games and going on the bouncy castle, we all loved the family picnic lunch on the school field and we thought it was great fun to have a birthday cake for the school and sing happy birthday to a building! The day was finished with the amazing Year 6 performing their outstanding play "Jill and Fred's hysterical historical adventure." The acting was wonderful, with many costume changes and the singing was spectacular. Well done Y6 and Mrs Hammond and Mrs Scott for producing it with the children. What a superb week of celebrations it has been. Thank you all for all your support and a special thank you to the amazing PTA for all they have done to support the week.

To continue our busy week, on Tuesday the Y 6's received their SATs results and we are very pleased to say that they are all superstars. The results were wonderful and the children should be very, very proud of themselves. You have certainly shone your light Year 6.

On Tuesday, Mr. Day and Mrs. Denham took Y6 8 children from Holywell, Bratton and Ashleigh to Wimbledon. It was a very long day but a most treasured experience which will be remembered by all for a long time.

Many thanks for all the generous donations for break time toast; we have raised £126 for Edukid - a fabulous end to this school years support of Morrish.

SAUNTON SANDS:

On Monday we have our annual trip to Saunton Sands beach. As the weather is looking to be very hot, please ensure:

- Children to wear clothes appropriate to wear at the beach
- Bring a packed lunch and plenty of cold drinks
- **Bring SUNCREAM**
- **Bring a SUNHAT**

- Named bucket and named spade

Please ensure you are at school promptly by 8.45am if possible so we can leave the school asap. Many thanks for your support.

FOXES CLASS:

We've had a fabulous week celebrating in Fox's class. The children have produced some fabulous writing about why Holywell is so special to them and created a class book to go in the time capsule detailing what they do in and out of school. The children also enjoyed dressing up, playing with traditional toys, took part in a very strict spelling bee, the girls practiced their sewing and in PE they learned some new skipping rhymes and a game called 3 sticks (from the 1980s!) I think we all wish it could be the school's birthday every day!!

Ventrus Parent Survey

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 15th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

School News

Places now available for free holiday activities with meals this summer

Places are now available for children from across Devon, aged five to 16 years old, who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday activities with meals this summer.

It's our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#), providing free physical activities as well as healthy, nutritional, hot meals, for four weeks over the summer break.

This time, we've got 40,000 places available for a range of activities including sports and coaching opportunities; indoor and outdoor play activities; outings to local parks and beaches; magic and circus skills; film making, arts and crafts; music; cooking; theatre workshops; yoga and mindfulness, and a lot more.

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, our Cabinet Member with responsibility for children's services, said:

"School holidays can be difficult for some families, with added costs of food for example – especially now with rising food prices. For some, it can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children possibly more likely to feel social isolation and less likely to enjoy healthy exercise.

"We know young people value this time, and we're delighted once again to be working with even more providers this summer to arrange an even fuller programme."

You can read the full story, with details about how to book, [on the news page of our website](#).



ParentPay

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance. None of these account should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

Morrish – Tasty Toast - £3.00

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC –

Squirrels class – Gymnastics

All Year Groups – Saunton Sands

Current Year 4 & 5 – London Residential

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family



Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri mornings) beatrice.hutchinson@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 9-11am (term-time)

Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.

Children £2 – Adults £1

Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)

Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.

For details call Emma on 07368 422791 or Philly on 07799 543781

School Holidays

We meet up every Wednesday at Tawstock Village Hall and throughout the school holidays too. All ages and abilities are welcome. No pre-booking required. Snacks and Drinks provided. All staff are fully D.B.S checked.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Diary Dates:

July 11th (Monday) – **Saunton sands beach trip.**

July 15th (Friday) – **Year 6 leavers service** – Tawstock Village Hall at 2pm.

Survey for parents, carers and guardians

How would you rate the current experience for children, young people and families growing up in Devon? The thoughts and opinions you share are really important to us and will have a direct impact on the way we shape and develop the vision and visual identity for a Child Friendly Devon.

[What is important to you and your family](#)

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Library. Also below is a link to the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Family survey

The Children’s Commissioner has been asked to undertake an Independent Review into family life. This Review is a chance to really understand what family means to the nation, what they feel about family, what support is already in place and what more we can do. If you would like to have a say, please complete the survey. [Family survey](#)

Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.
First day of the Autumn term Monday 5th September 2022.
Non-Pupil Days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you for supporting the cake sale and refreshments in the bicentenary celebrations! As well as making bunting and providing entertainment and a commemorative tree, we have ordered some lovely keepsakes to mark the occasion and we hope they will arrive next week.

Ice Lolly sale

Every Friday after school, weather permitting, 50p a lolly. Please dispose of the wrapper responsibly! If you are early for pick up, you are welcome to help set up the table.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, there is also a prize draw. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!