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12th November 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to thank our amazing PTA for all their support and their constant efforts to involve all children and parents with fun activities and in the process raising much need funds for the school. They have provided wonderful support all through the difficult last few years.

They have given each class £100 for the teachers to spend on resources for the children which has been so very appreciated. They have also given £1000 to be spent on reading resources to support our new reading programme for KS2 called Accelerated Reader and £456 to subsidise the Gymnastics sessions which all children will participate in during this academic year. As part of the school community every parents is a member of the PTA but if you would like to become more active and help the committee members with organising some of these events please contact Secretary, Hazel Malin or Chair, Lucia Gomar.

In the past couple of weeks, they have organised the Christmas Cards, proofs of which have been sent home today so as you can place your orders.

Thank you to all parents who met with their child's class teacher during parent conferences this week. Teachers always enjoy these meetings and I am very grateful to them and to you for taking the time out of busy lives to meet.

School News

Bratton Fleming Cross Country

Thank you so much to the parents who took their children to the Cross Country at Bratton Fleming on Wednesday and to Mr. Day for organising the event for 8 school. The children did amazingly well in their age groups and the results are as follows:

Lola – 5th

Freya – 8th

Callan – 13th

Paddy – 10th

Evan- 32nd

Tia 25th

Gracie – 23rd

North Devon Cross Country League

North Devon Cross Country League – Northam Burrows, Sunday 7th November

Huge congratulations to the children that represented Holywell at the cross country on Sunday. Despite the lovely overhead conditions, it was very damp underfoot! None the less as always our wonderful children dug deep and were amazing in their efforts and support of each other.

Results were:

Year 3 and 4 Girls: Lola 6th

Year 3 and 4 Boys: Jack 31st, Daniel 55th

Year 5 and 6 Girls: Freya 32nd, Ruby 36th, Flossie 45th

St Peter's Church, Tawstock

St Peter's Church, supported by members of Tawstock Parish Council are leading an act of remembrance at the Tawstock War Memorial on Sunday 14th November beginning at 10.50am. Young and old are welcome as we honour the sacrifice of many and pray for peace. The act of remembrance will be followed at 11.10am by free coffee and bacon butties in the village hall; donations to the royal British legion welcome.

School Council – Children in Need

For children in need this year you can dress up in spots or pyjamas for £1.00. You can also take part in a dressing up your teddy competition. Your teddy has to wear spots. Representatives from different classes will judge this. You will have to pay 20p to enter. One person in each class will get a prize. There is also a colouring competition, it is also 20p to enter. There will be a winner for each class. After school we will have a cake sale. Please can you donate cakes if possible to the office on Friday 19th November.

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,

http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

Jumper Days

Every Friday starting on November 26th until the end of term on Friday 17th December children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to make a one off payment to donate £2.00 via ParentPay which we will send to the charity.

ParentPay Payments

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

ParentPay

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

Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)

Christmas Jumper Day

Children in Need?

Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 8th January, 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads'

We are consulting on this between 1st November 2021 and 8th January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

St Peter's Church Tawstock invites Holywell children and their families to join them for a family service on Sunday 21st November. These services start at 11am and will be shorter than normal (40 minutes) and will have something for everyone to enjoy. There is an area of church set aside for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks.

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.

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>

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).

Breakfast Club – please confirm dates booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

After-School Club (4:15 and 5:15 finish). Please confirm by email the dates and finish times booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

If you are going to be late 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)

DIARY DATES:

23rd & 30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. **Can parents please collect their child at 3pm. School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them.**

November 4th (Thursday) – Tempest photos – individuals and family groups.

November 8th – 12th November (Week) – Parent Conference appointments online. We will publish further details as soon as they are available.

November 27th 2020 (Friday) – Christmas Jumper day. Followed by Friday 3rd, 10th, and 17th December.

December 10th (Friday) – Christmas Lunch, children only this year due to Covid restrictions.

December 15th (Wednesday) – Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 2pm to 3pm

December 15th (Wednesday)– Flu Immunisation

December 16th (Thursday) - Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 9:20am to 10:20am

December 16th (Thursday) – Carol service and Christingle at Tawstock Parish Church – 2pm to 3pm.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone who brought and bought cakes today! We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30 pm on Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77435138735?pwd=WjF3cEJaWUJpcmJTanhJVWICNFNKUT09>

Meeting ID: 774 3513 8735

Passcode: bkMXW5

Chistmas cards

Sample cards with your children's designs have been distributed today. Please could we have your orders and payment back by next Thursday 18th November.

Christmas Fayre

This will take place on Thursday 2nd December 2.30-4pm in the village hall and in preparation we would like to ask for the following items to be donated: soft toys for 'adopt a teddy', full bottles of anything for the 'bottle tombola' and items suitable for a hamper for the raffle. Please could all donations be brought in by the 22nd of November. We would also love to hear from anyone who can volunteer on the day!

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.