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3rd December 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Well done to our PTA members who together rapidly organised a very different Christmas Fayre this year due to the changing COVID situation. The children were able to enjoy the many inside stalls which they had organised and the weather stayed fine so stalls were also able to set up outside. We are so grateful for all the PTA do – they really are wonderful. Thank you to the whole team 😊

Important information regarding Breakfast and After School Clubs

We have been so pleased that there has been a good uptake of Breakfast Club and After School Club this term. To reassure parents who use the clubs, we are very pleased to announce that we will be able to continue as now until the end of this academic year.

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends or staff members please make sure that the envelope is clearly marked with the recipient's full name, and class. These can then be placed in the box which will be placed outside or just inside the office door, if raining. The core School Council Members will then distribute these during the day. The box will be available from Wednesday 8th December. Please **DO NOT** send cards in before this date.

School News

Swap Shop

Our annual pupil SWAP SHOP will go ahead on the morning of Monday December 13th 2021. We would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations (from Monday December 6th) of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful. On the day the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day. There will be no charge so you do not have to send in money!

Flu Immunisation – email sent home this week – copy below.

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on Wednesday 15th December.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

[Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

We will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 8th December 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 to 12 noon and then 14:00 until 16.30)

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Foxes and Squirrels – Friday 10th December

Please can all children come to school wearing their outdoor learning clothes for our VE celebration as part of our World War 2 topic on **Friday 10th December**.

Nativity ticket allocation

If you would like your 2 tickets for the school Nativity which is beginning held on Wednesday 15th December at 2pm or Thursday 16th December at 9.15pm can you please email the school holywell@ventrus.org.uk stating which performance you would like. **LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR THESE TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER**. Due to the changing COVID situation there will be **NO 2nd** round of ticket allocation at present.

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 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. The ParentPay link will stay open for those of you who have not yet made the £2.00 donation.

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:

Christmas Jumper Day

School Meals

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)

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Clerk to Governors

The Trust wish to appoint a number of Clerks to provide administrative support to the Local Governing Boards of several school within the Trust. Please follow this link which will take you to the application on the Ventrus website

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

Catering opportunities

WANTED

Do you have free time whilst your children are at school?

If you would like to be considered for a casual role in catering and are flexible with your availability, to cover when catering staff are absent, then please contact Christine Guard – Mobile Number 07891505816 or for more information please email hr@ventrus.org.uk.

Hourly rate: £9.25

Please note that this position is neither a permanent or temporary position, and there is no guarantee of the offer of any minimum quantum of work. Assignments may be offered at the sole and absolute discretion of the Trust when available, and there is no obligation on any worker to accept a minimum number of assignments, if offered.

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.

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>

DIARY DATES:

December 10th 2021 (Friday) – Christmas Jumper day. Followed by Friday 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.

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 very much for your support with the Christmas Fayre! A very special thanks to all the volunteers for giving their time so generously!

Asda Green Tokens

We are thrilled to have been accepted in this scheme, which is now online and available to anyone, no purchase necessary. Simply vote in this link: <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4399>

Christmas Cards

Our order has been dispatched and will be in school next week.

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.