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29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

### A message from Mrs. Denham

It has been so lovely to see all the children in their Christmas Jumpers today. Remember they are now able to wear them every Friday until we break up for Christmas. If you forgot your £2 donation to Save the Children Fund today, please bring this in next week.

### Christmas Performance Tickets

We will be sending home next week, 2 tickets for the Wednesday performance and 2 tickets for the Friday evening performance to each family in Foxes and Squirrels, you can then return any tickets you do not require and request further tickets, if available, for these performances. The Tuesday performance will be performed to Reception, KS 1 children, and St Michael's Nursery. Any parents who wish to attend this performance can contact the office and request tickets. We would ask that if you wish to bring pre-school aged children to see the performance that you bring them to the Tuesday afternoon showing.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP

We are planning on holding our annual **CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP** in school on the morning of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This is where the children are able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that will have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help! This is how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations of presents suitable for a mums, dads, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. from **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Also, if you have any spare wrapping paper this would also be welcomed. 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.**

### Admission to Primary School September 2020 for children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016

The application facility opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and closes at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. 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 online address on which to apply is [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

### Driving Through the Villages of Taw stock & Eastacombe:

Please can I remind everyone driving to school through the lanes and villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce your speed accordingly. We have received several complaints from the local community regarding the inconsiderate speed at which some cars are travelling. We also have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from our school. We all leave and arrive at different time, so please respect other road users and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

### Parking in the village hall car park and blocking the farm track.

This week we have received a few complaints about parents parking outside of school. Can we please ask that we are all considerate of other car drivers. We try and get all the children out on time but on occasions this may not happen. We ask that parents just wait patiently for the cars in the middle to move and not try a squeeze past while children are loading. If you need to get away at the end of the day can you, please park in the road. Also, can parents please not park on the farm track or block the entrance to it. Every day the St Michaels' mini-bus needs to drive on to the lane to collect the children who are attending their after school club. There mini-bus should be the only vehicle on the track.

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**School News**  
**Autumn term**

**The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

**The first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

# **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## **Pupil Achievements**

**Congratulations and well done to: Amber Malin**, who has achieved both her Level 1 Water Skill certificate and the Rainbow 5 metres award through the Swim England Award Scheme. Excellent work **Amber**, keep it up.

## **Foxes Class,**

They have earned their next marble jar treat! They voted for a party so on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we will have one before lunchtime.

They can wear their own clothes as long as they have practical shoes, clothing that is warm enough and a coat as usual.

We will have a little snack party food but they will still need their normal lunch.

We will also be putting up our class Christmas decorations in this time and playing some party games.

## **Foxes Class**

A letter has been sent home this week with your child about Reading. If you haven't seen this letter can you, please ask your child to check their bag. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. Turner or Miss Shapland.

## **Robins Wow Day**

Robins Wow Day will be taking place on Monday **9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. Please come and enjoy a celebration of our learning this term and share in a special workshop with a Christmas theme.

Thank you

## **Road Closure**

As some of you will know, that the road through Tawstock has 'Road Closure' notices on it. This does not directly affect the school, as the road will be open from the Eastacombe direction at all times. However, we have spoken with the contractors and they have informed us that there will be three separate closures at different times. We have been informed that these will take place as follows, but could alter (as the work dictates).

They are:

**Closure** Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December – The road from Lake. The work will be taking place at the junction of the fork turning to the Church. They are not sure how many days this will be closed for, but hopefully only a couple of days.

**Closure** Probably the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December – The road will be closed just below the phone box, before the junction off to Newbridge, as you approach from the Lake side.

There will be pedestrian access.

The manager for the works has told us that he will keep us updated, which we will then pass on as necessary.

## **Measuring the Height & Weight of Children in Reception and Year 6**

If you do not wish your child to take part, please complete the online form <http://devon.cc/ncmp> by 1st December.

## **Church News and current Christian Value**

### **Value: Peace**

All the children have started thinking about our new value of peace this week and writing prayers for peace.

## **Hedgehog and Robin Christmas Nativity**

This will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, at the church as part of the Christingle service. All welcome!

### **Foxes Class**

On Monday 2nd December, Foxes Parents are welcome to come in for our Wow afternoon to see some of our work from this term. Arrive at 2.45pm.

### **Tawstock -Community Phone Box**

Thank you for those that kindly donated. Please pop in and take a look. If you have any books which you are able to donate, please take them along to fill the shelves. Thank you.

### **Parent Pay.**

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and it has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

### **Items on Parent Pay**

**Indoor Athletics – 12 children in Yrs. 5 & 6.**

**Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4**

### **Guitar Lessons**

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested, please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons**



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and woodwind lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email [imsnorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:imsnorthdevon@gmail.com)

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

### **News from the PTA**



Thank you to everyone that donated a bottle today for non-uniform day, we've now got a great variety of items for the stall! If you forgot your bottle, please don't panic we will happily take bottle donations up until the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our next request is for empty jam jars for the 'Lucky Jars' stall! If you do have any, please bring them in to school early next week and give them to Katherine Broad or another member of the PTA.

**Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to support us through shopping online with easyfundraising** – we're really grateful. We have already raised over £45!

If you haven't signed up yet, please do it before you shop online next time – it only takes a few minutes and it will really help us.

For more info and to sign up, go to:

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

### **Forthcoming events:**

Christmas Fair, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 – 4.30pm

### **Op Shop**

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

## **Club**

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>No club until the Spring Term</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>No club until the Spring Term</b>
Friday	Dodge Ball	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, % 6	<b>No club until the Spring Term</b>

## **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019** – Foxes Wow Day. Please arrive at 2.45 pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Hedgehog Wow Day. Please arrive at 2:15 pm.

**6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – PTA - Christmas Fayre 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

**6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Jumper Day.

**This year's KS 2 Christmas Performance is: Lights, Camel, Action 2 – The sequin!**

**10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Performance at 1.30 pm Dress Rehearsal

**11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Performance at 3.30 – 5 pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Performance at 5.30 – 7 pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Jumper Day.

Details regarding the ticket allocation will be circulated soon.

**16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Annual Sway Shop, further details to follow for our new parents.

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Lunch, please look out for the letter which will be sent home shortly. Adult places are allocated on a first come first served basis which must include payment.

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 2 pm

**20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019** – Christmas Jumper Day.

**18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4.

## **Term Dates 2019 – 2020**

A full list of dates can be found on the school website under 'Links and Downloads' on the home page

## **Community News**

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children's birthday party is now £45.00.

## **St Michael's Nursery**

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

## **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 Sue on 07890 046033.

## **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 53366

## **Links you may be interested in?**

### **The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington**

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

### **Romarsport**

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

[www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com) link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

### **HappyMaps**

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

### **Outdoors Group**

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

### **Riverdart.co.uk – event 30<sup>th</sup> March**

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

### **Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court**

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

### **On-line Safety**

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

The NSPCC website

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

### **Some good sources of information and advice for parents:**

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm  
Call 0344 381 4772 or email [enquires@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:enquires@saferinternet.org.uk)

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from the NSPCC: on social networks, app and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organization; working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

### **West Buckland School Activity Day**

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

### **Early Help for Mental Health**

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

### **Early Help**

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

### **Courses for Parents and Children**

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

The above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.

**Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)**

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

**Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCECC/bulletins/20a0199>

**Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>