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A message from Mrs. Denham

The Year 5 & 6 children have had a fantastic week on their residential to St. George's House. They have taken part in canoeing, surfing, scrambling, fencing, archery, to name but a few.

I would like to thank all the staff who have helped to make this residential such a huge success, Mrs. Curtis, Mr. Day, Mr. Buckton, Mrs. Carlyon, Mr Anderson, Miss May, Ms. Scott, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Garland, Mrs Arend and Mrs. Crockford.

Road closure on the B3232 from the Roundswell Roundabout.

Since contacting Devon County Council's Highways Department at the beginning of the week, we have been constantly trying to make contact with the contractors, who have not responded to our messages. Therefore we can only make suggestions to you.

- We are very happy for you to drop and leave your children at school from 8.30am so that you can return before they close the road. We will make sure that they are safe.
- That you try and arrange car sharing.
- That at pick up time you travel to the school via Lake, off the Sticklepath Hill, and
- Leave via the road leading to New Bridge and Bishop's Tawton.

We will fully understand if you are late collecting your child and will again make sure they are safe until you arrive.

HELP! HELP! HELP! We would like to put a suspended ceiling into Robin's Class to reduce the noise from such a high ceiling. As the school is a listed building, we have to apply for permission to alter the inside of the building. We need internal plans drawn to scale of the room! Is there anyone out there that could help us or knows of anyone who could help us?? We would be so very grateful.

PTA Meeting/AGM will be held at the school on Weds 26th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend including new parents to the school. It would be lovely to greet new parents onto the committee. If you can't always attend the meetings but are able to help with the organisation of events or to help run them on the day please contact Emma Barstow - 07976 269525

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

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 is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

School News

Cheques

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

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.

Clubs:

Due to a staff meeting the Netball club will now start on Monday 24th September.

Mrs. Hammond will be running netball club for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 after school on a Monday, finishing at 4:15pm. This will start on the 24th September.

Mr. Day will be running a Boxing club for children in KS2 on a Wednesdays, finishing at 4.30 pm
The club is aimed at introducing KS2 children to boxing for fitness. The sessions will teach correct boxing teaching techniques for fitness using gloves & pads, introducing them to related fitness and flexibility drills with loads of fun thrown in!

Mr. Dymond will be running football club for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 after school on a Thursday, finishing at 4:15pm. This will start on the 20th September.

Yazzy

On the 5th of October local singer/songwriter Yazzy will be visiting Holywell School to talk about her musical journey and experiences, including her recent performance to 10,000 people supporting Paloma Faith at Glastonbury Abbey. Yazzy hopes to inspire and encourage the children to take part in musical activities and learn more about the industry. There will also be a chance for a few children to perform with Yazzy on the day and a chance to meet her after school, where she will be selling her CD's for £5 and merchandise t-shirts for £10 as well as a one to one talk with any children who may wish for that.

Break time snacks for year 3

The government doesn't provide free fruit for children beyond year 2. If your year 3 child would like a fruit snack at break time please provide one for them.

News from the PTA



Christmas Gifts

Don't forget – your children's personally designed Christmas cards and other gifts will be available for you purchase. Drawing templates will be coming home soon.

Op Shop

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

Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts on Monday 24th September
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	Starts on Tuesday 18th September
Wednesdays	Boxing	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts on Wednesday 19th September
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	Starts on Thursday 20th September
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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Christmas Performances KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)

Wednesday 12th December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.

Thursday 13th December, - Performance starts 2pm

Friday 14th December, - Performances starts 6pm. The children will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm.

Wednesday 19th December, - Whole school Christmas lunch - 11.50 am.

Wednesday 19th December, - KS1 Nativity and whole school Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

Community News

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

Brownies – spaces available

The Brownies that meet at St Michael's nursery in Sticklepath on a Wednesday evening 6.15 to 7.30pm for girls aged 7 – 11 years have a few spaces available. If you would like further information please text or call on 07770 910702.

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

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

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

Links you may be interested in?

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 Plough Torrington

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

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website

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