

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Safeguarding:

We would very much appreciate it if adults collecting children from school would not use the village hall toilets. When the school are using the hall the children go to the toilet on their own, and this has caused us some concern over recent weeks. Thank you

North Devon Cross Country League

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Smith who has kindly donated the medals for the X Country children due to a mix-up with the league organisers.

Year 2 Tennis Festival

Well done to all the year 2's for your effort at the Tennis Festival this week and also for your positive and polite behaviour which was commented on by the organisers and staff members from other schools. Well done. Also, thank you to Mrs. Ingle for her support and help at this event. Without the help of our willing parents many of the events would be unable to take place. Thank you.

DBS Checked Parent Helpers

If you help in school and have had a Disclosure and Barring check. Ofsted guidelines now require the school to keep a copy of your right to work in the UK. We therefore need to keep on file a copy of your passport; if you do not have one the school can guide you as to what information we will need sight of. Please bring your passport in to show the admin staff as soon as possible so that the necessary information can be recorded.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

E-Schools - Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it was to book their appointments this way. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have never logged on.

Pupil achievements

Well done and congratulations to:-

Isabella Arnold: for achieving her 10m swimming award with the ASA.

House Group Morning

As Green team (St Patrick) were the house team winners at the end of the Spring term, they will be allowed to wear non-school uniform on Monday 30th April. If you are not sure which colour team your child is in please ask them as they should know.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented

musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the **end of APRIL** to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

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 has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

News from the PTA



Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

Shop

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

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Will not be starting until 16th May
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October
Return Monday 29th October
End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Friday 29th June, 2018 – Sports Day – Take 1.

Friday 6th July, 2018 – Sports Day – Take 2.

Wednesday 25th July, 2018 – The year 6's assembly will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

Community News

Links you may be interested in?

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

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

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

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 Mel:

07866783740

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



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

