



1st March, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

Parents Evening/Conferences

The staff will be holding parents evening/conference during the week commencing 11th March. As soon as the dates and times have been finalised we will send out an email asking you to book an appointment. You will be able to do this by phone, email or calling into the office

Easter Service 3rd April.

This year's Easter service will be held at St Peters Church, Tawstock at 9 am on Wednesday 3rd April. On this day we are asking if you could kindly drop off your children at the church rather than school. We are also hoping that many of you will be able to stay and join us in this celebration. You are all very welcome.

Tempest Photos

Your child should have brought home a class school photo this week. If you would like to purchase a copy please return the form with payment by Thursday 7th March. Thank you.

Internet Safety

Please see below the letter from Mrs. Denham. Also, please find attached the Online Safety Newsletter for March 2019.

World Book Day

Please see below the letter from Mrs. Hammond regarding this year's World Book Day celebrations London

Residential October, 2019

On Monday Year 4 & 5 children will be bringing home a letter regarding this residential.

Autumn term

The start of the Autumn term is on Tuesday 3rd September, 2019.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children in school are aware of, and have been talking about videos and communications relating to a social media and internet challenge called "Momo Challenge". Following a little research, this challenge is very worrying as it shows an image designed to frighten children and uses media such as What's App to send messages very inappropriate messages. There is now information however, to say that the whole thing has been a hoax. Police in the UK have not reported any instances of children harming themselves due to the momo meme and the charity Samaritans said it was "not aware of any verified evidence in this country or beyond" linking the momo meme to self-harm.

Police have suggested that rather than focusing on the specific momo meme, parents use the opportunity to educate children about internet safety, as well as having an open conversation about what children are accessing. It is suggested that a better focus is good positive advice for children, setting up technology appropriately and taking an interest in their online interactions.

In response to this information, we have spoken to the children using age appropriate language to encourage them to communicate to their parents or a responsible adult anything that they see or hear online and from their peers.

The UK Safer Internet Centre encourages open and honest conversations with young people about the kind of content they could encounter online, and to ensure children know what to do and who to turn to if they do come across something that makes them feel worried or upset. It is also important that to safeguard the young people in our care we are only sharing factual and useful information.

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

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

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

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

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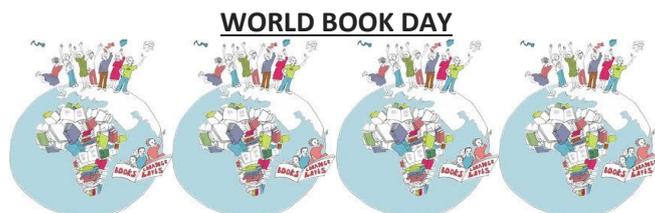
Advice from the NSPCC: on social networks apps and games.

<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.

I hope this information is helpful and that the children continue to speak openly with adults both inside and outside of school about content on the internet which causes them concern and/or confusion.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in striving to keep our children safe online.



To celebrate next weeks 'World Book Day,' Holywell will be having a morning of Literacy (Thursday 7th March). Throughout the morning your child/ren will be participating in an author visit/workshop from Amy Winfield and participating in activities with their class mates around the joy of reading and the sharing Literacy. Amy will be selling some of her books titles of which are below (there is no obligation to buy!):

My books are The Star Pirate, The Comet Cat, The Night Hound and The Aurora Bear which is all part of Ebony's Legacy. Aimed for ages 7+ another series is Galactic Riders which aimed for 6+. Currently there is one book out but the second is nearly there! This series is all about dragons and their riders in space.

There are a couple of books aimed for the younger readers one is called Star's Birthday Wish which is about a duck who wishes to fly. The other is called Quilbert and the Winter King. This book is about a young hedgehog that wakes up in the winter and ventures outside.

The last one is called The Moon Owl. This one is a companion to Ebony's Legacy as it has the same characters but is a shorter and completely separate story. So ideal for those that just need that little bit more encouragement to read by themselves.

All my books are £5.99 each or 2 for £10, 3 for £15 and so on.

We would also like the children of Holywell to show their enjoyment of the characters in the books that they love to read by dressing up as them (they must be a character from a fiction book – **ANY fiction book** – not a sports personality or from a TV programme etc.). We look forward to seeing if we can spot who is who!

Your child will also be given a £1 book token which they can then spend in all well-known bookshops.

If you have any questions or queries about these activities, please see your class teacher or Mrs Hammond.

Chorister Outreach Exeter – March 2nd

Thank you to all those parents who will be taking their child to Exeter tomorrow, to take part in the Chorister Outreach, Concert Day. We are looking forward to the event

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.

News from the PTA



Forthcoming events:

Cinema night's on Friday 8 March.

Working party needed for the Holywell Hollow on Saturday 9th March at 9am.

Easter Trail on Friday 29th March

Bags2School – dates in May and October, 2019.

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	No Netball – Weds 4th March
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	No Pottery - Tues 5th March
Wednesdays	Tag rugby	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No Tag rugby – Weds 6th March
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No X Country – Fri 15th March

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Autumn term starts, - Tuesday 3rd September, 2019.

Diary Dates

Friday 15th March – Holywell School Coffee morning 9 am to 10:30 am, Tawstock village hall.

Sunday 25th March – School Gymnastic Competition.

Friday 15th March - <https://www.specsavers.co.uk/red-nose-day>

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

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 533668

Links you may be interested in?

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

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Red Nose Day

<https://www.specsavers.co.uk/red-nose-day>

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/>

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

The Plough Torrington

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

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

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

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

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

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>