

A message from Mrs. Denham

What a week! We have been expecting OFSTED for the last 18 months so when the call came on Monday it was a relief that they were finally coming to inspect us. I just wanted to say thank you to those parents who found time to fill in the Parent view survey and write lovely supporting letters and to those parents who kindly spoke to the inspector.

The inspector was full of praise for all your children – for their behaviour, kindness and support of each other. I am so proud of them all.

We cannot say what the result is yet as we have to wait until it gets officially published which hopefully will be before the end of term.

I want to say a huge thank you to the whole school team for their dedication, hard work, support and loyalty during this last week. I was thrilled how everyone tried their very best.

Another thank you must go to St Michael's' for the yummy cream cakes they sent in – they were much appreciated!

However, we couldn't believe it that whilst I was taking part in lesson observations with the inspector, Mrs Palmer came to me with the phone saying its OFSTED for an inspection at Bratton Fleming!! Luckily OFSTED saw sense and said they would defer Bratton for a few days/ weeks!

We are so pleased to announce that our new website is finally up and running. It has taken a while for the transition from the old to the new to happen but we have got there. We want the new website to be much more user friendly for parents and for it to be kept up to date. The website is mobile phone friendly too so you can access it easier than having to go through the internet. We will send out more information in the next couple of weeks about its use as we would like the website to be used for messages, newsletters, school and PTA news and events and the school calendar.

Car Parking and 3:15 pm pick-up

Please can we ask that the parents who are picking their children up from school at 3:15 pm not to arrive until 3:10 pm. In recent weeks parents picking up at 3 pm have been stuck in the car park until 3:20 pm. Thank you.

School News

Pupil Achievements:

We would like to send Good Luck and Best Wishes to: Felicity Ayres, Bella Ayres and Lannah Barrow; who will be travelling to Melksham this weekend for their compulsory grades - **Good luck girls.**

Congratulations and well done to: Evangeline Ingle, who has completed the 'Amateur Swimming Associations' stage 2 and 5m swimming awards.

Red Nose Day Friday 24th March - noses will be on sale each morning from Monday 20th March, 2017 – Cost £1.00.

Red Nose Day – School Council

On the 24th March we will be raising money for charities throughout red nose day. To raise money we will be:

- ❖ Having a red non-school uniform day. For this we would like you to come in wearing as much red as you wish – cost 50p
- ❖ A competition for the children to design their own 'Red Nose' – cost 20p
- ❖ Red noses will be for sale each morning in the school playground – cost £1.00
- ❖ Holding a 'Red Nose' themed cake sale at the end of the day, We would really appreciate it if you could provide some cakes for this
- ❖ Donation board – at the beginning of the day there will be a big board with a red nose drawn on it. If you would like to donate some money for the charities, please place your money on the nose. The school council will collect the money at the end of the morning break.

Thank you very much for your support
School Council; Chair and Vice-Chair

Tag Rugby

On Thursday morning 12 children from Squirrels competed in the annual Tag Rugby tournament at Park School. There were 14 teams split into 2 groups, it was very close in points and we are proud to write that Holywell came 3rd! As always they were excellent team players, passionately playing their hearts out and really letting their light shine! We would have had many more points if the children remembered not to dive!

Mrs. Vine had some wonderful comments from the organisers on how fantastic we were as a team and our attitude towards others. So a HUGE well done to: **Tabitha, Emily, Freddie, Ols, Nathan, Findlay, Adam, Charlie, Leah, Francesca and Kyle.** A special mention goes to **Jayden** our team captain who led the team fantastically and to **Emily** who actually had children scared of her tagging skills, she came out covered in scratches but smiling!



Gymnastics competition

Please can all gymnasts practise their routines over the weekend as we will be having a mini run through of them during next Tues session. Last weekend to practise hard before the competition!

All children were given a letter on Tuesday concerning their time for the competition; please let me know if you haven't received yours. Mrs. Hammond

Foxes, Robins, Hedgehogs & Squirrels class

There is no homework this week. As you are all aware we had our Ofsted this week (we do not know the written outcome yet) and we are so proud of how the children responded to our inspector. They truly let their lights shine and deserve a week off of their homework tasks! Thank you; the children at Holywell are complete superstars!!!

News from the PTA



Bag2school

Today we have sent home bag2school for you to fill with any unwanted adult or children's clothing, shoes, handbags and soft toys. These bags will be collected from school on **Thursday 30th March** so please could you return them filled on the Thursday morning (not before as the school has nowhere to store them.) This is a great chance to have a clear out and help raise money for the PTA.

The Easter treasure hunt will take place on **Saturday 25th March** 11-2 with a trail through the woods suitable for all ages. We will be asking for food donations for this. More details to follow.

Op-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 except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Computers	Mrs Curtis	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Computer club will not be running after half term and will restart on Monday 15th MAY, 2017
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	No Netball Club 6th March
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Yr. 6 Booster lessons	Mrs Curtis	Y 6	Last session 3rd May.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs this club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

21st February - 21st March inclusive – Year 2 children to Gymnastics + competition children. Please make sure you know where to collect your child.

Year 2 children, who are not taking part in the competition, collect from school at 3.15 pm. Competition children collection from Tarka Tennis centre at 3 pm.

24th March Red Nose Day

30th March Easter service at Tawstock village church starting at 2pm.

Term Dates

End of Spring Term (Last Day) – Friday 31st March.

First Day of the Summer Term – Tuesday 18th April.

May Day – Monday 1st May.

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

St Michaels Nursery

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us office@stmichaels-nursery.org or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

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

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

Family Hack Jam Event - Thursday 20th April.

Park School would like to invite you to their **Family Hack Jam** at Park Community School, Barnstaple.

The aim of this **Family Hack Jam** event is to bring together friends, families and teachers to discover the fun, excitement and power of computer science, through an enjoyable, team-based problem-solving evening.

We have 50 free places available - please visit Park School's website front page for more information about the event and to book a place.

<http://www.parkcommunity.devon.sch.uk>

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Nearly New Sale

at the Freedom Centre

1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171

Saturday 11th March

10am to 1pm

Good quality clothes, shoes, bags, books all at BARGAIN prices

Tea, coffee and cake

Free admission & parking

All proceeds to Freedom Community Alliance (charity number 1125960) to provide help and support to vulnerable adults in our community

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Hakeford Woods, Forest School

Easter Holiday Club Dates are now available for booking.

Holiday Club for Children aged 5-7:

Mon 3rd, Wed 5th, Fri 7th April

Woodland Craft Club for children aged 8-12:

Tue 4th and Thurs 6th April

Holiday Club for children aged 5-11:

Wed 12th and Thurs. 13th:

Cost £30 a session

All sessions can now be booked through our Bookwhen booking page:

<https://v1.bookwhen.com/hakefordwoods>



SHEBBEAR COLLEGE

Senior School

OPEN DAY

Monday 1st May

10.00am - 4.00pm

Come and find out more about school life here at Shebbear.
Enjoy a tour of the school and speak to teachers and pupils.
Refreshments will be available.

You are welcome to drop in, but we recommend booking an appointment to ensure you will meet the Headmaster.

To book or for more information please contact:

registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk or call 01409 282 001

WEEKLY BOARDING OFFER - £4945 per term (from Sept '17)
The best value weekly boarding in the South West