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1st April 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

We would like to thank you and your amazing children for coming back together again in school so wonderfully well. The children have been just amazing and have had four lovely few weeks back together. We are all looking forward to the summer term, where we hope we can get back to some normality. We will still be teaching in bubbles and the children will still be having playtime and lunchtime in those bubbles. But we do hope we can start to do some trips towards the end of June and we hope events like sports day can go ahead.

We also want to say a huge thank you to our Governors who support the school so well and our amazing PTA who have raised money for the school and brought a smile to our faces even through these difficult times.

As things are gradually starting to change, we would like to make some changes to the start of the school day as we know many parents have found it difficult not being able to drop the children off until 8:45 am and we would like to return to a little like the timings were before COVID.

Therefore, we would like to make the following suggestions:

KS2 children (Foxes and Squirrels) to arrive from 8.30am but they **MUST** be in school by 8.45am.

KS1 children (Hedgehogs and Robins) to arrive from 8.40am but they **MUST** be in school by 8.50am

Sadly, parents still won't be allowed on the playground. Instead children will go straight into their classrooms as soon as they arrive through the gate. A member of staff will be on the gate at 8.30am and will sanitise the children's hands as normal.

If a parent has siblings in both KS1 and KS2, they can arrive promptly by 8.40am and children will be in school by the needed time.

We hope you agree that this is more helpful for parents, still gives a staggered start to hopefully help alleviate congestion in the car park and ensures every child is in school ready to learn by 8.50am.

Thank you very much for supporting us with this change.

We wish you all a very happy Easter and hope you are able to enjoy the sunshine, lots of chocolate and special days together.

I wish the wonderful Holywell team a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break too. They have been tremendous this term.

Turn on the Subtitles

We have received some information regarding a campaign group called TOTS (Turn on the Subtitles) that has been set up by two fathers. They suggest that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that some children have actually taken a step backwards in literacy, due to watching more TV. The average child watches about 12 hours of TV a week but reads few books. TOTS suggests that children should watch TV with the subtitles on, as it dramatically improves their reading. We thought it sounded a great idea!

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Summer Term

Start of the Summer term will be Monday 19th April

Last day of the Summer term will be Friday 23rd July

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Non-Pupil Day Friday 28th May

Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June inclusive

Vodafone Sim Card

Vodafone UK wanted to do their part to help keep children and parents connected and be able to continue learning from home during this difficult time. They have given away for free 250,000 data SIMs with 30GB of data to use for 90 days.

We requested and have been allocated a small number of Vodafone data SIM cards to give out to parents who have problems logging on to the Wi-Fi for their children to access Microsoft Teams from home. As they are limited, they will be given out on a first come first served basis.

- ❖ Vodafone data SIM to use as a Wi-Fi replacement.
- ❖ 30GB data (lasts for 90 days)
- ❖ Need a smart laptop/dongle that has a slot for a sim card or a smart phone that takes a sim card
- ❖ Need good Vodafone signal (you can use the Network Status tracker on www.vodafone.co.uk)

- ❖ If your phone is locked to another network, you just need to contact your network provider's customer service team to request for your phone to be unlocked.
- ❖ You won't be able to use your phone to make calls/texts while using this data SIM.
- ❖ You will be able to enjoy 30GB data for 90 days this will start once you insert the SIM into your phone and start using the data.

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Term Dates – Jan 2021 to July 2021

19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term



Grab yourself a bargain - Second hand uniform

If you're still waiting for your new uniform order to arrive and struggling to keep up with the washing have you considered buying it from the second hand uniform shop to keep you going? We've got a whole range of items available in a variety of sizes. Catch Hazel (Elliott & Amber's mum), outside school at the KS2 pick up or drop her a message on 07974 208835. She'd be happy to check to see if we have what you need or collect any old uniform from you if you have some to donate.

Alternatively, we will be selling uniform outside school during the last week of term. KS1 sizes (age 3 to age 8) will be available after school on Tuesday 30th March and then on Wednesday 31st March we will be selling KS2 sizes (age 7/8 and up). It's a good opportunity to stock up on new uniform for the summer term. We can accept cash or card payments. We would ask everyone to remember to adhere to social distancing rules at the sale. Hand sanitiser will be provided.

Branded uniform is priced at £2 per item. Non-branded uniform and old logo uniform is priced at £1 per item.

Easyfundraising

This month you can WIN £500 for Support Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock by entering the #easyfundraising Easter Giveaway!

For a FREE entry, all you have to do is visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers. This would make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time, so please take a moment to get involved!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/giveaway/easter?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-eastgiv21-f1

Next meeting please join us on Zoom 28th April 7.30 pm to discuss future fundraising events and spending. All welcome!