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22nd July 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Today we say very sad goodbyes to Mrs Hathway, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Derges and Miss Cayment. They are all moving onto pastures new and we wish them all the very best. They are all tremendous, dedicated staff and we wish them good luck and happy adventures with everything they do. We also wish Mrs Bellew all the very best as she goes on maternity leave.

We also say good bye to our wonderful and amazing Y6 as they move onto secondary school. They have been a such a fabulous group of children and we wish them and their families all the very best. Their Y6 play and leaver's service was excellent – they are a very talented group. We know they are ready to move on into Y7 but it is hard to let them go.



And through many tears, I need to say my final goodbyes and thank you.

- Thank you to you the parents for trusting us all at Holywell with your amazing children. They bring us joy and laughter every day.
- Thank you to our fantastic PTA who have supported the school in so many ways. They are a very dedicated bunch of volunteers and give their time so freely. I am so grateful to them.
- Thank you to our governors who again freely volunteer to support the school with many areas of school management and leadership.
- And finally, a huge thank you to the superb team I work with every day. I have never worked with such a dedicated, supportive and big hearted team. I am going to miss every one of them.

I know Mrs Hammond and Mrs Pearce will take the school from strength to strength in the autumn term.

It has been a real privilege to be Holywell's headteacher. I will treasure the memories I have made always and the school, staff, pupils, families and community will always have a very special place in my heart.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday, hope the sun shines and I sincerely hope our paths will cross one day again. Always let your light shine.

School News

Robins Fabulous finish



We made cakes and cucumber sandwiches to have for our Victorian afternoon tea.



Years 4, 5 & 6 Exeter Trip



It was wonderful to experience the cathedral including a touring art exhibition which explored the creation story.

The children couldn't quite believe there was a real-life mummy in the sarcophagus and had a wonderful time exploring the rest of the collections. There is a Lego exhibition running until September (booking required) if you are looking for a day out.



ParentPay

Parent Pay Debts.

ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared. We have 20 parents without standing debts for School Meals and 19 parents with debts for the ASC. Some parents also have payments outstanding for various trips etc. If this applies to you can we please ask that these debts are cleared as soon as possible and MUST be cleared by the 31st August which is the end of Ventrus's financial year.

On your parent pay account you can check all payments made and see any monies outstanding.

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC –

Current Year 4 & 5 – London Residential

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family



Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency only please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or (Mon, Tues & Fri mornings) (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

Diary Dates

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 9-11am (term-time)

Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.

Children £2 – Adults £1

Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)

Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.

For details call Emma on 07368 422791 or Philly on 07799 543781

School Holidays

We meet up every Wednesday at Tawstock Village Hall and throughout the school holidays too. All ages and abilities are welcome. No pre-booking required. Snacks and Drinks provided. All staff are fully D.B.S checked.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport –
Education and Families](#)

School transport information,
including free school transport
www.devon.gov.uk

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Library. Also below is a link to the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Places now available for free holiday activities with meals this summer

Places are now available for children from across Devon, aged five to 16 years old, who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday activities with meals this summer.

It's our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#), providing free physical activities as well as healthy, nutritional, hot meals, for four weeks over the summer break.

This time, we've got 40,000 places available for a range of activities including sports and coaching opportunities; indoor and outdoor play activities; outings to local parks and beaches; magic and circus skills; film making, arts and crafts; music; cooking; theatre workshops; yoga and mindfulness, and a lot more.

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, our Cabinet Member with responsibility for children's services, said:

"School holidays can be difficult for some families, with added costs of food for example – especially now with rising food prices. For some, it can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children possibly more likely to feel social isolation and less likely to enjoy healthy exercise.

"We know young people value this time, and we're delighted once again to be working with even more providers this summer to arrange an even fuller programme."

You can read the full story, with details about how to book, [on the news page of our website](#).

Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.

First day of the Autumn term Monday 5th September 2022.

Non-Pupil Days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you very much for helping us give Mrs Denham a great send-off and for all you have done in different ways to support our wonderful school this year. It has been fantastic to be able to organise fun events again and raise money to fund exciting experiences for the children and learning resources. Sadly, the time is also coming for the current trustees to step down next term so we will be looking to elect a new chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer and the next AGM. In the meantime, enjoy the next few weeks with the children and we look forward to welcoming you all in September!

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please. If you would like to run the uniform shop from next term, please speak to Hazel.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, there is also a prize draw. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Have a lovely summer holiday and best of luck to all leavers in their next stage!