

A message from Mrs. Denham

This week we had our second class shared lunch with their parents and would just like to say a massive thank you to the St Michael's team for making this happen. From the feedback we have had the idea has been well received. We look forward over the next couple of weeks to sharing this with Foxes and Squirrel's parents.

The PTA meeting which was held last Wednesday was very successful and they have lots of plans for future events. As you will see from their report they are planning a working party day for the Hollow on Saturday 10th of June, so if anyone can spare sometime on this day could you contact Emma Barstow (Archie's mum in Hedgehogs).

They will be holding another meeting at the Cedars next Wednesday 10th May at 7 pm, so if you have been unable to make their meetings in the past they would love to meet you.

Today we have given each family a letter which gives you information of our new learning platform and website. This letter is also attached to the email along with two information sheets regarding on-line safety.

Also, we have been asked by Falcon's Gymnastics that parents coming to collect their children from the Gym on Tuesday afternoon's, not to enter the Gym until the session has finished. Thank you.

Gymnastics

Massive congratulations to Felicity Ayres. On Saturday she competed in the Gymnastics Level 3 Compulsory (the highest technical ability level for her age) National Finals at Stoke-on-Trent, representing the South West. She competed on beam, floor, range and conditioning, vault and bars. In the all around (AA) competition Felicity came 7th in the whole of GREAT BRITAIN. She is also now the BARS BRITISH CHAMPION and SILVER Medalist for RANGE & CONDITIONING. Amazing! The team just missed out on a medal coming 4th. Felicity has a blog and uploads competition videos, so if you are interested, please follow this Holywell Year 5 pupil. <https://mygymnastics.blog/>

It's also been announced that Felicity has been shortlisted for a Devon Sports Award 2017, (Exeter Foundation in association with Active Devon and in partnership with Exeter College). Good luck at the awards night in Exeter on 30th June, Fliss!

School News

Pupil Achievements:

Congratulations and well done to: Theo Flanagan who has been awarded his level 1 Stanley's Safety Water Code in association with the STA.

Show Jumping – On Monday 1st May was the second round of the North Devon School Show Jumping League. This time we had a fourth member of the team which was **Jessica Davie** who joined **Tichy Sanders, Lily Pierce and Isabelle Westaway**. Unfortunately the morning started very wet and cold but all the girls still managed to jump well producing a mixture of results. These

results gave The Gateway Federation another fantastic team result, this time finishing fourth, so more rosettes can go on display!! Best wishes and good luck to you all for the next round in June.



Lost Uniform

Please can you check the label of your child's sweatshirt to see if they have picked up a sized 9-10 which belongs to Adam Rashid.

News from the PTA

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be held at the Cedars Inn, on Wednesday 3rd May at 7 pm. All welcome as always. If you are unable to make the meeting but have something you would like discussed please contact Emma Barstow (Secretary) on 07976 269525.



Op-Shop

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

Next Meeting of the PTA -

The next PTA meeting is to be held next **Wednesday 10 May - 7pm - at the Cedars**. All welcome. If you have not been able to attend before we would love to meet you.

HELP THE HOLLOW – SATURDAY 10 JUNE – 9.00AM – 5.00PM (the wooded play area behind the school)

The PTA would like your help – the money that we have raised so far with the Christmas Fayre, cinema nights, cake sales and all our other activities has paid for the rent of the school I-pads for this year (£1839.00), the coaches for the summer school trip to Saunton Sands (£500) and for new gravel outside the school gates (£120.00) but we do not have sufficient funds to Help the Hollow.

The Hollow needs some work to make it a more useable space for all the children to enjoy.

It requires new fencing, so the children can run freely and safely within the school grounds.

There are areas that need clearing of ivy and brambles.

Foliage needs to be cut back along the existing pathways and new pathways made.

An outdoor learning hut would be very much appreciated for the wet weather days.

What we need:

If anyone has any spare –

Tarpaulin

Roofing materials

Corrugated Iron

Fencing timbers

Wood

If you have any other items that you think may be useful for building fences and building an Outdoor learning space, please contact Kevin Dymond (Rufus and Felix's Dad) 07803 005647 to arrange bringing them to school.

We also need manpower!! If you could spend an hour, or the whole day, please come and help.

Parent's help is needed to facilitate all of the above! Help is needed with clearing and digging, fence and hut building. **No experience needed but willing to lend a hand to help make this a fabulous place for our children to use.** Bacon sarnies and beverages will be provided. Good fun and a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome to pitch in and help (supervised by yourselves).

If you are happy to help, please contact Emma Barstow 07976 269525 or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the school office.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Science	Fizz Pop Science	All Years	If you have not already signed up and your child would like to attend you MUST contact FIZZ Pop Science to register before the 15th May. If you have not registered your child will not be able to stay. Details were sent home before Easter but can be found in the office, if required.
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3,4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			
Friday	Athletics	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	

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

Term Dates

Reception and Year 5, Gymnastics sessions -

KS1 trip to Northam Burrow

May Day – Monday 1st May.

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th April – Reception & Yr6 will be attending Falcon Gymnastics for the next 5 Tuesdays. Please can parents collect their children from the Tarka Tennis Centre at 3pm. Siblings will be looked after at school until you arrive to collect them.

Wednesday 26th April – Year 2 Tennis at Tarka.

Thursday 27th April – KS1 at Northam Burrow and Westward Ho!
Tuesday 6th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 11.45 am.
Thursday 15th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 1 pm
Friday 23rd June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 3pm.
Friday 16th June – Oceanfest – Year 5 & 6
Monday 19th June - Sports Day
Tuesday 18th July – Saunton Sands Trip.
Thursday 20th July - Year 6 service in the village hall.
End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

Free to a good home, 2 green plastic compost bins, call 01272 323151.

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

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Newton Tracy Cricket Club

Are holding Junior Cricket Session

Starting on Wednesday 26th April, 2017

At the Newton Tracey pitch

5.30 – 6.15 for Under 9's/beginners

6.15 – 7.45 Under 10's and over

Contact Pete Newby 07747 792006

The BFGs
Barnstaple Library
Friends
Group.

**Nearly
New
Sale**

activity toys **baby clothes** bedding
Soft toys **games** maternity wear
newborn clothes **shoes** books toddler clothes

Saturday 29th April 2017

10.00am-2.00pm

Barnstaple Library

Entry £1 per adult

Sellers 9.00am - 3.00pm - Keep 100% of your takings.



£5 PER TABLE,
to be booked in advance
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