



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for supporting our Harvest Festival in St Peters Church today. The coins that were brought in will be counted up and sent to the Amigos Charity and all the tins and packages have kindly been taken to the Freedom Centre by Mrs Pullen. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

We are very pleased that Mrs Baker and Mrs Archer, supported by a super team of TA's, will continue to teach in Hedgehogs Class during Mrs Ashcroft's absence. The class have had a great start to the term and we are very grateful to the team for all pulling together. Homework, spelling and reading books should all be sorted this week and next.

Please see the attached letter about suggestions for car parking at the end of the school day. Can pre-school and KS1 pupils please return their forms to Mrs Palmer in the office by Monday morning.

We wish all the Y5 and year 6 who are attending the London residential next week a fabulous time. They are visiting Stonehenge, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the London Museum, going up to the top of the Shard, watching Matilda and taking part in a behind the scenes, Matilda workshop, eating at Planet Hollywood and having an evening tour of London! On the last day, they are also visiting a school right in the centre of London which should be a fascinating experience – a little different from a small, village, thatched school in rural Devon!

## School News

### Pupils Achievement

Well done to **Madison Wilson** who at 6 ½ years old finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Under 10 girl Torridge Junior 2Km Park run league this year. Finishing the season with a pb time of 10.01. An amazing 3 minutes quicker than last year!

### Cross Country

A big well done to all of the children who took part in the first North Devon Cross country League event at Kingsley School on Sunday where there were fields of over 70. The weather was kind and the team spirit and smiles were out in force for the Holywell team. A massive thank you to the parents who managed the early start to this event, I hope you enjoyed watching and supporting your children as much as I did – I was once again a very proud Mrs Hammond!

Results were:

Under 9 girls: Tiana Comer 21<sup>st</sup>, Leah Smith 26<sup>th</sup>, Isabelle Westaway 32<sup>nd</sup> and Madison Wilson 33<sup>rd</sup>.

Under 9 boys: Charlie Marshall 17<sup>th</sup>, Monty Andrews 55<sup>th</sup>, Cooper Vine 63<sup>rd</sup> and Billy Dudden 65<sup>th</sup>.

Under 11 girls: Macy Barrow 38<sup>th</sup>, Honeysuckle Andrews 57<sup>th</sup>, Tabitha Andrews 65<sup>th</sup> and Ella Swales 68<sup>th</sup>.

Under 11 boys: Jayden Comer 65<sup>th</sup>.

## **School Council**

Congratulations to all of the children who have been elected onto this year's school council. The posters and speeches made by all of the children throughout the school were amazing this year and there have never been so many children wanting to be elected to be the voice of either their class or the whole school.

Chair: Charlie Pullen

Vice Chair: Theo Saunders

Secretaries: Tabitha Andrews and Ethan Ashcroft

Events Organisers: Ella Swales and Oliver Lardner

Squirrel's representatives: Sonny Worsley and Molly Hooper

Foxes representatives: Adam Rashid, Felicity Ayres and Leah Smith

Hedgehog's representatives: Archie Barstow and Madison Wilson

Robin's representatives: Jayden Comer and Sienna Ritzen

I look forward to working with you all as the voice of Holywell's children, making it the place that you want it to be – Mrs Hammond.

## **Missing Uniform**

Rhys Gordon's brand new jumper went missing on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon and it has his name written in biro on the label.

Could you all please check your child's uniform to make sure that they haven't picked up someone else's by mistake.

In the office there are leaflet from a company from which you can order label for all uniform. Please, please try and help yourselves with this as lost clothing seems to be a continuing problem. Any uniform found is returned to the class which is appropriate to the size of the garment.

## **Letters sent home this week:**

Year 5 & 6 - final letter for Stonehenge trip.

Year 3 & 4 - letter for swimming which starts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Year 3 & 4 – letter for Cross County at Park School Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Hedgehogs – SOE'3 – Permission form for taking your child out of school during this academic year.

You will be notified by letter of the actual activity trip as and when they occur.

**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	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	Starts 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	Starts 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	Starts 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	Starts 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Starts 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept

## **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

Non Pupil (Staff Training Day) Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm. The PTFA will be serving mine pies and teas after the service so please stay and join them.

## **PTFA**

The Holywell PTFA would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school and especially to any new parents and children. We will be holding the AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September and this is open to everyone so please come along if you would like to help us raise extra money for the children of Holywell.

### Autumn Raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets at the school gates over the coming week and would like to make the draw on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated, please drop them into Elaine in the school office or any member on the committee.

### Bags2School

The PTFA have arranged a collection from 'Bags2School' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please start collecting and filling your bags but do not bring them into school until the day of the collection as there is no here for them to be stored.

## Community News

### St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

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**SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB**  
**DESIGN SQUAD**

Experiments Science Workshops

2 hour hands on engineering workshop  
Saturday 26th September at Barnstaple Library

Build a Bristlebot and enter in into the tournament arena.

A mystery engineering challenge awaits you!

Design & construct a balloon powered car. Will yours win the race?

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**Code Club**

Would you like to learn how to make computer games, animations and websites?  
Then Code Club is for you.

We are starting a Code Club at Barnstaple Library for children aged 9-11. For more information or to sign up please contact the library.

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