

A message from Mrs. Denham

National schools performance tables have just been released by the Department for Education and this information is used in several ways by the media. Unfortunately, Holywell appears amongst the list of schools below the national average for our Key Stage 2 data, particularly in Maths. As we have small cohorts of children, each individual child accounts for a larger percentage of our results than they would in a bigger school. In this case for results from June 18, a few of our Y6 children narrowly missed the required score for achieving the expected scaled score of 100 and this significantly affected our results. As always, we want to do the very best for all our children at Holywell so we are working hard alongside advisers to identify how we can help support our pupils to achieve expected standards in Maths.

If anyone would like to discuss this further with me please come and see me.

CHRISTINGLE BOX

Last week your children came home with one Christingle box per family can the box please be brought back to school on the morning of the 19th December, the day of the Christingle service. This is to collect for the Children's Society who are the charity that help to organise Christingles throughout the world. Thank you for your support.

KS1

A big thank you; to all KS 1 parents for all of your support with providing costumes for our Christmas performance. We welcome you to celebrate with us at St Peters Church on Wednesday 19th December at 2 pm.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT SWAP SHOP

Please bring in any last minute gifts for the swap shop, first thing on Monday morning. The events will take place later that morning.

Use of Pupil Images

All parents have signed the consent form for Use of Pupil Images by Holywell C of E Primary School. Now that we are part of Ventrus Multi Academy Trust we would like to expand that permission to enable the Trust to use images for publicity and marketing purposes. If you have any concerns regarding this please contact the office.

KS1 Nativity and Whole School Carol and Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

This year the Reception & KS 1 children (Robins & Hedgehogs) will be performing their Nativity 'Jesus' Christmas Party' at the church on **Wednesday 19th December**. We look forward to seeing you all in the Church.

Robin's Class

Please can the year 1 children in Robin's class stay in the playground with the year 1's from Hedgehogs until the bell is rung at 8.50 am. Then can they line up with the other year 1's in hedgehogs before proceeding into class.

Thank you.

School News

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Christmas Jumper Day:

Our final jumper day will be held on Thursday 20th December. All money raised go straight to the Save the Children Jumper Day appeal. Thank you.

Admission September, 2019 – closing date 15th January, 2019

Children born between: 1st September, 2014 and 31st August, 2015.

If you have family or know of friends who have children due to start school in September 2019, please promote Holywell and inform them to call Holywell. (01271) 34908 and Mrs. Denham will be delighted to show them around and discuss their child starting school.

Even if you have already given details to school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team at Devon County Council. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

How to apply for Primary School place in Devon:

You can apply online at:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline : from 15th November 2018 to 15th January 2019. Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more details by calling our Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk

Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> "

If you have already registered your under 5s using our bulk registration process, **parents are still able to register using the form/website**. This provides them with the opportunity to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

More promotional material is available on our website - <https://www.coolmilk.com/promote/>

If you need any help with any aspect of your school milk scheme, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help!

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

Cheques

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

News from the PTA



Op Shop

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

Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No Netball club until January
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	No Pottery until January.
Wednesdays	Handball and Bench ball	Mr. Day		No Handball and Bench ball until January
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	Football club is cancelled until further notice.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No Cross Country until January

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Last day of the Autumn term, – Thursday 20th December, 2018.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 7th January, 2019.

Start of the Spring term, - Tuesday 8th January, 2019.

Spring half term starts, - Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February, 2019.

End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th December, - Whole school **Christmas lunch** - 11.50 am.

Wednesday 19th December, - **KS1 Nativity** and whole school Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

Community News

The Greatest Journey

Family Christmas Service

St Peter's Church, Tawstock

Sunday 23rd December, at 3.00 pm

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite nativity character (optional)

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies

Served after the service

ALL WELCOME

Tawstock Parish W.I.

Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning

With a chance to buy Christmas goodies from a selection of stalls

At

Tawstock Village Hall on

Saturday December 1st

10.00 – 12.00

Entry is £1.50 which includes coffee and mince pie

Bacon baps available - £1.50

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. office@stmichaels-nursery.org

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 Sue on 07890 046033.

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

Links you may be interested in?

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Courses for Parents and Children

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

These events are only open to parent/carers this time around.

<https://20novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

<https://27novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Cullompton Community Centre

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGCC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

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<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.