

## A message from Mrs. Denham

**We would like to give a big welcome to Poppy and Freya Steers and their parents who have recently moved to the area and joined our school family.**

What a lovely day year 3 (Foxes class) had at the Park School multi-skill festival. It was a very busy morning where the children focused on their football and netball skills. Everybody joined in, trying new skills and often surprising themselves with what they could achieve - Mrs H was so delighted by all of your positive, polite and supportive behaviour, you all let your lights shine brilliantly. Thank you to the parents who supported with supervision and transport, your help was very much appreciated and you all looked to enjoy it almost as much as the children! Mrs H.

As many of you are aware Mrs. Turner and her husband are off on Adoption/Parental leave and a few of you have asked if we are doing a collection for them, which we are in the process of organising. If you would like to make a contribution to this collection please see Mrs. Palmer in the office. Thank you.

### Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival is to be held at St Peter's Church, Tawstock on **Tuesday 16th October**. Please can you arrange for your children to be dropped at the church at 8:50 where the children will be registered by their class teacher. It would be lovely if you could stay and celebrate the harvest with them.

We will be collecting food items for the Freedom Centre again – if you could donate packages and tins we would be very grateful.

### Apply for your child's secondary school place

**The application process closes on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.**

If your child is starting year 6 within their primary school this September (2018), you can [apply for their secondary school place online now!](#)

## **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

### 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](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

## School News

### North Devon Cross Country League - Shebbear

It is the next race in the series this Sunday at Shebbear. If you'd like to walk the course with Mrs Hammond she will be there from 9am. Come wet weather (and wind) prepared!

### 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.

### Emergency Contacts

If you haven't already done so, could you please provide the school with three emergency contacts for your child/ren. This will help us in an emergency to locate someone, should your child become ill etc. If you are unsure of the contacts we have for you can you please check with the office. Thank you.

### 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



### Holywell Christmas Fayre

Holywell's Christmas Fayre will be taking place in the village hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am – 2 pm. If anyone would like a stall or knows of anyone who would, please contact [Emma.barstow@btinternet.com](mailto:Emma.barstow@btinternet.com). The cost of a will be £10.00.

### 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	<b>Cancelled on MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER</b>
Monday	Fizz Pop Science	Mrs. Curtis		<b>For those who have signed up only.</b>
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Boxing	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

## Diary Dates – forthcoming events

### Term Dates

Non Pupil Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

Autumn half term starts, – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Last day of the Autumn term, – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

Start of the Spring term, - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

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

End of the Spring term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

Summer half term starts, - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, - **Harvest Festival** 9 am at St Peters Church Tawstock. Please drop you children at the Church on this morning (8:50 am). You are very welcome to stay for the service and celebrate with your children.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, - **PTA School Disco**.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, - **Tempest Photos**, family groups and individuals. Parents who wish to have **non-school age children in a family group photo** are welcome to come to the village hall at 8:30 am for these to be taken. School aged family group photos will be taken during school hours.

### **Christmas Performances KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, - Performance starts 2pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, - Performances starts 6pm. The children will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, - Whole school **Christmas lunch** - 11.50 am.

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

### **Community News**

#### **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](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

#### **Brownies – spaces available**

The Brownies that meet at St Michael's nursery in Sticklepath on a Wednesday evening 6.15 to 7.30pm for girls aged 7 – 11 years have a few spaces available. If you would like further information please text or call on 07770 910702.

#### **Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)**

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/open-day-september-2018>

#### **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/>

### **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/UK ECC/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>