

A message from Mrs. Denham

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to make lots of lovely memories with your children.

We welcome all the new reception children, **Isabel, Nancy, Mia, Emily, Toby, Patrick, Jack, Willow, Naomi, Jayden, Jacob, Callan, Grayson, Olivia, Eleanor, Holly, Isaac, Ray, Evan** and their families. We look forward to getting to know you all and seeing you settle into the Holywell family.

At the end of last term we presented two cups, one to a pupil in KS1 and one to a pupil in KS2. These cups will stay with those children for the year and will be then given out to two more children at the end of the Summer term 2018. We spent a long time deciding who should receive them, choosing children for their hard work, kindness, resilience and attitude to their learning. Therefore, last term we chose Gracie-Anne Bearman from KS1 and Felicity Ayres in KS2. Congratulations and well done to you both.

CAR PARKING: Thank you so much helping us to cope with car parking situation - we all know the car parking at Holywell is dire! The Village Hall car park is too small for the number of cars we now have coming daily to the school, so parents have no alternative but to fill the car park up by double parking and by parking on the road. The school has grown considerably in numbers with staff and pupils in the last couple of years, and we have pre-school on site now too – but we needed all this in order to survive and be a viable, thriving school for the future.

Therefore, we ask you all to be understanding of each other and park as carefully and considerately as possible. I believe the “unspoken parking rules” are:

1. Parents who are in a rush to get away need to park on the road – and **MUST** not block either the car park entrance or the gravel driveway. We need these clear so we can utilise the car park’s capacity to its maximum.
2. Parents who arrive early enough to park in the car park have to realise that if they park on the edge of the car park, it is likely they may have to wait a while for the car park to clear.
3. Once the edges of the car park are full, cars then double park through the middle of the car park.
4. Some cars now park carefully along the edge of the gravel – this is now acceptable so long as the taxis and minibus have right of way and are not blocked in, in any way at all. These cars must wait until the minibus and taxi have gone before they then leave.
5. As more cars are parking on the road, we ask you pull away from parking spaces carefully and be aware that other parents and children will be walking on the road.
6. KS1 pupils can be picked up at 3pm – please let your class teacher know if you are going to do this. The children will be brought down to the school gate as normal. This then allows some cars to leave before the rush at 3.15pm

The school staff and Governors are doing all we can to make it as safe for our pupils and parents as we can and we thank you for your support.

School News

Letters sent home this week:

Foxes – Swimming & Gym Letter

Foxes – Welcome letter from Mrs. Hammond.

Squirrels – Approval form (UCL) regarding computer based math and science activities.

Eldest Siblings – Privacy Notices

All children – SOE3's

Preschool

We still have a few places available in September. You can book places by emailing adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Funding:

If you are planning on registering for the extra 30 funding before the 29th August can you please then email immediately to adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk, with your insurance number, full name and date of birth of your child + the 11 digit authorization code which you will receive on registering with HMRC. If we (school) have not activated the code before the end of August then the funding will not start until January, 2018.

Further information is available here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

If you are a parent who has been unable to find suitable childcare, please let Devon County Council know by completing this form so they can support you to find childcare and it can help them plan:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/early-years-and-childcare/devon-family-information-directory/childcare-brokerage/unable-to-find-suitable-childcare>

Secondary School Transfer – 2018

The system opens on 1st September and closes on 31st October. It is very important that parents apply within this timescale as late applications may be disadvantaged where schools are oversubscribed. The actual application facility will be open at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Parents may express up to three preferences ranked in priority order. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019. Allocation day is Thursday 1st March, 2018

Foxes class email addresses

Hi parents, I would like to send home pictures of your children and their work so you are able to see and celebrate their learning with them. I will be posting on the eschools page, but would like to be able to personalise a bit more by sending the pictures directly to you. If you are happy for me to do this please can you email me on shammond@gatewayfed.org.uk - by doing this I can add your email address to my folder and send you emails with ease!

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs, 2,4,5&6	
	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Last day of the autumn term – Friday 15th December, 2017

Start of the Spring term – Tuesday 2nd January, 2018

Diary Dates

Year 3 & 4 swim & gym – Tuesday September 19th to Tuesday 28th November (inclusive). Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Harvest service

Christmas service

Christmas performances

Community News



Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club; we are planning ahead for September and families will have received an email from school with booking forms attached to show your interest. This year we have seen a fall in numbers and, therefore, we are reviewing the service we offer. For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis, with a short deadline of Monday 17th July. We hope to see many of your bookings come in for the Autumn Term; Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Summer childcare! If your child is in pre-school, Reception class or Year 1 and you are looking for childcare this Summer, we may be able to help! Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org to show your interest.

30 hours funding – did you know you will be able split your funding next year with another setting. If your child is at Holywell Pre-School and has hours to spare in the school holidays (Mrs Palmer will be able to advise you), we may be able to offer you a space in our Kindergarten in the holidays using the hours you are not using at Holywell. Contact us at office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Good luck... we would like to wish the Year 6 children, many of whom we remember as tots in our nursery, the very best of good luck as you set off to Senior School. Enjoy the next steps of your learning journey and we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

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

2017 Carnival

Saturday 16th September

See:

www.barnstaplecarnival.org.uk

for updates information on classes and entries.
