



NEWSLETTER



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www.facebook.com/HolywellSchoolTawstock Dear Parents

A Message from Mrs Denham

I can't believe there's only one more week until half term – these few weeks after Christmas have flown by! It was wonderful to see all the support for World Cancer Day yesterday. Thank you so much to everyone who got involved. Please see the message below:

World Cancer Day

Adam Rashid and his mum Laura would like to say a massive thank you to all of you for participating in the 'Dress down day' on Thursday in aid of the Cancer Research Relay for Life. We collected £41.71 as well as selling all the Unity Band's.

The Unity bands have proved so popular that we will have another box in school to sell from next week until we break up for Easter. So if you were unlucky and were not able to buy one yesterday they will be available in the office from Mrs. Palmer next week. They cost £2.00 each.

I hate to bring up parking again but this week I have several parents saying that parents aren't parking sensibly in the car park and cars are travelling too fast on the roads in and out of school! PLEASE, PLEASE help us with this issue – we are desperate that an accident doesn't happen. Please also DO NOT park in the 2 disabled spots – we have several families who have a disabled badge and need to use the disabled parking spots throughout the day, as well as the start and end of the day!

A huge well done to the Y3/4/5 netball team who played so well and tried their very hardest against stiff competition this week. They really let their light shine! And a big good luck to the cross country team on Sunday.

Pupils Achievements

Congratulations and well done to: Gracie-Anne Bearman; has been awarded her Turquoise certificate after demonstrating proficiency in Theatre Ballet.

Letter sent home this week:

Year 6 – Letter re booster sessions. Selected children - Gymnastic competition. All years - New menu's (for after half term). All years - Bags2School All years - Rugby Tots

<u>Netball</u>

A massive well done; to the school netball team who participated in the Barnstaple learning community competition on Thursday. Once again it was a challenge to compete against the many larger schools in the area, but with great determination the team did brilliantly with some fantastic game play. Despite the competition being for year 6 children, our year 4, 5 and 6 players played their hearts out to finish 5th in their pool and 16th out of 20 teams overall. Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Smith (thank you for supporting with transport and coaching) reported that they were very proud of our children's attitudes throughout (and

I'm not saying that I'm (Mrs. H) a lucky charm but on my arrival three fantastic goals were scored!). Well done to Charlie Pullen, Ella Swales, Macy Barrow, Sienna Ritzen, Freddie Tanton, Nathan Pullen and Leah Smith.

North Devon League Cross Country

It is the final run in the league this Sunday at West Buckland School. Mrs. Hammond will be walking the course at 9am, if you would like to join her. As this is the final event the presentations will also take place. They generally start at about 12:30pm. If you are unable to stay for the presentations please let Mrs. Hammond know and she will ensure your child's medal is collected for them.

Sainsbury Vouchers

The school are again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers. If you or your friends and family shop at Sainsbury's could you please collect them on our behalf. Thank you.

<u>After school clubs</u> – 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 again on Monday 22 nd February
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	No Computer Club after half term.
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Tuesday 12th January for 5 weeks – Hedgehogs class Falcons Gymnastics. Parents will be collecting children from the Gym at Tarka Tennis at 3 pm.

Tuesday February 9th – Tempest - indoor group photos.

Friday 12th February (PTA) – Cake, Tuck and Op-shop – outside of school at the end of the day.

Feb 29th to March 4th- Parent Conference week, days to be confirmed.

Friday 4th March (PTA) – proposed Cinema Night (6:30 to 7:30pm) £1 minimum entry. Films to be confirmed.

Tues 15th March – Bags2school – PTFA – The bags have been sent home this week.

Half Term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February.

End of Term - Thursday 24th March, 2016.

Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 12th April, 2016.



PTFA Next Meeting – Monday 9th May – 6.30pm in school. PTFA Committee: Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572 Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma) Secretary – Carol Dudden Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux Op Shop -Tracey Smith

Community News

Exeter University holiday sporting activities

The University of Exeter host a range of sporting activities for children to keep kids active over the school holidays. During the upcoming February half-term, children of all ages and abilities can join in with Cricket and/or Tennis activities, which make use of the University's superb facilities and excellent coaches. The sessions aim to build children's confidence and help them to develop their sporting abilities in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Holiday sessions are very popular and book up fast, so early booking is advised!

For more information on the holiday programmes we offer, please visit our

website: <u>www.exeter.ac.uk/sport/children/holidays/</u>. To book Tennis or Cricket, please call the Sports Park reception on 01392 724452 or email <u>exetersport@exeter.ac.uk</u>.

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 ******

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