



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

As you may remember, back in September we were presented with a cheque from the Fremington & District Community Group for over £500.00 towards our new office/intervention rooms. They are now planning on helping us in the launch of a new appeal solely for the new build – 2 new office spaces and 2 intervention rooms! They would like to work with the PTFA on some of these events which include; a sponsored Abseil and even a sponsored Sky Dive (if we can get enough people to do it), a team of collectors for the Round Table Santa Sleigh Run in Barnstaple and many other events. We are very grateful to them for offering us this support.

Over the past year Mrs. Coulam has been involved in an Action Research project with Professor Sue Rogers, a leading international educationalist, author and university lecturer (UCLondon) for the early years, looking at children's language development in imaginative play. Mrs Coulam was asked to present her findings at the county Early Years Conference, held in Torrington. Mrs Coulam's findings have contributed to building a wealth of knowledge in this important area of child development. We send big congratulations to Mrs Coulam for all her hard work – she has let her light shine!

Thank you all for your help with driving carefully along the lanes leading to the school; this is obviously an on-going request. We have also had some parents say they have heard other parents using inappropriate language in the car park and waiting area outside of school. Can I please ask that parents refrain from using unsuitable language, which near young children is not acceptable?

A leaflet will be coming out today about a government strategy called 'Prevent'. Schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism and this leaflet will explain what we will be doing to help children become positive, happy members of society.

Wishing you all a lovely half term, and looking forward to seeing you all back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **Head lice**

Just to let you know that we have had a case of head lice notified to us in school this week. Could you please all check and if necessary treat your child's hair over the half term so that we can start the next half term head lice free!

## **Poppies**

We are selling poppies in school after half term. They will be on sale first thing every morning. There are various items for sale from donations for a poppy to 50p to £1 for other items.

## **School email address**

Please remember to use our new email address:

[adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk)

as, the old one will shortly be closed.

## **Pupils Achievements**

**Congratulation and well done to:**

**Ruby Lockhart** who has just achieved her 25 metres swimming badge.

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

Year 5 & 6 inter-schools cross country competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015

Year 3 & 4 tennis coaching at school – by tarka tennis coach, cost £2.00

Selected Year 2's – for Primary school's Tarka Tennis competition – cost £1.50.

**Data Collection Sheets** - sent home today – these were printed some weeks ago so some changes may have been made that will not show up on these forms. **Could you please amend** them with all the correct details, even though you may have already informed us, and return to school after the half term.

### **Friendship bench**

The School council are thinking of having a bench in the playground that would be called a 'Friendship bench'. This bench will be used by children who are looking for a friend to play with, but are struggling to find one on their own. To make it a whole school project we would like you, the children of Holywell to help us design the art work for the bench. The design needs to be bright, inviting and of course about friendship. If you would like to be part of this great design project please give your design to a member of school council by the end of the day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Good luck-school council

### **North Devon Cross Country League Results**

Well done to all of the children and parents who braved the cold wind at West Buckland on Sunday. With an extended course for the under 9s, it really was a tough course to battle, despite it seeming at a glance to be on playing fields that were flat! Once again the children did the school proud, with many improving their positions since the last race, even though the numbers in the fields were bigger. A special mention to Jayden Comer, who as the only year 5/6 representative had a fantastic run. It's very hard when you aren't running with your friends, but Jayden did not let this beat him! Thank you to all of the parents who brought their children to the event and helped to cheer them around.

### **Results were:**

U9 Girls: Leah Smith (21<sup>st</sup>), Isabelle Westaway (28<sup>th</sup>), Tiana (29<sup>th</sup>), Madison Wilson (35<sup>th</sup>)

U9 Boys: Charlie Marshall (23<sup>rd</sup>), Monty Andrews (63<sup>rd</sup>), Cooper Vine (73<sup>rd</sup>), Billy Dudden (76<sup>th</sup>)

U11 Girls: Macy Barrow (33<sup>rd</sup>), Milly Forster (39<sup>th</sup>), Honeysuckle Andrews (55<sup>th</sup>), Tabitha Andrews (59<sup>th</sup>), Ella Swales (61<sup>st</sup>)

U11 Boys: Jayden Come (68<sup>th</sup>)

### **Stephen's Shield Cross Country**

A MASSIVE well done to all of the children who represented the school at the Stephen's Shield cross country event at Torrington on Wednesday. Despite having had such lovely weather for weeks on Wednesday it decided to rain and rain and rain! The course was a tough course made even harder by the incredibly boggy conditions. The children had to battle the rain, mud and cold to get themselves around and as always everyone tried their best and really let their lights shine. Mrs Hammond was extra proud, as it would have been so easy to have given up, but our superstar children just got on with it and not one of them moaned!

An extra big thank you needs to go to Miss Webber (Aidan's mum), Mrs Dudden, and Mr and Mrs Andrews for driving and getting very wet when helping the children. Also Mr Anderson and Mrs Garland for driving the minibus and helping with the finishing funnel.

Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pullen and Mrs Smith – thank you for coming along to support your children and then joining in with the madness and mayhem of getting children dressed into dry warm clothes in extra quick time!

Although I have no results yet the children we need to be proud of are:

Dan Doyle, Monty Andrews, Cooper Vine, Isabelle Westaway, Holly Perfect, Tiana Comer, Kodie Harmer, Katy Pullen, Emily Peart, Adam Rashid, Charlie Marshall, Billy Dudden, Finley Ellie, Aidan Milton, Tyler Cook, Felicity Ayres, Francesca Lewis, Leah Smith, Jayden Comer, Nathan Pullen, Ethan Ashcroft, Tabitha Andrews, Charlie Pullen, Kearney Young, Ethan Menzies, Max Lewis, Honeysuckle Andrews, Macy Barrow, Ella Swales.

### **Big Good Luck Wishes**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Miss Lobbett, Mrs Garland, Miss Purchase, and Mrs Hammond will be taking on Mission Unbreakable. A 10km assault course; organised by the Marine Core to raise money for Hospice South West. We hope you all survive! If anybody would like to sponsor Holywell's team please drop the money into the office.

**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	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	

### **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.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Tuck sale outside the school from 2.20pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA meeting in school at 7pm.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Cinema Night – Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Bazaar, 3.15pm. Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

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**

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, in school at 7pm.

### **Community News**

#### **X- site - a fun drop off holiday club for your children!**

Drop off from 1.15pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October for two hours of non-stop fun, games, crafts, face-painting and more!

Grosvenor church by Macdonald's and Lidl.

Cost £1.50 per child

If you can, please pre-register or turn up on the day! Xsitndevon@gmail.com

Pick up 3.30pm or why not stay for the big game, crafts and a crèche - great for the whole family!

Free hot-dogs, ice-cream and sweets to take away

Contact Sharon for more info - office@trinitybarnstaple.eclipse.co.uk or [01271 374240](tel:01271374240)

#### **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)

### **The Military Wives & The Hartland Orchestra Charity Concert**

#### **In aid of Northern Lodge**

Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.00pm

(doors open 6.00 pm)

The Methodist Church

Bideford High Street

Tickets £15 each and available from:

[www.northamlodge.co.uk](http://www.northamlodge.co.uk)

Email; [tickets@northamlodge.co.uk](mailto:tickets@northamlodge.co.uk)

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