

A message from Mrs. Denham

Author visit

The school have been lucky enough to secure a visit from John Dougherty, one of the authors from the Appledore book festival, who will be in school next Thursday. We have a selection of his books, suitable for all age ranges, available to purchase in the office priced £5.99 and £6.99.

Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival will be on Monday 16th October at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 9.00 am. We will be collecting food items for the Freedom Centre again – if you could donate packages and tins we would be grateful. If you can join us for the Service we would love to see you.

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.

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.

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 or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

Apply for your child's secondary school place

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

The application process opened on Saturday 1 September and closes Wednesday 31 October 2018. [Poor Billy's parents missed the boat...](#)

School News

Pupil Achievements:

A big well done; to **Madison Wilson** who participated in the South West Quattro Gymnastics competition on Sunday. Maddie had a fantastic floor element where she finished first, but unfortunately had a fall on beam which meant she placed 5th overall. I'm sure you will beat the beam next time Maddie!

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.

North Devon Cross Country at Kingsley Results:

A huge well done; to the children who represented the school at the North Devon Cross Country League on Sunday. Despite the very poor weather forecast the rain held off for most of the races! It was so lovely to see the children encouraging each other, especially as for many of them it was their first ever cross country event and 100 runners can be quite daunting! Also a big thank you to the parents who brought the children along, without your commitment we would not be at these events.

The next race is at Shebbear on Sunday 14th October. We hope to see you all there again!

The results were:

U9 Girls: 11th Lottie Perfect, 43rd Matilda Matthews, 51st Olivia James, 52nd Flossie Evans.

U9 Boys: 31st Riley Lloyd, 42nd William Matthews, 65th Ethan Liepa, 85th Ollie Broad, 88th Theo Flanagan, 89th Archie Barstow

U11 Girls: 53rd Holly Perfect

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.

Lost Uniform

Edward Madden in Robin's class has mislaid his sweatshirt/jumper. The jumper is size 5/6 years and is marked with EM on the label. Could you please check your child's jumper to make sure they have not picked it up by mistake. Thank you.

Yazzy

On the 5th of October local singer/songwriter Yazzy will be visiting Holywell School to talk about her musical journey and experiences, including her recent performance to 10,000 people supporting Paloma Faith at Glastonbury Abbey. Yazzy hopes to inspire and encourage the children to take part in musical activities and learn more about the industry. There will also be a chance for a few children to perform with Yazzy on the day and a chance to meet her after school, where she will be selling her CD's for £5 and merchandise t-shirts for £10 as well as a one to one talk with any children who may wish for that.

Break time snacks for year 3

The government doesn't provide free fruit for children beyond year 2. If your year 3 child would like a fruit snack at break time please provide one for them.

News from the PTA



Holywell Christmas Fayre

Holywell's Christmas Fayre will be taking place in the village hall on Sunday 18th November from 10 am – 2 pm. If anyone would like a stall or knows of anyone who would, please contact emma.barstow@btinternet.com. The cost of a stall 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	Starts on Monday 24th September
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	Starts on Tuesday 18th September
Wednesdays	Boxing	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts on Wednesday 19th September
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	Starts on Thursday 20th September
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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

Wednesday 12th December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.

Thursday 13th December, - Performance starts 2pm

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

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

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

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>