

A message from Mrs. Denham

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent consultation meeting regarding Ventrus, and to those parents who have come and spoken to me about this. If anyone would still like to speak with me regarding this please contact the office after half term to arrange an appointment.

I would like to wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to see you all on the 5th June for the last half term of the summer term, with all the wonderful events which have been arranged.

Message from Felicity and the Ayres Family

Thank you for everything you've done for me. I hope sooner or later when I'm fully better I can be back in the gym doing some awesome skills! I hope I can be back in school, being my own self again soon. Hopefully it will be soon after half term that I can return slowly. I am getting better and glad to be home. Thank you to all my friends, teachers and parents for my amazing cards and gifts. I feel very thankful. Love Fliss. X

In addition to Felicity's thank you, Stuart, Jack, Bella and I would also like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone at Holywell. The past week was a terrifying time for us all but we received unbelievable love, support and offers of help from our friends - we couldn't have got through without you. Thank you SO much. Claire Ayres x

Team points

The winning team for this half term is the green team. Their non-uniform day to celebrate this achievement will be on the first day back, Monday 7th June.

Pre-School

Please can we remind you that the Pre-School session in the morning starts at 9 am, so could you please supervise your child until this time. Ms. Buck (Naomi) has her preparation time first thing in the morning to prepare for the day ahead. With the gate to the play area being used constantly by other children and parents, we cannot be responsible for your child. Also, at this time everyone is arriving and the main gate will be open.

School News

Boys Cricket competition

Last Thursday (18th May) eight Year 5 Squirrels attended the North Devon Cricket Competition at Instow Cricket Club. It was a fantastic day and they played brilliantly, winning their group by one run and coming 2nd overall! Well done to Findlay, Adam, Charlie, Nathan, Freddie, Jayden, Aidan and Ols.

Mixed Quad Kids competition

Last Friday (19th May) eight year 5 & 6 children competed in the annual Quad kid's competition at Branton Athletic track. It was a beautiful day for athletics with 23 schools competing. The events were; 600m run, 75m sprint, standing long jump and the vortex throw. Holywell did amazingly well, with only small points between each school, coming 21st overall. Well done to Summah, Jacey, Tabitha, Leah, Nathan, Adam, Findlay and Jayden

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

Lost Uniform

Please can you check the label of your child's sweatshirt to see if they have picked up a sized 9-10 which belongs to Adam Rashid.

News from the PTA



Message from the PTA

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the give for Felicity Ayres and we would like to wish Fliss a speedy recovery.

PTA Events

Saturday 15th July: Holywell Rocks, summer festival.

Op-Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525.

HELP THE HOLLOW – SATURDAY 10 JUNE – 9.00AM – 5.00PM

(The wooded play area behind the school)

The PTA would like your help – the money that we have raised so far with the Christmas Fayre, cinema nights, cake sales and all our other activities has paid for the rent of the school I-pads for this year (£1839.00), the coaches for the summer school trip to Saunton Sands (£500) and for new gravel outside the school gates (£120.00) but we do not have sufficient funds to Help the Hollow.

The Hollow needs some work to make it a more useable space for all the children to enjoy.

It requires new fencing, so the children can run freely and safely within the school grounds.

There are areas that need clearing of ivy and brambles.

Foliage needs to be cut back along the existing pathways and new pathways made.

An outdoor learning hut would be very much appreciated for the wet weather days.

What we need:

If anyone has any spare –

Tarpaulin

Roofing materials

Corrugated Iron

Fencing timbers

Wood

If you have any other items that you think may be useful for building fences and building an Outdoor learning space, please contact Kevin Dymond (Rufus and Felix's Dad) 07803 005647 to arrange bringing them to school.

We also need manpower!! If you could spend an hour, or the whole day, please come and help.

Parent's help is needed to facilitate all of the above! Help is needed with clearing and digging, fence and hut building. **No experience needed but willing to lend a hand to help make this a fabulous place for our children to use.** Bacon sarnies and beverages will be provided. Good fun and a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome to pitch in and help (supervised by you).

If you are happy to help, please contact Emma Barstow 07976 269525 or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the school office.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Science	Fizz Pop Science	All Years	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3,4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	Yr1,2 & 3	
Friday	Athletics	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs the club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Half term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of summer term – Friday 21st July, 2017.

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).

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th April – Reception & Yr6 will be attending Falcon Gymnastics for the next 5 Tuesdays. Please can parents collect their children from the Tarka Tennis Centre at 3pm. Siblings will be looked after at school until you arrive to collect them.

Tuesday 6th June to Tuesday 11th July (inclusive) the year 5 & 6's will be at the Gym/Swimming etc. The letter should be out next week.

Tuesday 6th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 11.45 am.

Thursday 15th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 23rd June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 3pm.

Friday 16th June – Oceanfest – Year 5 & 6

Monday 19th June - Sports Day

Saturday ? July, the PTA are planning a Music Event at Holywell School.

Tuesday 18th July – Saunton Sands Trip.

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 service in the village hall.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

St Michaels Nursery

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us office@stmichaels-nursery.org or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

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

Newton Tracy Cricket Club

Are holding Junior Cricket Session

Starting on Wednesday 26th April, 2017

At the Newton Tracey pitch

5.30 – 6.15 for Under 9's/beginners

6.15 – 7.45 Under 10's and over

Contact Pete Newby 07747 792006



The FA Skills May Half Term Football Sessions





@ Ilfracombe Town FC, Malborough Park , EX32 8PD

Tuesday 30th May
10am-12pm (Boys and girls in school years 1-2)
1pm-3pm (Boys and girls in school years 3-6)
£2

To book please go to www.thefa.com/skills

For more information please contact Kevin.Weir@thefa.com

