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# A message from Mrs. Denham

#### Dear parents and carers

We wish you a warm welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful Easter holiday and enjoyed the beautiful weather. It was lovely to return to school with all the children and staff ready to start a new term, a new topic and raring to get started.

We are so hopeful and looking forward to getting back to the new normal with the COVID roadmap allowing us to restart trips, visitor and sporting events again after half term. The children and staff have missed them all so much.

As the weather becomes warmer and sunnier please can I remind you to send your child into school with a full named water bottle, sunscreen (in a named bottle) and a sun hat for them to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes.

#### ARRIVAL TIME FOR KS1 & KS2:

KS2 children (Foxes and Squirrels) to arrive from 8.30am but they MUST be in school by 8.45am.

KS1 children (Hedgehogs and Robins) to arrive from 8.40am but they MUST be in school by 8.50am

Sadly, parents still won't be allowed on the playground. Instead children will go straight into their classrooms as soon as they arrive through the gate. A member of staff will be on the gate at 8.30am and will sanitise the children's hands as normal.

If a parent has siblings in both KS1 and KS2, they can arrive promptly by 8.40am and children will be in school by the needed time.

We hope you agree that this is more helpful for parents, still gives a staggered start to hopefully help alleviate congestion in the car park and ensures every child is in school ready to learn by 8.50am.

# **Bikeability & Police Club**

This week the Year 6 children have taken part in Bikeability which is a government run scheme to teach children how to ride safely on our busy road. They all completed levels 1 & 2 of this scheme.

The year 5 children joined in a Mini Police project which is beginning run by the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary over the next couple of weeks. They all became mini police leaders with their own hats and ID cards

Well done to you all. It was lovely to see all your smiling faces and to get lovely feedback from the instructors.

# Rounders club – Squirrel class only.

Mr Day 3.15 - 4.15. Starting Thursday 29th April

# Health and Safety concern – magnet toys

You may already be aware of a recent "playground craze" toy consisting of very small, powerful round magnets. They are brightly coloured, look like sweets, are traded on the playground and easily hidden. These have caused severe injuries to children when swallowed, deliberately, or more commonly accidentally, when doing tricks that involve putting some of them in the mouth with more on the outside of the cheek. A recent incident in the County left a child in hospital. There are numerous newspaper reports of children undergoing significant abdominal surgery to have the magnets removed to avoid serious damage being done because they clump together around internal tissue causing tears.

We suggest you raise awareness for children and parents of the dangers of putting these balls in the mouth and you may want to control how these are coming into school

# Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

# <u>Summer Term</u> Last day of the Summer term will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Non-Pupil Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May Half term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive

<u>Term Dates – Jan 2021 to July 2021</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term
	News from the PTA

# Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely time with the children over the Easter holidays and look forward to putting on more events as restrictions ease throughout this term. Please join us on Wednesday evening to discuss our plans!

#### Next meeting

28 April 2021 07:30 p. m. <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75022042743?pwd=dG11RIZFK0oyQVFoQnNnQkhVeUR5dz09</u> Meeting ID: 750 2204 2743 Passcode: 0EfVeA

#### Ice lolly sale

We hope to sell ice lollies on Fridays after school throughout this term, weather permitting, so if you are happy for your children to buy them please remember to bring some money.

# **Online fundraising**

This remains a valuable source of funds, so thank you very much for your continued support when buying online at no extra cost to you on:

Amazon Smile: <u>https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi\_chpf\_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=1045040-</u>0&ref\_=smi\_ext\_ch\_1045040-0\_cl

or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app And

Easyfundraising: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral</u> -campaign=c2s%26utm\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\_content=srt

Remember it is not just about shopping! You can also raise funds when buying insurance or ordering takeaway or delivery meals for example.

#### Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Have you been a lucky winner yet? Tickets can be bought any time at <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school</a> Good luck!

#### Selling on ebay

If you are having a spring clean, why not sell any unwanted items on eBay, where you have the option to donate up to 100% of the sale to go to "Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock". You can customise the donation percentage and the charity you want to support for each individual listing.

#### Bag2School

And talking of spring clean, remember we have a collection of unwanted clothes and accessories twice a year, so if you can store these until the next collection in June that would be brilliant!

#### Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate pre-loved uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835.