



NEWSLETTER

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2nd December, 2016

A message from Mrs. Denham

Well the end of term is quickly coming around and as it is Christmas the school is very busy planning for all of the activities especially the performances of - Lights, Camel, Action It's Strictly the Nativity and the Christingle Service.

We still have tickets available for the every performance except the evening performance on Thursday 8th December. If you would like additional tickets for any of these can you please contact Mrs. Palmer.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday 9th December will be our next Christmas Jumper Day so if you forgot to bring in your contribution of £1 today can you please try and remember next week. The money raised will go to Save the Children.

Samaritan's Purse

We have received a letter from Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child thanking all the children and parents who kindly filled a shoe box to donate to the annual collection. The boxes from the Grosvenor Church collection have this year been sent to Belarus and Albania. They are so grateful to you all as the children receiving these boxes will know that there are people around the world who care for them and show them love and hope.

Christmas post box

From Monday 5th December there will be a post box in each classroom which the school council will then empty daily. Please post cards into the box ensuring that first name, surname and class are on the front of the envelope.

Swap Shop

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in donations for the Christmas swap shop which will take place on Tuesday 13th December. We are still collecting presents suitable for a mum, especially dads, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc.

School News

Pupil Achievement's

Congratulations and well done to:

Ruby Evans has had a busy week. Ruby successfully completed her 25 metres swimming certificate and was also awarded 'Player of the Week' for great teamwork at rugby tots.

Lost Uniform.

Evangeline Ingle in Robin's class has mislaid 2 cardigans which have her name on a label attached. Could you please check your daughter's cardigans. Thank you.

Also few children in Squirrels have mislaid their sweatshirts and fleeces with names on the labels. Could you all please check the items your child has been wearing to make sure they have not picked up the wrong item by mistake. Thank you.

Foxes WOW afternoon

On Wednesday 14th December, Foxes would like to invite all of their parents to their WOW afternoon. The afternoon will start at 1pm in the hall, where your children will share some of their Roman artwork and marches with you. From 1:30pm we will be having a visitor from Exeter museum and she will be talking about and sharing artefacts with the children. Yes you and your children will be able to handle a bit of history together. We look forward to seeing you all. It would be great if children could dress up in Roman dress for the day - any small amount would be fine!

Swap Shop

We are keen for our annual pupil Swap Shop to go ahead on Tuesday December 13th as every year the children love to be able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

So here's how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in on **Friday 9th December** any small donations of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc.. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be very welcome

Foxes Class trip to Exeter

Wow what a busy day Foxes class had on Thursday. After a slow misty trip to Exeter they had a great time at the museum looking at the great artefacts, particularly the Roman ones, some children built mosaics, while others tried on helmets and Celtic or Roman clothing. Foxes then walked through a very busy Exeter city to go to the Cathedral. The children were really engaged in the trail activity that was provided and were quite sad when we ran out of time and didn't get to finish it. Finally: after meeting back up with the coach and transferring to the Great Hall at the university, the children watched the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, where they participated in singing and body percussion. Some children were completely transfixed by the variety of instruments and music that was performed. Some mentions need to go to: Rufus Dymond who was an absolute star with helping Mrs. Hammond with road crossing and keeping everybody safe, Katy Pullen and Kodie Harmer, who as line leaders, ensured everybody was safely regrouped after each crossing and Rhys Gordon, who was unwell upon arrival and then throughout the trip, but still managed all of the activities with a smile - a true trooper! In fact Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Garland would like to say a big thank you to Foxes class for making the trip so enjoyable and for the fantastic behaviour they showed throughout. And finally a big thank you to Mrs. Andrews for being the parent helper on such a busy trip!

North Devon Cross-Country event - Arlington

A big well; done to all of the Holywell cross country runners that turned out at Arlington on Sunday. Despite it being dry overhead, the ground was still quite wet and the ground very pitted, making the conditions very challenging. The cold spell was also just arriving, so little chests were burning by the end of the races.

Results are:

U9 Girls - Maddie Wilson 13th, Isabelle Westaway 17th

U9 Boys - Monty Andrews 44th

U11 Girls - Leah Smith 47th, Tabitha Andrews 52nd

U11 Boys - Charlie Marshall 22nd, Aidan Milton 61st

A big thank you; to all of the parents that brought their children to the event.

The next race is at Northam Burrows on Sunday 15th January the first race starting at 11am - so enjoy your lie in!

Asthma Forms

We have been informed by the school nursing team that all parents of children who suffer from asthma and who use any type of inhaler should complete a 'School Asthma Card'. This card should then be held in school. They have also suggested that it is a good idea for parents to complete, with their child, a 'My Asthma Plan'.

If your child is an asthma sufferer and uses any type of inhaler could you please email Mrs. Palmer on adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or call into the office so that we can send you these forms to be completed by

yourself and returned to school.

If you would like to find out more information regarding asthma the school nursing team have recommended

<https://www.asthmas.org.uk>

Admission to School September, 2017

The primary school admissions round, opens on Tuesday 15th November 2016 and closes at midnight on Sunday 15 January 2017.

Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 155 1019

If you know of anyone who is due to start school in September 2017 and maybe interested in applying for a place at Holywell please encourage them to come and speak with Mrs. Denham and have a look round.

Despite increasing pupil numbers, Devon is still meeting 95 per cent of parents' first choices for primary and secondary school places.

Change4 Life

Year 6 & Reception Parents – if you **do not** wish your child to be part of the 'National Child Measurement Programme' you must return the 'Opt-out' slip back as soon as possible. The school nurse will be in school on the 14th December. 2016.

News from the PTA



Calling all bag packers! Tesco (by the train station) have kindly agreed to allow us to stand at the bottom of their tills and offer to pack their customers bags in return for a voluntary donation to the Holywell PTA. This is an amazing fundraising opportunity for us and we are asking for as many little volunteers as possible. Plan is to have a pair of children at each till; one year 5/6 and one smaller, in school uniform, with an adult hovering close by (not too close, apparently our older mugs put people off!). We can have as many tills as we like from 10am on Saturday 3rd December. Please contact me (Kirsty) on 07876 796677 if you are able to offer your support. Many thanks.

Op-Shop

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

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	Computers	Mrs Curtis	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	No club until after Christmas
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			
Friday	Recorders	Mrs Andrews	Y 4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Tuesday 6th December – Christmas performance – 1.45 pm

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas performance – 3.30 pm

Friday 9th December – Jumper Day.

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Saturday 10th December – School Christmas Fair – 11 am – 3 pm.
Tuesday 13th December – Swap Shop.
Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch.
Thursday 15th December – 2:15 pm Christingle Service at St Peter's Church.
Friday 16th December – Jumper Day.

Term Dates

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 16th December.
Start of Spring Term – Wednesday 4th January.
Spring Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.
End of Spring Term (Last Day) – Friday 31st March.
First Day of the Summer Term – Tuesday 18th April.
May Day – Monday 1st May.
Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.
End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

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

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have limited places available in our breakfast club; please enquire for availability (rather than every day). We still have Thursday's after school club available. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org

Christmas Trees for Sale



Selling on the Torrington Road B3232 just outside Alverdiscott
Call Dan 07800 552202 or Sara 07800832716
And we will deliver right to your door.

Prices

Non Drop	Traditional
7ft £47	7ft £30
6ft £43	6ft £25
5ft £37	5ft £20
4ft £30	4ft £15

All Prices Include Local Delivery
Donation from profits to local charity
"Everything Ellie"

Code Club at Barnstaple Library

Would you like to learn how to make computer games, animations and websites?
Then Code Club is for you.

For children aged 9 - 11
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

booking essential. For more information or to sign up please contact the library.

01271 318782

barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk



XMAS CLUB AT THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE CENTRE

19TH MONDAY	20TH TUESDAY	21ST WEDNESDAY	22ND THURSDAY
8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN. BREAKFAST OPTIONAL	8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN. BREAKFAST OPTIONAL	8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN. BREAKFAST OPTIONAL	8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN. BREAKFAST OPTIONAL
10AM HIGH ROPES (8YR+) CLIMBING WALL (5-7YR)	10AM ARCHERY	10AM TREASURE HUNT	10AM NERF ARENA
11AM ARTS & CRAFTS	11AM ARTS & CRAFTS	11AM ARTS & CRAFTS	11AM ARTS & CRAFTS
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES	1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES	1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES	1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES
2.45PM NERF ARENA	2.45PM LASER TAG (8YR+) TARGET PRACTICE/ZORB (5-7YR)	2.45PM HIGH ROPES (8YR+) CLIMBING WALL (5-7YR)	2.45PM XMAS PARTY
3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/ TEAM GAMES	3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/ TEAM GAMES	3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/ TEAM GAMES	3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/ TEAM GAMES
5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.	5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.	5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.	5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.

£25 PER DAY (+£3 TO ADD LUNCH)

CALL 01237 880028 OR VISIT
ULTIMATEADVENTURECENTRE.COM/HOLIDAYCLUB TO BOOK

ULTIMATE ADVENTURE CENTRE
Activities, Accommodation & more

The Ultimate Xmas Holiday Club
At the Ultimate Adventure Centre
Daily From Mon 19th – Thurs 22nd December

You're well under way with your preparations for Christmas, but there's still one problem to deal with. Most of the schools in North Devon are breaking up for Christmas on the 16th December whilst most businesses are working up to the 22nd. So, what are you going to do with the kids? You could phone Grandad, Grandma or friends..... or you could book your little Angels in the Ultimate Adventure Centre's brand new holiday club.

The XMAS holiday club is new to the Ultimate Adventure Centre and is the Ultimate take on the traditional holiday club for children aged 5 -12. There will be the activities you would expect such as arts and crafts, fun games and much more. Your children will also get to experience some of the Ultimate Adventure Centre's most popular activities. The activities will vary through the week including, High Ropes, Laser Tag, Climbing Wall, Archery, Water Zorbing and the recently opened Nerf Arena. Santa is even scheduled to make an appearance during the Christmas Party on the last day!

Price is always a key consideration for parents, particularly in the run up to Christmas. So the Ultimate Adventure Centre have tried to make this full day experience as affordable as possible. Its £25 for the whole day with £10 off if you book in advance for three days.

Russ Johns, Managing Director of the Ultimate Adventure Centre is really excited about this new development for the business, 'We've looked at opening up a Holiday Club for a few years now, but this year we've managed to get things up and running. We're really keen to get as many children as possible to enjoy what we have to offer, whilst taking a bit of pressure off Mums and Dads to organise child care'.

Doors will be open from 8am to 6pm daily from Monday 19th December through to Thursday 22nd December. Snacks and drinks are provided throughout the day, with lunch also available at an additional £3 / day. Places can be booked online at ultimateadventurecentre.com/holiday-club or by calling 01237 880028.

North Devon Football Development Centre

Primary School Children

This year the centre is offering coaching opportunities for children (boys and girls), of **primary school** age (yrs. 1-6 inclusive) on Saturday mornings **9am-10am** at **Park School, Barnstaple**. The sessions will be in three ten week blocks, one in each school term, starting on **September 17th 2016**. The cost will be £35 per child per ten weeks payable after the first session. Further bookings from the same family will be at half price (Payment should be **by cheque**, and made out to **D. Langford**).

The next sessions begin on Saturday 7th January 2017 and run for ten weeks (excluding half term 11th and 18th Feb) until Saturday 25th March 2017.

Please ring David Langford (01237479625 mob.07877730986) to book your place as soon as possible.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS HALF OF THE FORM FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Please complete the following information and bring this with you on your first day.

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone No_____mob_____

Medical Needs_____

Parent/Carer_____

Email_____

School_____