

## A message from Mrs. Denham

Thank you all for being so understanding this morning about school not opening until 10 am. We had several staff who really struggled to get in and I really thank them for their perseverance.

### Christmas collections

We would like to thank you all for the contributions you made to the two charities which the school supported before Christmas. You donated £83.20 to 'Save the Children' for the Jumper days and £63.89 to 'The Children's Society' for the Christingle box collections. Well done.

### Governor vacancy

The closing date for the Parent Governor vacancy at Holywell is at the end of the school day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to know more about the position please come and speak with me. If more than one parent applies we will then hold an election.

### Save the date - Holywell Coffee Morning

As many parents have asked us to reinstate the Holywell Coffee Mornings, we have decided to hold one in the village hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 9 am until 10:30.

Mrs. Denham, Mrs. Arend look forward to meeting you. Please come and join us. Everyone welcome.

### Morning phone call.

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill and will not be attending **school you must phone the school each day that they are off by 9.30 am** to inform us. If you do not call school by this time, school has a duty of to call you to find out why they are off. Also, if you have two children in school and one is ill can you please notify the office in person as well as informing the class teacher in person. Thank you.

### School Lunches

If your child is going on the year 3/4 residential to the Calvert Trust and you have accidentally booked your child in for school dinners that week please take the credit of the next payment explaining on the sheet why the payment is less than the meals booked

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### School News

#### Pupil Achievements



We are always very proud to celebrate pupils' achievements and this week we have been amazed at the talent of **Louie Isaac** with his excellent Lego models. Well done Louie.

### Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out an email to all parents ASAP.
2. We will update the school Facebook page as soon as we know what is happening.
3. You can register with Devon County Council Connectme. The email link is: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1c4ff62> they will then alert you if the school is closed.
4. Listen to Heart Radio
5. news.devon@heart.co.uk
6. If you are unsure, telephone school on 01271 345908. We will always have staff, if at all possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements. Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter.

### Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> "

If you have already registered your under 5s using our bulk registration process, **parents are still able to register using the form/website**. This provides them with the opportunity to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

More promotional material is available on our website - <https://www.coolmilk.com/promote/>

If you need any help with any aspect of your school milk scheme, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help!

### 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.

### 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.

### News from the PTA



### 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	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Tag rugby	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>No club Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.</b>
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	<b>Starts Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February weather permitting.</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>No club Friday 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>

## Diary Dates – forthcoming events

### Term Dates

Spring half term starts, - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019.

End of the Spring term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

### Diary Dates

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Tempest class group photos.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Holywell School Coffee morning 9 am to 10:30 am, Tawstock village hall

## 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](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

### 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 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/prospective-parents>

### 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/>

**These above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.**

### 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/UKKECC/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>

**Some good sources of information and advice for parents:**

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm  
Call 0344 381 4772 or email [enquires@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:enquires@saferinternet.org.uk)

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.