



NEWSLETTER

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9th December, 2016

A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mr & Mrs Chapple (Aston's parents) who have kindly donated the Christmas tree which is on display in the playground and also to the parents and Tesco's Bideford who donated the decorations and the PTA for decorating it.

Also another big Thank You to all the children and parents who helped with the PTA bag packing event at Tesco's last weekend. You were all amazing raising over £200 for the PTA funds.

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday 16th December is the official Christmas Jumper Day so if you have not yet brought in your contribution of £1 today can you please try and remember next week. The money raised will go to Save the Children.

Christmas cards

In each classroom there is a post box for your child to put their cards to their friends this will then be opened daily by school council members. Please post all 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 will be collecting presents up to the morning of the performance, but are really short on present for Dads. Thank you.

School News

Pupil Achievement's

Congratulations and well done to:

Ethan Liepa; who has successfully completed his 100m swimming award and

Tia Evans; was awarded a Platinum award at the Tarka school of Gymnastics for her 'Excellent work'.

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!

Robins and Hedgehogs homework

Please note that, as they have worked so hard in the school play, Hedgehogs and Robins have no homework this week.

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

Well done and a big thank you from Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Garland to the children in Foxes class for your hard work and exceptional behaviour during the school performances. It has been a long and challenging week, but you were all absolutely amazing. You must all be exhausted, so there is no more homework this term! Keep up the spelling and reading though as this still has one more week!!

Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics

A big well done; to the year 5 and 6 children who travelled to Park school on Thursday to participate in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. You all worked so hard to score points for the school and your team effort was great to see. Thank you for all being such superstars at the end of a very busy week: Leah Smith, Jacey Cook, Amelie Masters, Libby Carlyon, Summah Barrow, Tabitha Andrews, Adam Rashid, Charlie Marshall, Findlay Lloyd, Nathan Pullen, Jayden Comer and Freddie Tanton. A big thank you to: Mr. Anderson and Miss Purchase for transporting and supervising the children throughout the event.

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



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

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

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

The Plough Arts Centre
Torrington

Jack Frost - Family Theatre Show for 3+ - Thursday 16th Feb (2.30pm)

Half Term Treat! Tickets £7 (Buy three get one free!)

A magical, wintery production brings Jack Frost to life through puppetry, live music and enchanting storytelling. Meet our mischievous sprite as he takes us on a snowy adventure and spreads winter wherever he goes. But wrap up warm or you'll catch him nipping at your fingers and toes!

Moon on a Stick transform the stage once more using their unique combination of light play, song and visual theatre to reimagine this well-known Nordic legend. A playful production perfect for children 3+

Moon On A Stick is a Norfolk based puppetry company combining visual theatre, storytelling and puppetry to create theatre for all ages.

Book online <http://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/event/jack-frost> or through our Box Office on 01805 624624.

XMAS CLUB AT THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE CENTRE

19TH MONDAY

8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN.
BREAKFAST OPTIONAL

10AM HIGH ROPES (8YR+)
CLIMBING WALL (5-7YR)

11AM ARTS & CRAFTS

LUNCH

1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES

2.45PM NERF ARENA

3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/
TEAM GAMES

5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.

20TH TUESDAY

8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN.
BREAKFAST OPTIONAL

10AM ARCHERY

11AM ARTS & CRAFTS

LUNCH

1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES

2.45PM LASER TAG (8YR+)
TARGET PRACTICE/ZORB (5-7YR)

3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/
TEAM GAMES

5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.

21ST WEDNESDAY

8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN.
BREAKFAST OPTIONAL

10AM TREASURE HUNT

11AM ARTS & CRAFTS

LUNCH

1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES

2.45PM HIGH ROPES (8YR+)
CLIMBING WALL (5-7YR)

3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/
TEAM GAMES

5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.

22ND THURSDAY

8AM ARRIVE, SETTLE IN.
BREAKFAST OPTIONAL

10AM NERF ARENA

11AM ARTS & CRAFTS

LUNCH

1PM MOVIE/TEAM GAMES

2.45PM XMAS PARTY

3.45PM ARTS & CRAFTS/
TEAM GAMES

5PM ONWARDS, HOME TIME.

£25

PER DAY (+£3 TO ADD LUNCH)

CALL 01237 880028 OR VISIT

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ADVENTURE CENTRE.COM
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/holidayclub 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_____