

Newsletter



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25th March 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Comic Relief



A few pictures from last Fridays Comic Relief/House Team Day

School News

<u>Squirrels Class - Marvellous Middle</u>

On Wednesday afternoon, while the sun was shining Squirrels class had a Marvellous Middle celebration of their Topic Learning. The topic this term has been about South America, so we looked at the significance of Carnival to the South American culture and how it links with the season of Lent. The children watched some clips of the Rio De Janeiro Carnival as well as listened to some Samba music to really understand the grand nature of the event. The children then created head dresses using a range of feathers, sequins and vibrant materials. These head dresses were then worn, when we did our own Carnival parade with musical instruments (creating a new kind of Samba!) out on the playground. We finished the afternoon by playing piñata – we had made this collectively as a class earlier in the day. There was great excitement when the seams exploded and the children were showered in sweets!



St Peter's, Tawstock

St Peter's Tawstock is holding a Mothering Sunday service at 11.00am this Sunday. They'll be honouring all mums and praying for them. A warm welcome is extended to all Holywell families.

Walk to The Moon

A reminder that the Walk to The Moon challenge is running until the 4th April. Please add any sponsorship money to Parentpay. Thank you to Izzy, Nancy and Aston from Foxes who have returned their February mileage sheets. These are the only ones I have received from the whole school. Remember there are prizes available and we are trying to support Morish through Edukid whilst keeping ourselves active.

Year 6 Parents

Mrs Hammond will be holding a second SATs meeting for those parents that were unable to make it this week.

It will be Thursday 31st March at 3:30pm in Squirrel's class.

A member of staff will be available to supervise children and their siblings on the playground during the meeting.

<u>Year 5's</u>

On the afternoons of Wednesday 30th March and Tuesday 5th April, year 5 children will have the opportunity to work with teachers from Pilton School on art and forensic science activities. This exciting opportunity is part of the transition process offer by Pilton that helps year 5 pupils begin to think about their transfer to secondary school.



Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is $\pounds4.50$ per child - can drop off from 8am. After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm ($\pounds4.50$) or 5.15pm ($\pounds9.00$).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email <u>myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Wed & Thurs) or <u>lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Mon, Tues & Fri)

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals - £2.30 per day

Skern Lodge – Residential – <mark>the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.</mark> Breakfast & ASC –

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5 - final payments please.

Walk to the Moon – <mark>donations of sponsorship money raised</mark>

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item and for the correct child in your family

Ventrus Job Vacancies

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the <u>Citizen Portal</u> which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <u>https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/</u> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <u>https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-</u> <u>Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf</u>

DIARY DATES:

March 30th to April 1st - Skern Lodge Residential - Years 3 & 4.

April 5th (Tuesday) – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

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<u>End of Spring term – last day Friday 8th April 2022.</u> <u>First day of the Summer term Monday 25th April 2022.</u>

News from the PTA



Meeting

There is an online meeting on Tuesday **29th March 7.30 pm** to complete the DBS training for volunteers, discuss funding requests and finalise plans for the Easter trail.

Easter Trail

Thursday 7th April after school. Please could we have volunteers to help with this event.

Plant sale

After last year's success, we are planning to hold another sale on **6th May**, so please remember to sow a few extra seeds this spring!

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, each ticket is entered into a **prize draw**. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time at <u>https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school</u> Good luck!

Online fundraising

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral_ campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <u>https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0</u>