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11th September, 2020

Autumn Term

Last day of the autumn term will be December, 2020.

Training day Friday October 23rd, 2020

Half term Monday 26th October, 2020 – Friday 30th October, 2020 inclusive.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Dear parents and carers

What a wonderful week we have had being back at school. It has been so lovely having the children and parents back into school and having a school full of life once again. We've loved hearing all the children's chatter and laughter in the classrooms and playground.

The children have been an absolute credit to you all and have settled back into school life incredibly well. Staff have worked very hard planning the "return to school curriculum" and the children are enjoying all the lessons and activities they have organised.

Thank you for your understanding as a school settles into the new norm. We've had a few small teething problems which we hope have been sorted now. Please let us know if anything you feel we could be doing differently or anything you feel concerned or worried about.

Next week the children will be taking part in wow day to get them excited and involved about a new term and theme. A letter has been sent home informing you about the day this week.

It is with deep regret that Tiddlers and Toddlers will sadly not be starting this term. It is not possible for them to be able to stick to all the rules and regulations surrounding COVID-19 to be able to run the club they will reassess the situation in January.

After School Club

Sadly St Michael's Nursery can't offer after school care for the next month or two due to issues around space in the nursery now they have to follow COVID 19 guidance.

We have been trying to help parents out who need this provision by trying to organise temporary after school care in school.

We may be able to offer this and need to know what the demand would be to see if it is viable.

We think the sessions could be from 3.15pm to 5.15pm and cost approx. £8 in the school. (This is a shorter session than St Michael's and doesn't include high tea.)

If you are interested in this offer, please could you e mail school as soon as possible but by 10am Monday September 14th so we have an idea of numbers. Please state what days and times you would need the care for.

With many thanks to the Holywell team for helping out with this offer.

WOW DAY

We are excited to be holding our first Wow Day on Wednesday 16th September in school! This will be a great start to our 'Where in the World?' Geography topics. Each class will have the chance to do the following activities within their bubbles:

- Building shelters from around the world in the Hollow
- A session with representatives from Shelterbox charity, via video call
- A session on the wonderful book, Here We Are, by Oliver Jeffers
- A fun, sports-based sponsored event to raise money for Shelterbox

We are really pleased that these activities have come together as we want to focus very much on our Christian values of friendship and community this term, and on how we can celebrate and help our local, national and global communities in these times.

Please make sure your child has a coat and a change of shoes for their Hollow session.

Look out for a letter and sponsor form for our sponsored event which will be sent home with your child soon.

FOXES PE

From next week, we would like to change our PE kit arrangements in Foxes please. Please could you send your child into school in PE Kit every Wednesday? They can wear a school jumper if they need to or a PE hoodie. As it is the last session of the day, they don't need to bring anything to change into.

We will send home any kits that are still in school on Monday.

Many thanks,

Mrs Turner and Mrs Bellew

Parent Pay

As previously notified, all payments **must** now be made by parent pay and we are **unable** to take cash payments, if you have not yet logged onto parent pay and have lost your username and password can you please email and we will get this sent out to you.

Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

News from the PTA



Welcome to the new term! All parents/carers are automatically members of the PTA and **everyone** is welcome to join in fundraising activities and other initiatives to support each other as a school community. All contributions,

no matter how small, help enrich our children's experience at school and are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing many of you in our first online meeting very soon! In the meantime, you can contact us on friendsofholywell@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

Uniform shop: Did you know that each year 1.4 million wearable uniforms are thrown away and that UK families spend on average over £200 per child in uniform? We have a well-stocked **second-hand uniform** shop, with items priced at just **£2** for tops with the new logo and **£1** for other items. Please get in touch with **Hazel** Malin on **07974 208835** if you need any!

Easyfundraising: Thank you for helping us raise funds through easyfundraising. Please remember to use this link next time you shop online!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=qxe9k8&referral-campaign=s2s>

AGM: we are hoping to hold this online on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30