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10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

## A message from Mrs. Denham

Happy New Year and welcome to an exciting Spring term 2020 ahead. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and had an enjoyable and fun New Year.

Very sadly our Chair of the PTA, Bryan Steers, has resigned. I would like to thank Bryan very much for stepping into this role to enable the continuation of Holywell's PTA and thank him for his support of the school. We now need to find a new Chair for the PTA and welcome ALL parents and carers to a meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at Corffe, main house in Tawstock.

## Dates of this year's Yr. 2 & Yr. 6 SAT's, the new multiplications check for yr. 4 pupils and the phonics check for yr. 1 pupils.

Please can we ask that if you are considering an exceptional absence request, that you speak with Mrs. Denham before you book anything and please avoid the dates below and the lead up to these.

Yr. 6 – 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive).

Yr. 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May (inclusive).

Yr. 1 Phonics check - 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June (inclusive)

Yr. 4 Multiplication check - 8<sup>th</sup> June for 3 weeks (until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June).

## **Admission to Primary School September 2020 for children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016**

The application facility **closes at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.** It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made. The online address on which to apply is [www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline)

## Taster School Dinners for all Reception, Year 1 & 2 children

Most children in Reception, Yr. 1 and 2, order our delicious school meals. However, some children have packed lunches. We would like to invite those children to a taster school dinner, next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Please join us the menu will be: -

Option 1 – Sweet & Sour Chicken, served with noodles

Option 2 – Baked Potato served with cheese.

Dessert – Rice pudding and jam.

## PTA Meeting

The PTA will be holding their next meeting at Corffe, main house on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020., starting at 7pm. The meeting will be to discuss the activities for this term.

If you have not yet joined the PTA or not been to one of their meetings recently and feel that you would like to help raise funds for the children of Holywell, please, please come along. It is a way of making new friends within the Holywell family and everyone is very welcome.

**Year 1 & 2 Gymnastics will start next Tuesday. Please see the diary dates below for all the dates.**

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### School News

#### Spring Term

The last day of the Spring term will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

The half term will be from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 (inclusive).

#### Summer term

The first day of the Summer term will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

**Please remember that the May Bank Holiday will now be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

The half term will be from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 (inclusive)

The last day of the Summer term will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

## **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

### Pupil Achievements

**Congratulations to Bella Ayres and Maddie Wilson** for achieving Distinctions in their Grade 3 IDTA Ballet exam taken at Unlimited Dance Company in December.

### Church News and current Christian Value

**Value:** The current Christian Value is – Wisdom, Truthfulness and Honesty

The children enjoyed Rev. Gary's visit to school this week where he took collective worship about the Epiphany and then joined yrs. 3 & 4 who had some amazing questions for him about the Holy Trinity. Thank you Rev. Gary.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February we will be having an informal, interactive prayer afternoon led by the Rev. Gary. This is to pray for our school and everyone is welcome: parents, children and staff. It will run straight after school until 4 pm.

### Parent Pay.

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and it has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

### Items on Parent Pay

**Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £40.00 is due today 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

**Swim & Gym – Years 1 & 2** – The 1<sup>st</sup> session will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, so please make sure you have paid on Parent Pay or have returned the slip with payment to the office by the end of the day on Monday. Thank You.

### North Devon Cross Country

It is the next North Devon Cross Country event this Sunday at Shebbear College. Mrs. Hammond is hoping to be there! If she is unable to do so she will put it on the school FB page, by 8am. If there is no message assume that Mrs. Hammond will be there to walk the course from the start line at 9am.

### 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.

### Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and toot lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email [imsnorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:imsnorthdevon@gmail.com)

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

## News from the PTA



**Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to support us through shopping online with easyfundraising –**

If you haven't signed up yet, please do it before you shop online next time – it only takes a few minutes and it will really help us.

For more info and to sign up, go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s>

### **Op Shop**

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

### **Club**

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Starts on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Tuesday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Starts on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	<b>Starts on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</b>
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	<b>Starts on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Start date to be confirmed.</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>No club until the Spring Term</b>
Friday	Indoor Football	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, % 6	<b>Starts on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>

### **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

**14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020** – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics – If you have not yet paid for this event can you please do so by the close of day on Monday. Thank you.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics.

**18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4

### **Community News**

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children's birthday party is now £45.00.

### **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 53366

## Links you may be interested in?

### **The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington**

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

### **Romarsport**

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

[www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com) link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

### **HappyMaps**

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

### **Outdoors Group**

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

### **Riverdart.co.uk – event 30<sup>th</sup> March**

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

### **Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court**

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

### **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>

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 the NSPCC: on social networks, app and games.

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

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

### **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/>

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

**Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)**

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

**Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

**Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>