



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Wow, what a busy week and didn't they all do well!

This week we have seen some wonderful performances at this year's Christmas play 'It's a Party'. The children have been practicing hard for the last few weeks learning all their lines and words to the songs and the results, I am sure you will agree, have been fantastic. These plays could not take place without the help and dedication of many people.

Firstly, I would like to thank you the parents for providing some or all of the costumes for your child and for bring them back to school for the evening performance and collecting them later for the others.

Also, thank you to Mr. Wileman, for taking the photo booth which the PTA have been taking orders for, to the PTA, for providing the refreshments, selling goods from the bazaar, the school Christmas cards and taking order of the 'photo booth' photo's, Jo Andrews for the scenery, Finley and Sonny's Nan for materials, parents for the carpet, and finally to all the staff and particularly Mrs. Curtis, for making it happen.

### **Administering of prescription medication:**

Please can I remind parents that the school is allowed to administer 'prescription' only medicine, but this can only be done if you have signed the relevant paperwork which is kept in the school office. We also require the medicine to be drawn up in a syringe. Advice from the School Nurse; if the medicine says three times a day this means at regular intervals throughout the day, every 8 hours. In this instance the medicine should not be required to be administered in school. At no time should children bring medicine into school to self-administer. We have children who are allergic to certain medicines so we have to be vigilant that we know exactly what medicines are on site.

### **Christmas Meal**

If you have booked a Christmas Meal on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, please arrive at school by 11.30 am. The lunch is being served at 11.45 am.

### **Christingle Service**

On Thursday December 17 we have our Christmas Carol Service and Christingle at St Peter's Church starting at 2pm. We aim to walk to the Church between 1.30 and 1.50pm. However, as the road gets very busy with so many cars going to the Service, it ends up taking us a very long time to get all the children down to the Church. We have to stop so many times to let cars past. Therefore, can we please ask that parents either:

- Park at school and walk with us to the Church. Once the Service is over, then walk their own child back down to school to pick up their car from school
- Drive their car down to the Church either before 1.30pm or after 1.50pm so we don't have to stop to let cars pass by.

Many thanks for your support and understanding with this issue. Your child's safety is our main concern.

Our wonderful Christmas cards of Holywell School in the snow are on sale in the office - £3.50 for 10 or £30 for £10. We are so grateful to Mrs. Jo Andrews for yet again putting her wonderful artistic talents to great use for the school. All the monies raised from the sale of the card will go towards the Holywell New Build Appeal. We hope to raise enough money by the summer holidays for 2 new offices and 2 new intervention rooms.

## Pupils Achievements

### **Congratulation and well done to:**

**Kodie Harmer:** Yet again Kodie has achieved another 1<sup>st</sup> place with 5<sup>th</sup> overall, what a little superstar she is, also

**Jack Ayres:** for achieving his Chief Silver Scout Award - the highest award for Cub Scouts. This shows that he is adventurous, has helped the community, and learnt about the world. It also means he has gained skills, worked in a team and completed all 7 Challenge Awards and 6 Activity Badges. As part of the award he had to devise an activity and lead a whole Cub night. A huge achievement, and finally to;

**Madison Wilson:** who has achieved her 300m ASA swimming badge.

### **'WOW' afternoons;**

#### **Robins**

On 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1.40 pm to 2.40 pm, the children in Robins would like to invite their parent to come and join them in a Christmas decoration workshop. We look forward to seeing you then.

#### **Hedgehogs**

On 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2 pm to 3.15 pm the children in Hedgehogs would like to share their work with their parents and there will be some Victorian and Christmassy activities that you can do together. Look forward to seeing you then.

### **Home Learning is to learn the song words for the play please!**

#### **Foxes class: Home Learning and WOW day**

##### **Children:**

It has been a very busy week and without a doubt we have some very tired members of Foxes class, so as a big thank you for all of your hard work during the performance season and an obvious need for some 'down time' there is no set home learning this week - please feel free to keep practising your times tables if you have energy to burn!

##### **Parents:**

Remember it will be our class WOW day on Monday afternoon, please come to the classroom to begin with (1:30pm) so children can share some of their work with you before we move to the hall for some family creativity. Please don't forget your oranges!

#### **Squirrels**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 3pm Squirrel's class would like to invite all year 5 and 6 parent to our end of term 'WOW' event. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

#### **Year 3 and 4 swimming certificates**

A massive well done; to all of the children who were swimming this term. As your coaches Miss. Purchase and Mrs. Hammond have been super proud of you all and the attitude you have shown towards the swimming skills we have been teaching you. As a result of this you have achieved the following ASA awards.

Badge 1 - Emily Peart

Badge 2 - Jai Greenwood

Badge 3 - Tiana Comer, Jared Green, Monty Andrews, Holly Perfect.

Badge 4 - Isabelle Westaway, Tyler Cook

Badge 5 - Finley Ellis, Leah Smith, Kyle Smith, Jacey Cook, Archie Matthews, Reegan Fowler, Katy Pullen, Cooper Vine, Dan Doyle

Badge 6 - Francesca Lewis, Libby Carlyon, Fred Cockbain, Adam Rashid, Amelie Masters, Aidan Milton, Felicity Ayres, Billy Dudden, Kodie Harmer, Anastasia Evans, Charlie Marshall, Charlie Wileman

### **Letters sent home this week:**

Year 6 parents – Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests (SATS).

**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	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	Cancelled until the new year
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	See note
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

### **Recorder Club**

Please can all children remember to bring their recorders into school every day now until the Christingle service so that they can practice daily together. There will be no club next Wednesday due to the Play performance but Mrs. Archer will be holding one on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

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

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime visit, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch, starts at 11.45 am. Arrive around 11.30am

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm. everyone welcome. See note from Mrs. Denham about driving to the church.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Tuck Shop and Bazaar items for sale at 2.50pm, at the gate.



### **.PTFA**

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

### **Community News**

#### **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

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#### **Free Nativity Trail**

The churches of Barnstaple  
Invite you to join the  
Nativity Trail

On Saturday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm – 4 pm

Various characters from the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes area.  
Children will be invited to find them all, collect stickers from them and a code word. Get the coded message right in exchange for a prize at the end!

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#### **St Michaels Nursery Tawstock**

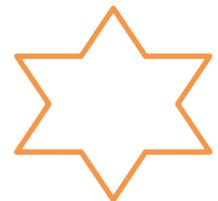
We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

**STOP SHOPPING, START HAVING FUN;  
SPEND FAMILY TIME WITHOUT  
SPENDING MONEY!**

**Come have FREE  
Christmas family  
Fun on Sunday  
13<sup>th</sup> December**



**4-6pm in Trinity Church  
(the one with the tower!)**



**in Barnstaple**

**We will have an amazing Christmas celebration learning all about the light of the world AND THE AMAZING CHRISTMAS JOURNEY!**

**- with Christmas crafts, games, music and festive food!**



**Contact Sharon Blyth for more info  
01271 374240 or [office@trinitybarnstaple.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:office@trinitybarnstaple.eclipse.co.uk)**

***Please note - grown ups remain the responsibility of children  
they accompany!***

***Grandparents and aunties and uncles warmly welcome too!***