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28th January, 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

Thank you all for your support and understanding through what has been a challenging week at school as we have had high sickness and COVID levels throughout the school. We have done everything we possibly can to make sure staff and pupils are kept safe, buildings are well ventilated and clean to a high standard, but it seems that COVID is rife in the area at the moment. We ask that if your child has a positive lateral flow test result, to please notify the school immediately, in addition please report your result to https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. We would also like to remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hrs.

I would like to thank all staff for stepping up, covering and supporting each other and going the extra mile this week. They have been amazing.

We still have spaces on the wonderful Y3/4 residential to Skern Lodge in March. Please have a look at their website if you are considering this opportunity for your child. If you would like to discuss this further, please give me a ring.

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School News

ParentPay Payments

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

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

School Meals - payments must be made in advance of meals being taken.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the 2nd instalment if due by the 28th January.

Breakfast & ASC – payment should be made in advance of attending these clubs.

Uniform -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5 – If you haven't yet paid for this activity could you please do so as soon as possible. If you have any issues making this payment can you, please contact the school office.

Parents Childcare Survey - Spring 2022

We have been asked by DCC to share this short <u>survey</u> with all school staff, friends and family and all the parents and carers in our school.

Parent Conference Week

The parent conferences for the Spring term will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 7th March.

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am. After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).



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)

Stop Abuse Together

The Government's new Stop Abuse Together website can help you learn to spot the signs, and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

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-Privacy-Notice-2021-</u> <u>Final.pdf</u>

DIARY DATES:

January 18th (Tuesday) – to Tuesday 22nd March (9 weeks) – Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics (1st, 8th 15th February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March). Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.

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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Spring half term - Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 (inclusive)

News from the PTA



Asda Green Tokens

Thank you for voting for the chance to receive £500 for the school! Last opportunity to vote before the end of January, please share the link widely! <u>https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store=4399</u>

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! 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

If you are doing any 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&referralcampaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox AmazonSmile <u>https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0</u>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.