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10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## **A message from Mrs. Denham**

We would like to say a big thank you to Ms Winfield and Ms Dart for the lovely Christmas lunch they laid on for the children as well as the excellent Christmas baps for the staff. It was a lovely atmosphere with the year 5 & 6 children singing along to the Christmas music as they patiently waited to be served. The children would also like to thank the PTA for the kind gift for them to wear which made the occasion even more Christmassy.

Next week we are holding the two Nativity performances in the hall and would ask that all parents/grandparents etc. who are attending if they could please take a Lateral Flow Test before they arrive and also wear a face mask whilst in the hall.

The Christingle and Carol service is due to take place on Thursday at St Peters church but we are still in talks with the Rev. Gary and St Peters regarding this. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we have it. However, if it does go ahead we ask again that you take a Lateral Flow Test before you arrive and again wear face-masks at all times in the church.

If this doesn't go ahead, we will hold a Christingle service for the children in school in the same way as we did last year.

### **Swop Shop**

Our annual pupil SWOP SHOP will go ahead on the morning of Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**We would be very grateful, if you are able to send in a donation of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters**, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful. On the day the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day. There will be no charge so you do not have to send in money!

### **Important information regarding Breakfast and After School Clubs**

The After School Club will continue as now until the end of this academic year as well as the Breakfast Club on Mondays, Tuesdays. and Wednesdays when they will both be reviewed. However, the Breakfast Club on Thursdays and Fridays will have to be booked in advance as staff will only be employed on a casual basis. The reason for the amendment to Thursday and Friday Breakfast Club is that we have no regular bookings.

### **Jumper Days**

The children have really enjoyed wearing their jumpers over the last 3 weeks and the final day will be the last day of term 17<sup>th</sup> December. As this is for the Save the Children charity, we ask each child to make a one-off payment to donate £2.00 via ParentPay which we will send to the charity. The ParentPay link will stay open until the end of term to give those of you who have not yet donated a chance to do so.

### **Christmas Cards**

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends or staff members please make sure that the envelope is clearly marked with the recipient's full name, and class. These can then be placed in the box which will be placed outside or just inside the office door, if raining. The core School Council Members will then distribute these during the day. The box will be available from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## School News

### **Fantastic Finish – Foxes**

Foxes class will be finishing up their World War 2 topic learning with their 'Fantastic Finish' on Tuesday 14th December.

We will have a busy day full of cooking, baking, sewing and writing as a 'fantastic' end to all of the children's wonderful hard work from this term.

The children will be sharing parts of their day on Teams for you to enjoy with your child at home.

If your child would like to wear their WW2 outfit from our 'Stunning Start' back in September, they are very welcome to!

### **Services at St Peters, Tawstock**

Sunday 12th December

Community carol singing in Tawstock churchyard from 4.00pm. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Mulled wine, juice and mince pies for all.

Sunday 19th December

Christingle service in church at 11.00am

### **Admission to Primary School September 2022**

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. 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 Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,

[http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining\\_our\\_school/261003](http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003)

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter [www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions](https://twitter.com/DevonAdmissions)

### **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:

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

### **School Meals**

### **Skern Lodge – Residential**

**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 [myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk) (Wed & Thurs) or [lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk) (Mon, Tues & Fri)

### **Ventrus Job Vacancies**

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

### **Admissions Policy consultation 2023-2024**

The consultation period for the 2023 – 2024 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2023-24 <http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads' We are consulting on this between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) 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 <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

### **DIARY DATES:**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)** – Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 2pm to 3pm

**December 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**– Flu Immunisation – 9.30am

**December 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** - Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 9:20am to 10:20am

**December 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** – Carol service and Christingle at Tawstock Parish Church – 2pm to 3pm.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 (Friday)** – Christmas Jumper day.

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

**Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## **News from the PTA**



**Thank you** for all your support this term. Our Christmas fundraising campaign has raised £450 for the school and we have also been able to provide some festive treats. We hope you are pleased with your Christmas cards and other lovely items made with the children's wonderful designs!

### **Asda Green Tokens**

Thank you for voting for the chance to receive £500 for the school! We are already in the lead but voting stays open until the end of January so please go back to vote every week! This is online and available to anyone, no purchase necessary. Simply vote in this link: <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4399>

### **Signal group**

We have set up a secure messaging group for all PTA members using the Signal App. Parents and teachers can scan the attached QR code or click on the link below to join ·

<https://signal-group/#CjQKIMt31dkqvvyOhB4d9kFxpMKE9FT8ms51Q4vmbzAVboaPEhCsmBnbBk2j4zZJkEISVyfU>

### **Your School Lottery**

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time

at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> 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=HP25QV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_source=rtwsharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP25QV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox)

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

**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.