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6th December, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

PTA Christmas Fayre.

Thank you very much to everyone who came along and supported our new PTA's first event today. The atmosphere was bustling with festive cheer and the children had a thoroughly great time at this fun event. A special thank you; to the hard working PTA members who have spent hours planning this for us.

Christmas Raffle

This week the PTA have also sent home raffle tickets to each family. Please return the stubs with money in the envelope provided and post in the special box which can be found in the office. If you require further tickets, these are also available from Mrs. Palmer. Thank you for your support.

Well what another busy week it has been with the Christmas spirit certainly starting to show. Your children have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas performances next week. Tickets were sent home this week, two each for the Wednesday and Friday performances. If you could like tickets for the Tuesday afternoon dress rehearsal can you, please ask for tickets in the office or by email. This performance is suitable for the under 5's. The reception and KS1 children will be watching and we will hopefully be joined by children from St Michaels Nursery. If you are unable to attend can you, please return the tickets you do not require. Additionally, if you would like extra tickets please ask or email the office.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Nativity and Christingle service at 2pm on the 18th December. Please could we have some volunteers to stay behind afterwards and help tidy the church. If you think you can do this, please let Mrs Turner or Mrs Palmer know. Many thanks!

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

The application facility opens on 15th November, 2019 and **closes at midnight on 15th 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/admissionsonline

Our annual pupil Swap Shop will be held next Monday morning, 16th December. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in donations. We are still collecting any small donations 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. **Don't forget the DAD'S** 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!

Tawstock Small Toy and Stock Exchange.

Advance notice – will be closed for the colder months on the 21st December and will open again when the weather warms up.

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School News
Autumn term

The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 20th December, 2019.

The first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Year 5/6 Tennis Competition

On Wednesday 27th November, 4 of our Yr. 5 & 6 pupils represented Holywell in a Tennis Tournament at Tarka Tennis. They enjoyed a full day of matches with both our teams getting through to the final of their group. Thomas G & Ruby L won their final against Bratton Fleming while Cameron G and Maddie Wilson lost their tightly matched final against West Buckland. They all showed a great sporting attitude and had a fantastic day.

Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to group of year 5 and 6 children who represented Holywell at the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Park School this week. We know the competition was tough but you all tried your best. Ms. Scott and Mr. Anderson, who went with the pupils, said that their effort, sportsmanship and behaviour were all excellent. You certainly let your lights shine!

Robins Wow Day

Robins Wow Day will be taking place on Monday **9th December at 2pm**. Please come and enjoy a celebration of our learning this term and share in a special workshop with a Christmas theme.
Thank you

Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> "

We have already registered your under 5s using our bulk registration process, but if you would like your child to continue to have milk after their 5th birthday parents **are still able to register using the form/website**. This provides them with the opportunity to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

More promotional material is available on our website - <https://www.coolmilk.com/promote/>

If you need any help with any aspect of your school milk scheme, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help!

Road Closure

As some of you will know, that the road through Tawstock has 'Road Closure' notices on it. This does not directly affect the school, as the road will be open from the Eastacombe direction at all times. However, we have spoken with the contractors and they have informed that the final closure will probably be during the week commencing 9th December - the road will be closed just below the phone box, before the junction off to Newbridge, as you approach from the Lake side. There will be pedestrian access.

Church News and current Christian Value

Value: Peace

All the children have started thinking about our new value of peace this week and writing prayers for peace.

Hedgehog and Robin Christmas Nativity

This will be on Wednesday 18th December, at the church as part of the Christingle service. All welcome!

Tawstock -Community Phone Box

Thank you for those that kindly donated. Please pop in and take a look. If you have any books which you are able to donate, please take them along to fill the shelves. Thank you.

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

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

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

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone that donated a bottle today for non-uniform day, we've now got a great variety of items for the stall! If you forgot your bottle, please don't panic we will happily take bottle donations up until the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December.

Our next request is for empty jam jars for the 'Lucky Jars' stall! If you do have any, please bring them in to school early next week and give them to Katherine Broad or another member of the PTA.

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to support us through shopping online with easyfundraising – we're really grateful. We have already raised over £45!

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	Last club on Monday 9th December
Monday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Last club on Monday 9th December
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	Last club on Tuesday 10th December
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No club until the Spring Term
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No club until the Spring Term
Friday	Dodge Ball	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No club until the Spring Term

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

This year's KS 2 Christmas Performance is: Lights, Camel, Action 2 – The sequin!

10th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 1.30 pm Dress Rehearsal

11th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 3.30 – 5 pm

13th December, 2019 – Christmas Performance at 5.30 – 7 pm

13th December, 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day.

Details regarding the ticket allocation will be circulated soon.

16th December, 2019 – Annual Sway Shop, further details to follow for our new parents.

18th December, 2019 – Christmas Lunch, please look out for the letter which will be sent home shortly. Adult places are allocated on a first come first served basis which must include payment.

18th December, 2019 – Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 2 pm

20th December, 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day.

18th to 20th March, 2020 – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4.

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

A full list of dates can be found on the school website under 'Links and Downloads' on the home page

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

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 link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

HappyMaps

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 30th 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

<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/UKCECC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>