



A message from Mrs. Denham

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to make lots of lovely memories with your children. It has been so lovely to see them all once again.

We welcome all the new reception children **Ruby, Lola, Lexi, Edward, Betsy, Daniel, Thomas, Edward, Rupert, Kingston, Levi** their families. We look forward to getting to know you all and seeing you settle into the Holywell family. We also welcome Jack into Y5.

We also welcome new staff to the school – Mrs Bellew will be covering Mrs Turner’s adoption leave in Hedgehog’s Class, Mrs Rolfe (TA) and Mrs Benstead (pre-school leader) are working in Robin’s Class and Mr Buckton is a 1:1 TA in Squirrels. Other staff who have been working at Bratton Fleming are also working in Holywell this year. Mr Day will be a sports teacher in school on a Wednesday and teaching swimming on a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Arend will be working Tuesday and Thursday as a parent support worker and Mrs Crockford will be working in Foxes and Robins on a Thursday.

We wish the Y5/6 who are going on the residential to St George’s House in Georgeham next week a wonderful time. Many thanks to all the staff who are accompanying the children!

HELP! HELP! HELP! We would like to put a suspended ceiling into Robin’s Class to reduce the noise from such a high ceiling. As the school is a listed building, we have to apply for permission to alter the inside of the building. We need internal plans drawn to scale of the room! Is there anyone out there that could help us or knows of anyone who could help us?? We would be so very grateful.

CAR PARKING: Thank you so much helping us to cope with car parking situation - we all know the car parking at Holywell is dire! The Village Hall car park is too small for the number of cars we now have coming daily to the school, so parents have no alternative but to fill the car park up by double parking and by parking on the road. The school has grown considerably in numbers with staff and pupils in the last couple of years, and we have pre-school on site now too – but we needed all this in order to survive and be a viable, thriving school for the future.

Therefore, we ask you all to be understanding of each other and park as carefully and considerately as possible. I believe the “unspoken parking rules” are:

1. Parents who are in a rush to get away need to park on the road – and MUST not block either the car park entrance or the gravel driveway. We need these clear so we can utilise the car park’s capacity to its maximum.
2. Parents who arrive early enough to park in the car park have to realise that if they park on the edge of the car park, it is likely they may have to wait a while for the car park to clear.
3. Once the edges of the car park are full, cars then double park through the middle of the car park.
4. Some cars now park carefully along the edge of the gravel – this is now acceptable so long as the taxis and minibus have right of way and are not blocked in, in any way at all. These cars must wait until the minibus and taxi have gone before they then leave.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

5. As more cars are parking on the road, we ask you pull away from parking spaces carefully and be aware that other parents and children will be walking on the road.

6. KS1 pupils can be picked up at 3pm – please let your class teacher know if you are going to do this. The children will be brought down to the school gate as normal. This then allows some cars to leave before the rush at 3.15pm

The school staff and Governors are doing all we can to make it as safe for our pupils and parents as we can and we thank you for your support.

School News

Lost or mislaid uniform from last term

If your child lost or mislaid any uniform in the last academic year and you would like it back can you please call into the office and have a look through the box next week. Any uniform left at the end of the week will be sent to the PTA.

Mindset

All classes have been studying about growth mindset. This is where we have been discussing the import of having a growth mindset not a fixed mindset. Please see attached flyer for parents.

Cheques

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

Cross Country Club and the North Devon Cross Country League.

Mrs. Hammond will be again running a cross country club after school this term on a Friday, straight after school until 4:15pm, starting next Friday (14th Sept) It will also be Mrs. H's intention to enter a cross country team to the North Devon Cross Country league that takes place on Sundays.

Race dates are:

Sunday 23rd September – Kingsley School, Bideford

Sunday 14th October – Shebbear College

Sunday 4th November – Coxleigh Barton Equestrian Centre, Shirwell

Sunday 25th November – West Buckland School

Sunday 13th January – Northam Burrows, Westward Ho!

Sunday 3rd February – West Buckland School

The event is open to children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

There will be a cost of £8 (total), charged to parents by the league to cover costs.

Parents will be required to bring their children to the events. We generally meet at 9am and are all finished by 10:45am.

Children who complete 5 out of the 6 races will receive a participation medal.

If you would like further information check out the league site: www.northdevonxcleague.weebly.com

If you are interested please let Mrs. H know. You do not need to be a member of the school cross country club to participate in these races.

Clubs:

Mrs. Hammond will be running netball club for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 after school on a Monday, finishing at 4:15pm. This will start on the 17th September.

Mr. Day will be running a Boxing club for children in KS2 on a Wednesdays, finishing at 4.30 pm
The club is aimed at introducing KS2 children to boxing for fitness. The sessions will teach correct boxing teaching techniques for fitness using gloves & pads, introducing them to related fitness and flexibility drills with loads of fun thrown in!

Mr. Dymond will be running football club for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 after school on a Thursday, finishing at 4:15pm.
This will start on the 20th September.

Yazzy

On the 5th of October local singer/songwriter Yazzy will be visiting Holywell School to talk about her musical journey and experiences, including her recent performance to 10,000 people supporting Paloma Faith at Glastonbury Abbey. Yazzy hopes to inspire and encourage the children to take part in musical activities and learn more about the industry. There will also be a chance for a few children to perform with Yazzy on the day and a chance to meet her after school, where she will be selling her CD's for £5 and merchandise t-shirts for £10 as well as a one to one talk with any children who may wish for that.

Break time snacks for year 3

The government doesn't provide free fruit for children beyond year 2. If your year 3 child would like a fruit snack at break time please provide one for them.

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Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts on Monday 17th September
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	Starts on Tuesday 18th September
Wednesdays	Boxing	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts on Wednesday 19th September
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	Starts on Thursday 20th September
Thursday	Staff Meetings			

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

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Christmas Performances KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)

Wednesday 12th December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.

Thursday 13th December, - Performance starts 2pm

Friday 14th December, - Performances starts 6pm. The children will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm.

Community News

Brownies – spaces available

The Brownies that meet at St Michael's nursery in Sticklepath on a Wednesday evening 6.15 to 7.30pm for girls aged 7 – 11 years have a few spaces available. If you would like further information please text or call on 07770 910702.

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

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

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 533668



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Links you may be interested in?

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 Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>