

A message from Mrs. Denham

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday we held our annual Harvest Festival at St Peters church and we would like to thank you all for dropping your children off at the church and also thank those of you who stayed and joined us for the service. Thank you for all your donations of food etc. which I took to the Freedom Centre later that day. They were very appreciative of your kind donations.

Holywell website – e Schools

Watch out for a letter coming out next week with a new way of booking parent conferences online!

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Robins lunch Thursday 5th October

Another thank you; to those parents who came and join their children for lunch this week. It was very successful and those who came have said how much they enjoyed it.

Secondary School Transfer – 2018

If you have not yet registered your child to move to secondary school, the application line closes on 31st October.

It is very important that parents apply within this timescale as late applications may be disadvantaged where schools are oversubscribed. The actual application facility will be open at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline . Parents may express up to three preferences ranked in priority order.

Any questions should be directed in the first instance to the Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019.

Allocation day is Thursday 1st March, 2018

School News

Lost items: Please can you all check at home.

Finley Ellis (Squirrels) has lost a Mountain Warehouse, grey & black raincoat. The coat is sized 11/12 and named. Naomi Jenkins (Robins) has lost a school cardigan, size 3 – 4 years and named.

Success for the Gateway Federation Show Jumping Team!!!

1st September was the finals day for the first ever series of the North Devon Schools show jumping League. Our team of four gained bronze position on the podium in the 50cm class, we couldn't have wished for more!!! To add to this, last weekend the team won their class and also came 5th in the 60cm jumping at their first attempt!! So it was big smiles all round for Isabelle Westaway, Tichy Saunders, Lily Pierce and Jessica Davie, good luck for the next competition on 12th November girls !!!



Year 3 and 4 Park School Cross Country

Wow, what a wonderful morning Foxes class had at the learning community cross country last Friday. The whole class was amazing with most of the year 3 children competing in their very first cross country event. Thankfully although it was damp underfoot it was dry overhead and the weather was perfect for the children to run in. There were over 120 children in most of the races; so a very packed start line! I was so proud of all of the children and the smiles they gave their class mates when they were hearing them cheering was so delightful. All of the children in Foxes were great ambassadors for the school showing their resilience, determination and sportsmanship - those wonderful smiles made running the course 4 times so, so worth it! An extra special well done to our medalists Lottie Perfect, Riley Lloyd and Lannah Barrow - for a small school we sure can run!

Results were:

Year 3 girls

Lottie Perfect 1st, Lara Heywood 4th, Imogen Evans 12th, Ruby Lockhart 21st, Emilia Farr 53rd, Ruby Coram 75th and Bella Farr 78th

Year 3 boys

Riley Lloyd 2nd, Louie Isaac 33rd, William Matthews 34th, Felix Dymond 50th, Ethan Liepa 52nd, Sonny Ellis 61st, Harry Cockbain 72nd and Archie Barstow 77th

Year 4 girls

Lannah Barrow 1st, Madison Wilson 4th, Bella Ayres 8th, Yasmin Lewis-Gifford 77th

Year 4 boys

Harvey Reeves 51st, Danny Coram 56th, Rufus Dymond 59th, Lucas Dingley 83rd

Thank you to Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Liepa for driving and to Mr. Anderson for transporting on the minibus and helping throughout.



Preschool

We still have a few places available in Pre-school on all days so If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like a few extra hours, please ask them to contact Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908

Funding:

Further information is available here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

School Meal payment to St Michael's

Please note that their new bank details are as follows:

Lloyds TSB

St Michael's Learning centres LTD

Sort code: 30-90-49

Account Number: 53005660

News from the PTA

An invitation from the PTA

Fancy an evening with great food, fine wines, pretty good company, tuuuuunes, oh and the chance to bid on some outstanding lots to raise funds for our amazing school?

Then don't delay and get your tickets for the one and only

Holywell School Auction Night.

What you need to know:

Venue: Portmore Golf Club

Date: Friday 3rd November

Time: 6.30pm until late

Food: 2 Course sit down carvery dinner

Cost: £25/person. Tables of 10 being sold. If there aren't 10 of you don't worry – let us know and we'll put a table together for you.

Lots: There is a list of some of our very generously donated lots attached, although we would welcome any more you may have to offer. A complete catalogue of lots will follow shortly. You don't have to come to the auction to bid though – if any are of interest just let us know along with your top bid and we'll do the work for you.

What to do now: If you are interested please speak to **Kevin Dymond** (Rufus and Felix's Dad) to arrange tickets or contact him on **07803 005647**.

Tickets must be bought by Friday 13th October.

Only 12 tables available so book early to avoid disappointment!

Holywell School Auction Night

3rd November 2017

Menu

Roast Exmoor Beef with Homemade Yorkshire puddings

Roast Turkey with Cranberry sauce

Cod Loin on Crushed new potatoes with a pea and mint puree

Goats Cheese and Apricot Nut Roast

All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables

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Baileys Bubble
Homemade Ice cream with a baileys and Maltesers theme on a gingernut base
(contains raw egg)
Raspberry Pavlova
Sticky Toffee Pudding
with butterscotch sauce and salted caramel ice cream

PTA Diary Dates

Disco: Thursday 19th October from 3pm – 5pm in the village hall. Further details will be out soon.

Auction: Friday 3 November at Portmore Golf Club, from 7pm - around 1 am. Further details will be out soon.

Christmas Fayre will be at Roundswell Community Centre on Saturday 9 December from 10am - 3pm. £10 per table: plus a donation for the raffle. If anyone would like a stall they can let us know.



50 50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Helen Shelton

Congratulations on winning £15.50!

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christmas Cards

The children will be designing their own Christmas Cards early this term, and you will be able to order packs nearer to Christmas. This will help to raise funds for our School whilst helping you get organised for Christmas with personalised Christmas cards. More details to follow.

Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	
Wednesdays	Guardians of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner		
	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Last day of the autumn term – Friday 15th December, 2017

Start of the Spring term – Tuesday 2nd January, 2018

Diary Dates

Swim & Gym: Year 3 & 4, September 26th, October 3rd, 10th 17th and 31st and November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Author visit: Tuesday 10th October

Harvest service: Wednesday 4th October at St Peters Church Tawstock, 9 am.

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

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Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 2 pm and Friday 8th December – 6 pm.

Community News



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!

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

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

After School Library Event

On the 10th October, bestselling children's author Steve Cole is coming for a fun packed after school session here at Barnstaple Library as part of the Appledore Book Festival Schools Week.

Author of the 'Cows in Action' and 'Astrosaurs' series, Steve joins us to talk about his latest book. Tickets are £2.50, payable at the time of booking. Booking is advisable.