

A message from Mrs. Denham

Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival is to be held at St Peter's Church, Tawstock on Tuesday 16th October. Please can you arrange for your children to be dropped at the church at 8:50 where the children will be registered by their class teacher. It would be lovely if you could stay and celebrate the harvest with them.

We will be collecting food items for the Freedom Centre again – if you could donate packages and tins we would be very grateful.

St Georges Residential

This is a reminder that the last payments should be paid by Thursday 18th October.

If you are unsure of your amount outstanding please contact Mrs. Palmer in the office. (01271) 345908 or adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Emergency Contacts

If you haven't already done so, could you please provide the school with three emergency contacts for your child/ren. This will help us in an emergency to locate someone, should your child become ill etc. If you are unsure of the contacts we have for you can you please check with the office. Thank you.

As many of you are aware Mrs. Turner and her husband are off on Adoption/Parental leave and a few of you have asked if we are doing a collection for them, which we are in the process of organising. If you would like to make a contribution to this collection please see Mrs. Palmer in the office. Thank you.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

Apply for your child's secondary school place

If your child is starting year 6 within their primary school this September (2018), you can [apply for their secondary school place online now!](#)

School News

Pupil Achievements:

A big well done; to **Emily Madden** who this week won the Barney Bear award at Brownies for her good listening and behaviour. Well done **Emily**, you really 'Let your Light Shine'.

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.

North Devon Cross Country at Kingsley Results:

A huge well done; to the children who represented the school at the North Devon Cross Country League on Sunday 22nd September. Despite the very poor weather forecast the rain held off for most of the races! It was so lovely to see the children encouraging each other, especially as for many of them it was their first ever cross country event and 100 runners can be quite daunting! Also a big thank you to the parents who brought the children along, without your commitment we would not be at these events.

The next race is at Shebbear on Sunday 14th October. We hope to see you all there again!

The results were:

U9 Girls: 11th Lottie Perfect, 15th Sophia R, 43rd Matilda Matthews, 51st Olivia James, 52nd Flossie Evans.

U9 Boys: 31st Riley Lloyd, 42nd William Matthews, 65th Ethan Liepa, 85th Ollie Broad, 88th Theo Flanagan, 89th Archie Barstow

U11 Girls: 53rd Holly Perfect

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.

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.

News from the PTA



Holywell Christmas Fayre

Holywell's Christmas Fayre will be taking place in the village hall on Sunday 18th November from 10 am – 2 pm. If anyone would like a stall or knows of anyone who would, please contact Emma.barstow@btinternet.com. The cost of a will be £10.00.

Op Shop

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

Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Fizz Pop Science	Mrs. Curtis	For those who have already signed up.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Boxing	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Non Pupil Day – Friday 19th October, 2018
Autumn half term starts, – Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October, 2018.
Last day of the Autumn term, – Thursday 20th December, 2018.
Non Pupil Day – Monday 7th January, 2019.
Start of the Spring term, - Tuesday 8th January, 2019.
Spring half term starts, - Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February, 2019.
End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.
Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.
Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019
May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.
Summer half term starts; - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, 2019.
Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.
Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th October, - **Harvest Festival** 9 am at St Peters Church Tawstock. Please drop you children at the Church on this morning (8:50 am). You are very welcome to stay for the service and celebrate with your children.
Monday 1st November, - **Tempest Photos**, family groups and individuals. Parents who wish to have **non-school age children in a family group photo** are welcome to come to the village hall at 8:30 am for these to be taken. School aged family group photos will be taken during school hours.
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.
Wednesday 19th December, - Whole school **Christmas lunch** - 11.50 am.
Wednesday 19th December, - **KS1 Nativity** and whole school Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

Community News

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

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 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 533668

Links you may be interested in?

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/open-day-september-2018>

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/>

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKKECC/bulletins/20a0199>

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