

A message from Mrs. Denham

Holywell School is a No Nut Zone. A new pupil has joined pre-school and he has a severe nut allergy. Please see the note from mum and dad below:

Our son has started at Holywell today, he is really excited, but as his parents we are also fearful because Grayson suffers from anaphylaxis, a severe life-threatening allergic reaction. His trigger is peanuts and tree nuts (hazelnut, almond etc).

- > His anaphylaxis can be triggered if he eats his allergen, but also if he breathes it in, or touches a tiny amount of it on his skin. This could be from another child's hands, a toy, a door handle, a table, or someone else's lunch. For him to be around things such as a Nutella sandwich, a snack bar with nuts in, or a cake made with almond flour for example, puts his life at risk even if he doesn't eat any.
- > He will learn to keep himself safer as he gets older, and right now he understands that he's "allergic to nuts", but at 4 years old we are reliant on others helping to keep him safe.
- > He carries two epi pens everywhere, these could save his life, but there is no guarantee.
- > We chose Holywell School because of their policy on nuts and their understanding of the risk to Grayson.
- > We are not parents who like to make a fuss or would usually choose to bring attention to our children, or ask others to change for us, so this is very hard for us to write and we feel quite awkward, but our reality is that we could drop our child at school one day and never get to pick him up because of a nut. So this is a genuine thank you to everyone for understanding and supporting the nut policy.

Please help us to keep their son safe in Holywell and ensure that NO NUTS enter the school. This also applies to cakes and snacks brought in for birthday treats and cake sales.

Letters re eschools; Today an envelope with the logging on details to our **eschools platform** for every parent has been sent home. If you log on you should be able to see the area for your child's class. Some teachers have even set homework on this. We are in the early stages of using the platform but we hope to include letters to go home, dates, parent conference sign up and so on to make your life easier. There is also an app for mobile phones. At the moment there isn't too much on each area, but please have a look. We will be using it more and more in coming weeks.

MAT We hope you also received your letter inviting you to the Ventrus Multi Academy Trust (MAT) consultation evening at Ashleigh School on Wednesday May 24th 2017 at 6pm. Can you please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can cater for the correct numbers. Many thanks:

PTA 50/50 Club

Thank you to all parents who have already signed up to the PTA 50/50 club, new fundraiser. This is a great way of making much needed funds for the school and also having a chance of winning yourself. Don't miss out! Extra forms; available in the school office.

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School News

Payments for the use of the Mini bus

Please can we remind everyone that on occasions we ask for a small contribution towards the running cost of the mini bus, generally £1 or £2. Unfortunately in future if we do not receive enough contributions we may have to cancel the trips. Using the mini bus is much cheaper than hiring a coach.

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

A message from St Michaels

Please can parents to ensure that payment for lunches is sent in with their order forms in advance or if paying by B.A.C.S. that the payment has been submitted at the same time as the form is sent in. A few parents have not completed an order form this month and others have sent them in without payment.

FizzPop Science Club

Just a reminder that if you have signed your child up to the FizzPop Science club this starts on Monday 15th May. If you have agreed, with FizzPop Science, that you would send your payment into school for them to collect and have not yet done so, can we please have this by Monday morning or otherwise we will be phoning home for you to collect your child/ren and they will not be able to join the club.

Lost Uniform

Please can you check the label of your child's sweatshirt to see if they have picked up a sized 9-10 which belongs to Adam Rashid.

Free Hockey Sessions

North Devon Hockey Club and Taw Valley H.C. are jointly offering 6 FREE taster sessions from TUESDAY 13TH JUNE`17 6.45-7.45 at Park School.

Sessions are open to Girls and Boys from Years 4, 5 and 6. Qualified coaches will be running these sessions and will be able to guide your son or daughter in the basics of Hockey.

Places will be limited to 30 pupils so early booking is recommended.

For further details or to book a place:

Please ring or text Nick Howells on-07929058926 after 5pm.

News from the PTA



PTA Events

Saturday 15th July: Holywell Rocks, summer festival.

Op-Shop

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

HELP THE HOLLOW – SATURDAY 10 JUNE – 9.00AM – 5.00PM

(The wooded play area behind the school)

The PTA would like your help – the money that we have raised so far with the Christmas Fayre, cinema nights, cake sales and all our other activities has paid for the rent of the school I-pads for this year (£1839.00), the coaches for the summer school trip to Saunton Sands (£500) and for new gravel outside the school gates (£120.00) but we do not have sufficient funds to Help the Hollow.

The Hollow needs some work to make it a more useable space for all the children to enjoy.

It requires new fencing, so the children can run freely and safely within the school grounds.

There are areas that need clearing of ivy and brambles.

Foliage needs to be cut back along the existing pathways and new pathways made.

An outdoor learning hut would be very much appreciated for the wet weather days.

What we need:

If anyone has any spare –

Tarpaulin

Roofing materials

Corrugated Iron

Fencing timbers

Wood

If you have any other items that you think may be useful for building fences and building an Outdoor learning space, please contact Kevin Dymond (Rufus and Felix's Dad) 07803 005647 to arrange bringing them to school.

We also need manpower!! If you could spend an hour, or the whole day, please come and help.

Parent's help is needed to facilitate all of the above! Help is needed with clearing and digging, fence and hut building. **No experience needed but willing to lend a hand to help make this a fabulous place for our children to use.** Bacon sarnies and beverages will be provided. Good fun and a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome to pitch in and help (supervised by you).

If you are happy to help, please contact Emma Barstow 07976 269525 or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the school office.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Science	Fizz Pop Science	All Years	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3,4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	Yr1,2 & 3	
Friday	Athletics	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs the club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events**Term Dates**

Half term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of summer term – Friday 21st July, 2017.

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

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

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th April – Reception & Yr6 will be attending Falcon Gymnastics for the next 5 Tuesdays. Please can parents collect their children from the Tarka Tennis Centre at 3pm. Siblings will be looked after at school until you arrive to collect them.

Tuesday 6th June to Tuesday 11th July (inclusive) the year 5 & 6's will be at the Gym/Swimming etc. The letter should be out next week.

Tuesday 6th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 11.45 am.

Thursday 15th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 23rd June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 3pm.

Friday 16th June – Oceanfest – Year 5 & 6

Monday 19th June - Sports Day

Saturday 15th July, the PTA are planning a Music Event at Holywell School.

Tuesday 18th July – Saunton Sands Trip.

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 service in the village hall.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

St Michaels Nursery

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us office@stmichaels-nursery.org or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

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

Newton Tracy Cricket Club

Are holding Junior Cricket Session

Starting on Wednesday 26th April, 2017

At the Newton Tracey pitch

5.30 – 6.15 for Under 9's/beginners

6.15 – 7.45 Under 10's and over

Contact Pete Newby 07747 792006



School's Out Picnic!

Friday 26th May Braunton Rec Ground from 3pm

- It's the end of term. Let's have fun together and show our support for local schools!
- Fair Funding For All Schools Devon is organising a gathering so we can make our voices heard against education cuts
- Come and join children and parents from the whole area at a picnic on the Rec Ground, Braunton. Entrances on both Wrafton Road and Exeter Road.
- There will be music, entertainment and fun activities for children to celebrate the last day of term. 3pm onwards on the Rec Ground, Braunton
- Parking available: Wrafton Road and the Car Park opposite Squires on Exeter Road.



Education Question Time

Monday 5th June Pilton Community College, Chaddiford Lane, EX31 1RB, Barnstaple, North Devon 7 PM – 9 PM

- Come and hear from our local electoral candidates, school heads and campaign leaders on the issue of education funding
- Ask questions about the candidates policies and air your own view on the topic
- Share your experience as a teacher/ parent/ young person affected by the issue
- Sir Nick Harvey (Lib Dem) and Mark Cann (Labour) confirmed to attend on panel. Louise Miller-Marshall (head of Pilton Community College) confirmed to speak. Awaiting confirmation of other attendees.
- Refreshments available. All welcome.



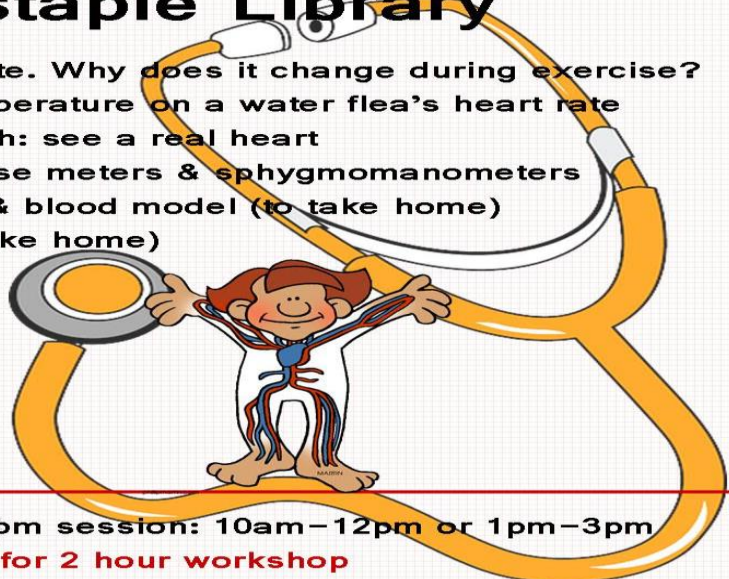
SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB

Heart & Blood Science

2hr hands on workshop

**Saturday 20th May at
Barnstaple Library**

1. Measure your heart rate. Why does it change during exercise?
2. See the effects of temperature on a water flea's heart rate
3. Heart anatomy & health: see a real heart
4. Use stethoscopes, pulse meters & sphygmomanometers
5. Make your own heart & blood model (to take home)
6. Make fake blood (to take home)



Choose **either am or pm session: 10am–12pm or 1pm–3pm**

£15 for 2 hour workshop

includes activities listed, take homes & refreshments.

Suitable for primary school aged children.

**To book visit: www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/
or call/text 07847006048**

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The FA Skills May Half Term Football Sessions



@ Ilfracombe Town FC, Malborough Park , EX32 8PD

Tuesday 30th May

10am-12pm (Boys and girls in school years 1-2)

1pm-3pm (Boys and girls in school years 3-6)

£2

To book please go to www.thefa.com/skills

For more information please contact Kevin.Weir@thefa.com