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20th November, 2020

Autumn Term

Last day of the Autumn term will be 18th December, 2020

Half term Monday 26th October, 2020 – Friday 30th October, 2020 inclusive

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

We thank so many of our families for working so hard and persevering getting onto Teams. We appreciate that it can take some time and can have a few issues –but as this is the way forward to home learning and homework we need to ensure all children have access as soon as possible. Please keep trying if you are having issues and let us know so we can try and help.

I know it's still a few weeks away but we thought we would let you know our plans for the next few weeks leading up to Christmas. Due to the current circumstances, we especially want to make Christmas a special time for all the children. So please note the following dates and things we would like to achieve: -

1. We would like to support "Save the Children **Christmas Jumper** Fundraise" every Friday on Nov 27th, Dec 4th, Dec 11th and Dec 18th
2. **Christmas cards** – we are afraid we can't allow several hundreds of Christmas cards coming into school due to COVID. Therefore, we are going to have to say that no cards can come into school from home. However, instead, in school every child will design and make and then receive one lovely personal card from someone else in the class.
3. **Christmas lunch** – this will be on Wednesday December 16th in class bubbles, over two sittings. Children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers and hats on this day too and children will make a special **laminated placemat** to take into the hall for their lunch. Before lunch, at 11.40pm all classes to be on a Teams meeting. A special visitor may make a surprise entrance on Teams and then wave and welcome children to their Christmas lunch – all socially distanced of course.
4. **Christmas swop shop** – Monday December 14th at 1pm. Parents may send in any small donations of presents. Due to COVID restrictions, donations will ONLY be accepted on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December. A tray will be left on the doorstep of the main entrance for donations and they will be put in the back of the hall over the weekend to be isolated for 72hrs. On swop shop day, ensure the children will hand sanitise before and after the swop shop. They will only touch the item they choose as their present. They will put it in a **decorated white paper bag** and then take it home the same day. Parents can then isolate the item for 72 hours, in line with all present guidance.
5. **Carols and Christingle service** – via Teams, we will hold a short carol service and Christingle in each class on 2.30pm Wednesday 16th December. Rev Gary will join u via Teams.
6. We will organise a **socially distanced Christmas party/film afternoon** in class bubbles on the last day of term, Friday December 18th.
7. Each class will take part in a simple **play/song/dance** instead of our normal Christmas Play. We aren't sure if we can share this with families yet but we hope to be able to and will let you know.

Privacy Notice

The Trust has updated its Privacy Notice for parents. It is available for you to view on our website <https://www.ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Children in Need/our sponsored child in Africa.

The final total you raised which will be shared between both charities was £111.00

Save the Children Christmas Jumper

We have set up a collecting page within ParentPay, like last week's Children in Need/sponsored child in Africa fundraiser. For the donation of £2.00 your child will be able to wear their Christmas Jumper to school **every Friday** starting on Friday 27th November until the end of term. Dates - Nov 27th, Dec 4th, Dec 11th and Dec 18th

Admission to primary school 2021 (for children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017)

The application facility opens on 15th November 2020 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2021. 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.

ParentPay

Can I please thank all parents who have now activated their accounts on ParentPay only 3 parents have not yet login.

Admissions Policy consultation 2022 -2023

The consultation period for the 2022 – 2022 – Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2020 The consultation period ends on 8th January, 2021.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarntable.co.uk/website> and found on the Homepage under 'Links and Downloads'
We are consulting on this between 1st November 2020 and 8th January 2021 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red – either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22.

Any response you may have to this consultation should be sent to Mrs. Denham.(susan.denham@ventrus.org.uk)

Further information is at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

School News

Walking or cycling home from school

If you wish you child to wither cycle or walk home from school alone, without another adult present can you please notify the school in writing. Thank you.

Transport Require – Are you able to help?

We have a parent who requires a lift home for their child 2 or 3 times a fortnight to the Whiddon Valley area of town. If you are able to help could you, please contact the school by email or phone. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

Your child is eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu vaccination. If you have not already booked your child's vaccination, please do so using this link. <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

COVID 19 - Useful links and phone numbers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Phone NHS on 111, or the Covid kit delivery helpdesk on 119

Dates for your diary

27th November 2020

1st Christmas Jumper day. **Also, 4th, 11th & 18th December.** Funds to Save the children. **A one off** donation of £2.00 per child which will cover the 4 weeks. This will be up on ParentPay and should be available by the 19th November.

30th November 2020

Flu Immunisation

Term Dates – Dec 2020 to July 2021

18 th December 2020	Last day of Term
5 th January 2021	Spring Term begins
15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term
1 st April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term

News from the PTA



Your School Lottery - FIRST DRAW TOMORROW!

Thank you to everyone who has bought a lottery ticket! If you haven't got yours yet, get it now before the first draw tomorrow! Tickets cost just **£1** for the chance to win up to **£25,000** jackpot. The easiest way is to pay by direct debit, simply go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who has ordered tea towels with the children's self portraits. The children have put their hearts into making this lovely and useful keepsake. If you have not yet placed your order, do not worry as we have ordered some spares, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please place your order as soon as possible on Parent Pay.

Online shopping

As we approach Black Friday and Christmas, if you are going to do any shopping online, you can easily raise funds for the school by using Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising. Of course we do not wish to encourage mindless and unnecessary consumption or deter you from shopping locally! but for those things you still need to buy online, please remember to use these links:

Amazon Smile: If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Friends Of Holywell School, Tawstock at no extra cost to you.

Easyfundraising: Thank you to everyone for raising donations with easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE, 4,400shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping – at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Be scam aware!

This time of the year is often taken by opportunists who want take advantage of people's trust and it could happen to anyone! We have heard of scammers who have posed as PTAs asking parents for payments. Remember we will always contact you through the school unless you have previously contacted us directly or given us your email address for a specific purpose. If you receive any suspicious emails on behalf of your PTA, please let the school office know asap.

Second hand uniform

If you require any items or wish to donate pre-loved uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835.