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 7th September 2023

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

**Message from Mrs. Lowrey**

**Please note some key diary dates have been added further down in the newsletter for your attention.**

Well, I have to say, for the first full week back, we have had such a packed week! There has been so much excitement around school, with lots of activity and everybody talking about…”Shakespeare!” Huge congratulations to all of the children who auditioned. Standing up and acting in front of people is such a big step for anyone to do, so they should be very proud of themselves! It was a very difficult decision to make, but the children understand that this is going to be very exciting to be part of. They also understand that in Shakespeare’s era, boys played girls and girls played boys – we are all just playing different roles. I hope the children who are involved enjoy reading through their scripts and we will be highlighting the narration sections next week. Good luck, everyone, I do know that you will be amazing!

Our sports and activity clubs will be starting next week and I am delighted to offer the following:

**Monday** – Year 5/6 Football club at Orchard Vale school – 4pm-5pm – (this will require transport to OV)

 All year groups – Pottery – Mrs Coulam – 3.15pm-4.15pm

**Tuesday** – Yrs R, 1 and 2 – lego club – Mrs Bellew

**Wednesday** – Shakespeare rehearsals (for those involved in the play that can make it!) – 3.15pm-4.15pm – Mrs

 Lowrey and Miss Boundy

**Thursday** – Lunchtime football club – Mr Day – yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6

Plus: **School council** with Miss Boundy - TBC

I realise that there may be some disappointment that Welly Walking will not be happening, however, I will start this up again in Spring Term after the performances and will also dedicate some of my time to choir before Christmas. Please do sign up using the links that I will send out on a separate email.

Finally, I have had some parents express concern about the way that some parents address each other in the car park. I absolutely realise that the morning school run is a stressful time and that our school can present some parking issues. Please do be patient with each other and remember that getting our children in safely is our priority. Thank you!

Thank you all again for a wonderful week and do sign up for the clubs and activities! Mrs Lowrey

**School News**

**School Meals**

Change to the printed menu – like last term the roast meal every Wednesday is now chicken, the Pork and Gammon options have been removed.

The current Summer/Autumn menu runs for the next 5 weeks (October half term) when a new menu will be sent out for the remainder of the Autumn term. The new menu will also run into the Spring term after Christmas.

**Choosing a secondary school for September 2024 entry? Please see Community News.**

**Admissions to Year 7 for September 2024.**

Further details can be found at [Apply for a secondary place – Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fapply-for-a-secondary-school-place%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882418859130%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YJFwHQEFRUqJn81RAcNK05QrzvImkwl%2B0oLZVMAJyZE%3D&reserved=0)   The Application window for the September 2024 Intake opened on 1st September 2023 and closes on 31st October 2023

**Admissions to Reception Year for September 2024**

Further details can be found at [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fapply-for-a-primary-school-place%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882418859130%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yjW6P%2FqFWCAnhuNTEezeFkcJtr%2BP60zfUvgX6FzXlpQ%3D&reserved=0)  The Application window for the September 2024 Intake will open on 15th November 2023.

**Useful Links and Information:**

Here are some useful links that may assist you with your query

In Year Admission Information - [Apply for an in-year place - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fapply-for-an-in-year-place%23%3A~%3Atext%3DThe%2520majority%2520of%2520schools%2520in%2520Devon%2520participate%2520in%2Cof%2520the%2520form%2520to%2520be%2520sent%2520to%2520you.&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fCDapfUDjgmdm%2FXYc8T9xph4ynwB6FMn60Auj6KRCWE%3D&reserved=0)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated (catchment) areas - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fschool-designated-areas&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=98dSKMMk7s8r1v9dpmADvdWkqYFesaDoGDH79lYK%2BK0%3D&reserved=0)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fapply-for-a-school-place%2Fadmission-advice-international-arrivals&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MLFhctHzcmybRiJJ940%2FNjM5PuDgdS9IM%2FaAiRAoz44%3D&reserved=0)

Guide to School Appeals  [School admission appeals Archives - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fguide%2Fguide-to-school-admission-appeals&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=W%2Bl3XJrGZf99iGnazEtw7wTtfRpMvltL%2BtEEsu0qpKw%3D&reserved=0)

School Term Dates  [School term dates - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fschool-term-dates&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7C1e32303174064aa3093608dbadd04df3%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638294882419015332%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XDJ6T%2BidpBOYD8N88JT13jMJ7jBRbn5wtUxUCO8HTvE%3D&reserved=0)

**Diary Dates**

**Year 3 & 4 Cross Country** - Thursday 28th September (morning event at Park School, back to school for lunch)

All children

**Year 5 & 6 Cross Country** - Thursday 5th October (morning event at Park School, back to school for lunch)

All children

**Year 3 Multi Skills** - Tuesday 16th October (morning event at Park School, children will need packed lunch)

All children

**Harvest Festival –** possible date of October 19th – TBC

**St. George’s House residential** – Year 5/6 – 30th October – 3rd November

**Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country** - Thursday 9th November, at OV (afternoon event for 16 selected children)

**Shakespeare Ilfracombe performance –** November 8th pm (dress rehearsal and understudy performance TBC)

**Parent conferences –** Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November

**Bikeability** – Year 5/6 – 21st-23rd November

**Christmas Dinner and possible Christingle** – Wednesday 13th December

**Term Dates**

**LET’S TALK**

A series of free online sessions for parents and carers of young people aged 9 – 12.

**https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Flets-talk-pre-teens-september-2023-tickets-680101400597%3Faff%3Doddtdtcreator&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C07cef0981f874fda0a8108dbab7b83de%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638292319191735230%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=l7IDTWBJ9C6bdvG07OH5SWQyNG2Bo2X1sqarjZEJFC0%3D&reserved=0**

**School Uniform**

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw’s at Daw’s Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

[**https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e**](https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e)

**PE T-shirts** will still be available to purchase from school.

**Ventrus Job Vacancies**

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

**Free School Meals**

**Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child’s school to attract additional ‘[pupil premium](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fschool-meals%2Fnew-starter-pupil-premium&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C7109e4304a9443c58c6708db26ce8e88%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638146440824987705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=E1xb%2B33KaszaeeBnofCVVbtqTBsE1ead7Mmg28rMO34%3D&reserved=0)‘ funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

* Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
* Income Support (IS).
* Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
* Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
* Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foneonline.devon.gov.uk%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2FAccount%2FLogin%3FReturnUrl%3D%252fCCSCitizenPortal_live&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7C7109e4304a9443c58c6708db26ce8e88%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638146440824987705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TDzWR7PVGNQy40PMgfbNnyUdRz%2BFPER5%2F05sUzSpOXM%3D&reserved=0). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

**<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducationandfamilies%2Fschool-information%2Fschool-meals%2F&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cecb748a1694549cf9d0d08dbab7b6f66%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638292318849767515%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MPmLE78rMu0DP1khLjP7BHOHwf5yQWoQEPlCI7ngJO4%3D&reserved=0>**

**School Transport**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

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|  | [School and college transport – Education and Families](https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/)School transport information, including free school transportwww.devon.gov.uk |

**NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023**

**Important information**

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at  <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be forum at <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf>

**Community News**

**The Alpha Course**

Tawstock church invites you to join a series of small group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

You’re invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

It’s free and there’s no pressure to come back.

Mondays, 10.00 – 11.15am in the Hunters Inn, Newton Tracey (adults)

Mondays, 7.45 – 9.00pm in Beaford Village Hall (adults)

Wednesdays, 6.30 – 8.00pm in High Bickington Church Hall (teenagers)

Courses start in the week beginning 18th September.

Find out more at www.alpha.org

To book a place email revgaryowen@gmail.com



**Summer Reading Challenge** – a message from Barnstaple Library.

We are now at the point where we are encouraging those who have not completed to do so in order to collect their medal, certificate and to be entered into the two prize draws.

The official cut off is on Saturday 16th for our stats and entry to the Devon wide draw, however we can provide medals and certificates whilst stocks last but would prefer as many as possible to finish by the end of Saturday.

**SEPTEMBER OPEN EVENTS**

**Chulmleigh Community College**

We are delighted to invite prospective families to our September Open Events.

**Open Mornings: Monday 11th September & Thursday 14th September - 11.30am to 1pm**

The morning will begin with a presentation from Executive Headteacher Michael Johnson, followed by a tour of the school led by a member of our Senior Leadership Team. After the tour there will be refreshments and the opportunity for an informal Q&A with our Senior Leadership. The Academy Business Manager, Tina Harrison, will also be available to answer questions relating to our School Transport Service for families out of catchment.

Please book a place via this link [https://forms.office.com/r/JJzQuQCLRC](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fr%2FJJzQuQCLRC%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0x-YqsH77gVcmD8ejjdFuFTAZ_Qd5-iCNXNe1mJBl5tfvuY3nhDdNVa4M&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cdcef4b0645c24e25856308dbaeb24ef5%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638295853088434417%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j3DqcsKJBlwSMTPobDfQD2W8VX5ovtJEXjQ1EXj%2Fn64%3D&reserved=0)

**Open Evening: Thursday 28th September - 4.30 to 7pm**

At our Open Evening we offer the opportunity for individual tours led by pupils, or self-guided tours around the College. Teaching staff will be available in all departments, with activities for visitors as well as showcasing the work of our pupils. There will be presentations from our Executive Headteacher Michael Johnson at 5.15pm and 6.15pm, and from our Head Boy Nat Hughes and Head Girl Heidi Flowers.

Please register for the evening via this link [https://forms.office.com/r/sfahCSbvtq](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fr%2FsfahCSbvtq%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR1EGz7nfYIpL7_msacX0DohrQZqNguWFRD64RCFkszxqa6B13tJX3n-qts&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cdcef4b0645c24e25856308dbaeb24ef5%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638295853088434417%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uN7GJKWzLeoLTciyePFAVYjqEFnHwX36Zdloy1EfvWk%3D&reserved=0)

Chulmleigh College offers a subsidised transport service for pupils who are out of catchment, from: CREDITON , TORRINGTON, RACKENFORD, BARNSTAPLE and HATHERLEIGH areas.  For more information please visit our [School Transport](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk%2Fpage%2F%3Ftitle%3DSchool%2BTransport%26pid%3D23&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cdcef4b0645c24e25856308dbaeb24ef5%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638295853088434417%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ojn6ZgHeiKoIZ%2FA5aJAbnhvt4%2FY%2BEBqDAB5xF2tzhV0%3D&reserved=0) page.

**The Park Community School**

Open Evening:  Thursday 21st September 2023 5.45 pm

Open Mornings:  Monday 25th - Friday 29th September 2023 8.50 - 10.40 am

Year 6 Parents Evening: Thursday 27th June 2024

Induction Days: Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July 2024 (students attend both days)

**‘Autism and Us’ Parent Programme (Autumn Term 2023):**

[Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.devon.gov.uk%2Feducation-and-families%2Fsend-local-offer%2Fabout-send-and-the-local-offer%2Fareas-of-need%2Fspeech-language-and-communication-needs%2Fsupport-from-the-communication-and-interaction-team%2F&data=05%7C01%7CElaine.Palmer%40ventrus.org.uk%7Cbfede2977de84ceb386508db5e11aa3b%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638207202198219453%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nOpby56o6z5YwaNQhnQVT3uwCSRS%2BzjM7Nk8LoCta8c%3D&reserved=0)

**Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.**

Our ‘Autism & Us’ programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumns term of the new 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the ‘Autism & Us’ parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child’s presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below

 **Autism & Us programmes:**

* 4 weekly ‘live online’ sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

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| **No.** | **Topic** | **Programme 1** | **Programme 2** | **Trainer** |
|  1 |  Autism overview   |  Thurs 14 Sept  -  10 – 12 |  Tues 31 Oct  -  4.30 – 6.30 |  Paul Lamanna |
|  2 |  Communication   |  Wed 20 Sept  -  10 – 12 |  Tues 7 Nov  -  4.30 – 6.30 |   Laura O’Shea+ Melissa New |
|  3 |  Understanding and supporting behaviour |  Thurs 5 Oct  -  10 – 12 |  Tues 14 Nov  -  4.30 – 6.30 |  Laura Matthews |
|  4 |  Sensory  |  Thurs 12 Oct  -  10 – 12 |  Tues 21 Nov  -  4.30 – 6.30 |  Kevin Jones |

**Apply direct by email to**: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.  We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line ‘live’ via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child’s presenting needs:

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| **Topic** | **Date/Time** | **Trainer** |
| Autism – Sensory processing + integration | Thurs 16 Nov 10-12 |                      Kevin |
| Autism and Girls | Wed 8 Nov 9.30-12 | Rob |
| Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA | Wed 6 Dec 10-12 | Rob |
| Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies) | Tues 12 Dec 10-12 | Laura O+ Melissa |
| Autism – Managing stress + anxiety | Wed 15 Nov 10-12 | Alison |
| Autism – Vulnerability + online safety | Wed  1 Nov 10-12 | Paul |
| Autism – Communication (pre/non-verbal – support strategies | Wed 22 Nov 10-12 | Laura M |

**Apply direct by email to**: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line ‘live’ via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Intercom Trust are now taking referrals for our new project – **Family Pride South West**. This will be available throughout Devon and Cornwall, including Plymouth and Torbay.

The project has 4 components;

**Family Pride Events** – fun family events for families where at least one member is LGBT+.

**Parenting Support** – We will be delivering Group Triple P for LGBT+ parents/carers with children between the ages of 2 and 12. This will be an 8 week course focussing on parenting skills.

**Family Mediation** – Our family practitioners can work with families where there is tension or communication problems between parents (together or apart). This can include disagreements on how best to support an LGBT+ child in the family.

**Couples/co-parent counselling** – We will have counselling available for parents who wish to work through difficulties in a therapeutic setting.

Families can book onto upcoming events via our Eventbrite page - [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/intercom-trust-17691399947](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fo%2Fintercom-trust-17691399947&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Ccf37225b133a40cd36ad08dba56e17bb%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638285664524093990%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TmrenwYvG2BaSyCARfLGGGiIFRrgdgrW%2Fs7c8KNUsMg%3D&reserved=0). Alternatively, they can get in touch with our helpline to join the mailing list to be informed about upcoming events - **0800 612 3010**(9am – 4pm weekdays) or emailhelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk.

For parenting support, mediation or counselling, families can be referred, or can self-refer via the referral form on our website - [https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/referral-form/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.intercomtrust.org.uk%2Freferral-form%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Ccf37225b133a40cd36ad08dba56e17bb%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638285664524093990%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uNj59lMlCHKNJK1uGL0%2FdUyTHskE9SJqW9Gf8VOUBKQ%3D&reserved=0). Please select the Family Relationship Support option.

If you are interested you can find out more about the project - [https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/lgbt-families/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.intercomtrust.org.uk%2Flgbt-families%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cholywell%40ventrus.org.uk%7Ccf37225b133a40cd36ad08dba56e17bb%7C668515dda7fb41788c34b3c52dd93f70%7C1%7C0%7C638285664524093990%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SvsLoeu%2B3XwQXab4hV4zzpzpwvmWeP47Q6Hlcq892xE%3D&reserved=0) .

To ensure the project is effective we also have an **advisory group** to review our practice and evaluation. This would involve meeting virtually approximately once a month. Participation in these meeting would be on a voluntary basis, but we would reimburse expenses.