



A message from Mrs. Denham

Parent Conferences

Parent Conference week will be week beginning 5th November. If you have yet to arrange an appointment, you can book by emailing adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk , phoning (01271) 345908 or calling into the office.

Mrs Curtis Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 8th November 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Miss Hammond Wednesday 7th November and Thursday 8th November – 3:30 pm

Mrs Bellew – Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 8th November 3:30pm to 6:30 pm

Mrs Coulam Tuesday 6th November and Tuesday 13th November 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Poppy Appeal

From Monday we will be selling Poppies, badges, bracelets etc. in aid of the Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal. The cost per item range from 50p to £1.00.

School Meals

Please can you remember to return your child's school meal selection form, even if your child has a free school meal or a Meal for Free. This is the form St Michaels use to order the quantity of food required, so is very important if we wish to keep the cost per meal at a minimum.

Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 5.

We have been allocated a date for this year's flu vaccination to take place in school on Tuesday 4th December. We will be sending out further details on how to register as soon as we receive it.

PTA. Christmas Fayre

This year's fayre will take place in the village hall on Sunday 18th November from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be lots of lovely stalls, beautiful gifts, art and crafts, hot food, children's activities, face painting and of course a visit from Santa between 11 am – 1 pm

Caretaker of Hall

Daily clean of hall as & when required during term times & cleaning as & when required after booking of hall – this would include evenings & weekends. The hours on average will be 10 hours per month.

A fair rate to be discussed with applicant direct

Enquiries to julie@rollestonfarm.co.uk or in person 01271 858622

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.

North Devon Cross Country League

The next race will take place on Sunday at Coxleigh Barton. If you wish to walk the course with Mrs. Hammond please be there for 9 am.

Materials request for Squirrels Class

After half term our class will be aiming to make poppies from a range of materials and media. If anyone has any scraps of red, black and green fabric/thread/wool etc. that they can spare, please could you send it in to school straight after half term. Thank you!

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.

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	No club on 6th November due to Parents evening.
Wednesdays	Handball and Bench ball	Mr. Day		
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	No club on 6th November due to Parents evening
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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 4th December - Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 5.
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/>

These events are only open to parent/carers this time around.

<https://20novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

<https://27novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Cullompton Community Centre

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/UK ECC/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>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm
Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.