

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Parent Conference – Spring Term

Parent conference days are Tuesday 27th March and Thursday 1st March, 2018. To book your appointments you will need to log on to the e-schools platform like last time. The appointments will be able available to book from 9 am on Saturday 10th February.

World Book Day 2018 - Friday 2nd March

This year Holywell will be celebrating World Book day 2018 on Friday 2nd March. We ask if children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters and bring into school one of their favourite books. This year the world book day theme is 'share a story'. We invite parents into classes from 2:45pm to share stories written by the children. We look forward to sharing our stories with you!

Online Safety

Safer Internet Day is a global initiative that encourages safe internet use as well as highlighting online safety issues.

Good online conduct is so important for all our children as well as reminding them what a fantastic resource the internet is when used well. If you would like any more information on how to help you children then please see the link below.

<http://parentinfo.org/article/safer-internet-day-2018-a-parents-guide>

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the end of February to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

Enjoy the half term and see you all refreshed on Monday 19th February.

Pupil achievements:

A huge congratulations; to **Madison Wilson** who became a Devon gymnastic champion on Sunday. Despite a fall on beam, Maddie's amazing performances on bars, vault and floor secured her the title for the 2009 girls, level 5, champion, - well done Maddie!

Please do you have...?

If you have squeeze bottles with nozzles, please could you donate them to Foxes class. The type that you may use if you've ever dyed your hair!

Also white cotton fabric, old sheets would be fine. Thank you

North Devon Cross Country League - West Buckland

Congratulations to the children who ran at West Buckland on Sunday. Despite the very, very cold wind all of the children had amazing runs to finish the very wet and windy season.

Results were:

U9 girls: Lottie Perfect 14th

U9 boys: Riley Lloyd 35th

U11 girls: Leah Smith 25th, Holly Perfect 38th

U11 boys: Findlay Lloyd 28th, Aidan Milton 45th

A big thank you; to all of parents who have helped to make this season possible.

Online Safety

This link has been brought to our attention from other schools in the area who are aware of some of their children visiting this site without parent's knowledge.

The link has been created by a training team that specialises in sexual exploitation EST E safety (Facebook name)



https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2009478179310098&id=1591401584451095

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Preschool

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 has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

News from the PTA



Shop

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

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
Monday	Maths Club	Mrs Turner	Yr. 2 signed up children only.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	NO CLUB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Wednesdays	Guardian of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner	Those booked on	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

February half term - 12th Feb to 16th Feb

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Competition Gymnastic children: 20th & 20th Feb & 13th & 20th March, inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics) at 3 pm.

Year 3 & 4 Residential: Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March.

Community News

Biznet - Autism Parenting Support Training

The sessions are for parents and there is a small cost associated with them.

Follow the link to see the details of how to book on:

The courses that are being run are:

Supporting a Child with Challenging or Aggressive Behaviour

Understanding and supporting an Autistic Child

Understanding and Supporting Autistic Individuals with Demand Avoidance

Understanding and Supporting Individuals with Attention Difficulties (ADD/ADHD)

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

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

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

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St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!



Workshop 2018

Join us for a pair of exciting subsidised workshop classes on Sunday 25th February.

Clare Palethorpe – Musical Theatre

Clare is Director, Producer & Choreographer at Rubix Dance & Productions based in the West Mids. She is also a Freelance Dance Artist for the RAD & BBO dance, delivering workshops and classes to students in jazz, musical theatre, contemporary and lyrical.

Brandon Lee Sears – Jazz

Brandon is an experienced performer and teacher in many genres, most recently seen performing in Motown the Musical in London's West End. He is also the founder of Yes I Can Academy based in East London.

Students will be split into 2 age groups; 8-12 yrs. & 13-18 yrs. - both workshops are open to dancers of all abilities. Class times will be 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm, finishing with a demonstration to parents at 4.15pm.

The cost to attend both classes and receive a complementary t-shirt is £10.00 per student. To be held at Kingsley School, Northdown Road, Bideford, EX39 3LY (North Devon Dance Festival venue).

For more information please email northdevondancefestival@live.co.uk or call 01271 326291



U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL

**Does your daughter like football?
Is she in school years 3 or 4?**

We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!

Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.

**Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728
e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk**