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4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Autumn Term

**Last day of the Autumn term will be 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

**Half term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 inclusive**

# **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## A message from Mrs. Denham

We have so enjoyed seeing week 2 of Christmas jumper week – the variety of jumpers is quite astonishing and the school is a blaze of colour! The classrooms are starting to look very festive and the children are starting to prepare for the various Christmas activities we mentioned in previous emails – including Christmas lunch with handmade place mats, Christmas swap shop, Christingle, making a special card for someone in their class and making a present to bring home. I am so grateful to all the staff for being so willing to go the extra mile for your children during such a busy and difficult time. They are just so dedicated and wonderful.

We are also so grateful to the amazing PTA for all they are doing to help make Christmas at our school so special for the children too. They have been so understanding and supportive and we can't wait to see the gorgeous school T towels when they arrive.

Don't forget the children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Christmas lunch day too!

**Christmas swop shop** – Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Parents may send in any small donations of presents. Due to COVID restrictions, donations will **ONLY be accepted on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

If you are entitled to free school meals, please look out for a letter or email from DCC on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> December next week for details of how to access your vouchers or an alternative food box. On or after the 8<sup>th</sup> December you should receive a unique code per child. Each code can be used once on a website call 'Hawk Select' to redeem your voucher/s to the value of £30.00 per child (£15.00 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please visit the Devon County website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/free-school-meals-holiday-voucher-scheme/>

### **Help with Microsoft Team**

We have not been able to check these all the way through but you may find them useful. Please copy into your browser.

<https://computeam.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6502ccd6ae7fa097838c4488b&id=2a3105a94d&e=715cfa1d2b>

### **Severe weather conditions and the closure of School**

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out a message on the Holywell C of E Primary School Facebook page as soon as we know the weather conditions, we will also put a message on the Holywell PTA Facebook page, Holywell website page and we will also email you.
2. You can register with Devon County Council school closures, alert me -stay up to date. The email link is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/> They will then alert you if the school is closed.
3. Listen to Heart Radio.
4. If you are unsure, as a last resort please telephone either Holywell C of e Primary school on (01271) 345908. However, if we cannot get into school to man the phone please try Bratton Fleming on 01598 720337 they may be open to assist you. We will always have staff, if possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively, it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements. Let's hope that we have a trouble-free winter!

#### **FACEBOOK PAGE:**

School staff use our Holywell Facebook page as a regular way to communicate information, messages, trip, visits etc. to parents, carers and friends of Holywell school. We often share messages. Please regularly check the Facebook page as we find more people check Facebook than they do the website. If we have to close for bad weather, this is a place we would announce what is happening with the school

### **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/>

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> November until the end of term. Dates - Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

**Book Track** is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand-new reading challenge to replace Book Track. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize. The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (T&Cs apply)

### **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.

### **Dates for your diary**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Jumper day. **Also, 18<sup>th</sup> December and the 16<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Lunch.** Funds to Save the children. **A one off** donation of £2.00 per child which will cover the 4 weeks.

**Thursday 10th & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** These are the only days when we will be accepting items for this years swap shop.

### **Term Dates – Dec 2020 to July 2021**

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

### **News from the PTA**



*Our PTA charity "Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock" is now registered with the PayPal Giving Fund. Being listed on PayPal's dedicated fundraising site makes it easy to donate to our cause but also makes it possible to raise funds through PayPal's partners eBay, GoFundMe and Facebook.*

*If you are thinking of donating any items such as the pushchair you no longer need or any unwanted Christmas presents, please consider selling the items using eBay, where you have the option to donate up to 100% of the sale to go to "Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock". You can customise the donation percentage and the charity you want to support for each individual listing.*

*Thank you for your continued support to make our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.*

### **Christmas Quiz and Raffle draw**

We are excited to run our first online event on **Friday 11th at 6 pm**. We will start with an interactive festive quiz on Kahoot followed by the draw of raffle prizes. To take part in the quiz you will need to have your phone at hand to connect and answer the questions shown on screen.

We hope you will join us through this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9360807188?pwd=NUgrbXpMcnRpSzBGM0RYNDVvNXh4QT09>

Meeting ID: 936 080 7188

Passcode: 8BGEfQ

### **Christmas Raffle tickets**

Thank you to all who have donated prizes and bought/sold tickets! Please remember to return your named stubs and payment by **Tuesday 8th**. If you require any more tickets, the school office has some available. Please see attached details and updated list of prizes.

### **Tea Towels**

These have been ordered and will be delivered soon. Please remember to order and pay through Parent Pay.

### **Your School Lottery**

Thank you to everyone who has bought a lottery ticket! Tickets cost just £1 for the chance to win up to £25,000 jackpot and there is a £20 winner every week. Simply go

to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

### **Online shopping**

If you are going to do any shopping online, please remember to use these links:

Amazon Smile:

[https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi\\_chpf\\_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=1045040-0&ref=smi\\_ext\\_ch\\_1045040-0\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=1045040-0&ref=smi_ext_ch_1045040-0_cl)

or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app

Easyfundraising:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

### **Second hand uniform**

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



