

Newsletter



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18th March 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham



- This week has been an extremely busy one with our non-uniform day for Ukraine on Wednesday raising £53.00 for the appeal, Science Day on Thursday as this week has been British Science Week and today the children have had an exhilarating day of various sporting challenges in aid of Comic Relief.
- For the Science day and Comic relief day the children have been able to work in their house groups for the first time since March 2020 which has been amazing.
- During the Science day the children had great fun learning about growth (this year's British Science Week theme). We made slime, planted sunflowers, explored optical illusions and investigated how our bodies grow

with age. Hopefully they shared some of the knowledge they learned with you.

Also, Emily Coulam a Biologist researching Global Crop Protection, spoke to the children, via Zoom, about her work in science. She gave a guided tour of her workplace where they could see the greenhouses emulating the different climatic regions of the world; tropical, where they could see rice growing and temperate, looking at corn. She toured the laboratories where the tests are formulated and the state-of-the-art machinery used in the production, she talked through each step of the processes involved. The children were keen to ask Emily questions about her work and how and why she became a scientist, demonstrating their enjoyment and interest in science.



Finally, well done to all the children who house group day today. It was great to favourite sportsperson whilst raising Everyone completed the 'Comic Relief' running as far as 2.5 miles. The children skills circuit, a dance workshop and classroom. The sun came out for us, and



took part in our 'Comic Relief' see so many dressed up as their money for a worthwhile cause. mile on the field with some also took part in a fitness/multi relaxation exercises in the everyone had great fun all round!

A big thank you to all the staff who have made these 3 days happen. What an amazing few days and even the weather was on our side.

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School News



A reminder that the Walk to The Moon challenge is running until the 4th April. Please add any sponsorship money to Parentpay. Thank you to Izzy, Nancy and Aston from Foxes who have returned their February mileage sheets. These are the only ones I have received from the whole school. Remember there are prizes available and we are trying to support Morish through Edukid whilst keeping ourselves active.

Year 6 Parents

Mrs Hammond will be holding a second SATs meeting for those parents that were unable to make it this week. It will be Thursday 31st March at 3:30pm in Squirrel's class.

A member of staff will be available to supervise children and their siblings on the playground during the meeting.



On Monday 21st March, all Year 5 children will be taking part in their 2nd Sports Leadership training with Miss Farr from Park School. They will need to come into school in their PE kit please.

Year 5's

On the afternoons of Wednesday 30th March and Tuesday 5th April, year 5 children will have the opportunity to work with teachers from Pilton School on art and forensic science activities. This exciting opportunity is part of the transition process offer by Pilton that helps year 5 pupils begin to think about their transfer to secondary school.



The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email <u>myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Wed & Thurs) or <u>lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Mon, Tues & Fri)



These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals - £2.30 per

Skern Lodge – Residential – the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.

Breakfast & ASC -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5

Walk to the Moon – donations of sponsorship money raised.

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item and for the correct child in your family

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the <u>Citizen Portal</u> which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/ and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf

DIARY DATES:

March 22nd - (Tuesday) - Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics - this is the last session. Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.

March 21st – Year 5 Sports Leadership training at school – they will need to come into school in their PE kit please.

March 30th to April 1st - Skern Lodge Residential – Years 3 & 4.

April 5th **(Tuesday)** – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

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End of Spring term – last day Friday 8th April 2022. First day of the Summer term Monday 25th April 2022.

News from the PTA



Nearly new uniform sale - Tuesday 22nd March - from 3pm

Get ready for the summer term and pick up some uniform bargains at the sale after school in the hall. We have lots of items for both KS1 and KS2.

Items with the school logo - £2 each or 3 items for £5

Non branded items - £1 each or 3 items for £2

Easter Trail

Thursday 7th April after school. Please could we have volunteers to help with this event.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, each ticket is entered into a **prize draw**. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time

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

Online fundraising

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0