

A message from Mrs. Denham

This week we have welcomed, Elliot Malin and his family who have moved into Tawstock. Elliott is in Robin's class

Parent conference appointments;

Next week all classes will be holding their parent meetings. These meetings are so important and we always hope all parents can attend. These will be taking place next week:

Mrs. Coulam and Mrs. Curtis: Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 2nd March.

Mrs. Turner: Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March, and

Mrs. Hammond: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March.

If you have not yet booked your appointment please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk, phone (01271) 345908 or call into the office.

Visitors

We have had several visitors into the school over the last couple of weeks and it's been lovely to hear their views on the school. They have all been very complementary about your children's behaviour, attitudes to their learning, pride in their work and their support and respect for each other. It gives all the staff great pleasure to hear this.

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I just remind parents driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce their speed accordingly. We have several families who live in the village of Tawstock and walk their children to and from school, **and after half term we will be welcoming a new family to the school who will be walking daily from the Eastacombe side of the school.** All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from are school. Please keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

School News

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations & well done to:

Rhys Gordon: for achieving his 100, 200, 400 & 600 meter badges at his swimming lesson this week.

Letter sent home this week:

All years - World book day letter, cost £1.20.

Tempest Photographs

If you wish to order a copy of the photo sent home this week, can we please have your orders back in school by **Wednesday 1st March.**

Pre-School

Can you please make sure that your Pre-School child always has a complete change of clothes in their bag.

Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in clothes from school, could you please make sure they are returned washed.

Lost Property

Adam Rashid has still not found his green polo shirt (no emblem) and black PE shorts which he lost a few weeks ago. They are both named on the labels which, on the polo shirt are down the side. They are both from Sainsbury's and have TU on the label. Can you please help by checking your child's garments this weekend.

Computer Club

Computer Club will not run again until Monday 15th May as Mrs. Curtis will be running a SATs Booster Club for year 6's in the coming weeks.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We have now started to collect the Active Kids 2017 vouchers from Sainsbury's. You will find a box in the office where the vouchers can be posted.

News from the PTA



Op-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 except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Computers	Mrs Curtis	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Computer club will not be running after half term and will restart on Monday 15th MAY, 2017
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Yr. 6 Booster lessons	Mrs Curtis	Y 6	Last session 3rd May.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots			

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs this club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

21st February - 21st March inclusive – Year 2 children to Gymnastics + competition children. Please make sure you know where to collect your child.

Year 2 children, who are not taking part in the competition, collect from school at 3.15 pm. Competition children collection from Tarka Tennis centre at 3 pm.

27th February – 3rd March – Parent conference week, dates and times to be arranged.

2nd March World Book Day

24th March Red Nose Day

30th March Easter service at Tawstock village church starting at 2pm.

Term Dates

Spring Half Term – Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.

First day back after half term – Monday 20th February.

End of Spring Term (Last Day) – Friday 31st March.

First Day of the Summer Term – Tuesday 18th April.

May Day – Monday 1st May.

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June inclusive.

End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.

Community News

St Michaels Nursery

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us office@stmichaels-nursery.org or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

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

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

Nearly New Sale

at the Freedom Centre

1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171

Saturday 11th March

10am to 1pm

Good quality clothes, shoes, bags, books all at BARGAIN prices

Tea, coffee and cake

Free admission & parking

All proceeds to Freedom Community Alliance (charity number 1125960) to provide help and support to vulnerable adults in our community

