

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

## Message from Mrs Denham

This week, it was lovely to meet the new families and reception children who are starting in September. They all had a wonderful morning in the reception class and we look forward to them coming on their next few visits.

Children from Class Squirrels had a super time at the Devon Mix on Wednesday - a music festival, where the children sang, played instruments and listened to a wide variety of music, including opera singers!

As I'm sure you'll be aware, the National Union of Teachers is planning to take industrial action on Tuesday 5th July 2016 over the impact of funding cuts on teacher contracts, workload and children's education. This is a dispute between NUT members and the government; it is not a dispute with the school. The action, (a one day strike), may result in class or whole school closures across the country.

I have been able to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils and still be able to keep the school open. Therefore, your child's education will not be disrupted on Tuesday.

### PTA Fete – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July:

The PTA have been hard at work trying to organise the School Fete for next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and would now like your help in bringing in items for sale. They are asking for items for the: tombola, raffle, second-hand toys, second-hand books and cakes. If you can help with any of these please drop them into the school office. The fete is due to start around 3pm.

## Pupil Achievements

Congratulations and well done to: **Rufus Dymond** who has achieved 200 metres swimming award.

## Cool Milk

If your child is over 5 years and you would like them to have milk at morning break, then you may purchase it from Cool Milk. A leaflet can be found in the office or you can contact them direct. Their contact details are: Email [registrations@coolmilk.com](mailto:registrations@coolmilk.com), website: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or telephone enquires 0844 854 2913.

**After school clubs** – All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Football	Mrs Vine	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3, 4, 5 & 6.	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	YR, 1 & 2.	(£4.50 per session)



Holywell Sports Day 2016  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm

**Sports Day: Action packed and fun, with a strong element of competition and teamwork**

The afternoon will be split into two parts

1. Team competitions
2. Year group flat races/mini marathons

**Team Competitions**

The whole school will be divided into six teams. Family groups will be kept together. Each team will participate in the six events listed below, in rotation:

1. Egg and Spoon
2. Shuttle run
3. Speed bounce
4. Farmer Hay's dash
5. Caterpillar jump
6. Obstacle race

Each event will be timed for 5 minutes. The number of laps run (or the distance jumped in the caterpillar jump), will count as the score for each event. The team with the most points at the end will be the winners.

**Year Group Mini Marathons and Flat Races**

Children in each class will be invited to take part in a year group (boy/girl) flat race and whole year group (mixed boy/girl) mini marathon event.

If you are a parent who is happy to hold a finishing tape for these races please can you see Mrs Hammond.

Wristbands will be awarded to those in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. All other children will receive well done wrist bands for the competitive events they participate in. We have staff to identify and give the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> wristbands, but would like two parents to give the participation wristbands to the other finishers. If you are happy to do this please see Mrs Hammond.

A Pre-school flat race, followed by a Parents race will be run after the mini marathons.

**Presentation**

Team cups will be presented on the field at the end of the afternoon.

*As parents will follow their children around to observe each team event, we will not be taking chairs up to the field, but please feel free to bring a portable stool or deck chair. Also be aware that during the mini marathon parents will need to stand either at the top of the field by the gate or in the middle of the marked track so that the children are able to do laps of the field without being obstructed. Once the marathons are over parents will then need to move to the left hand side of the field (your left as you come through the gate) to clear the running tracks for the flat races.*

**Please ensure that your child/children wear(s) sun cream and a sun hat.**



**Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

End of the Summer Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016.  
Last session Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5's and 6's at Falcon Gymnastics and Tarka Tennis.  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day, starting at 1:30pm. Please see attached sheet.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Robin's trip to: St Johns Garden Centre.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - PTA School Fayre, starts at 3pm onwards. Stalls to include various games including: 'Smack the Rat', stocks, tombola, raffle, second-hand toys, second-hand books, cakes and tuck. Donations please, to the school office, Thank you.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Gateway Federation, Beach Trip to: Saunton Sands.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service – Tawstock Village Hall, (time to be confirmed).

### Community News

#### 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

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#### St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have limited places available in our breakfast club; please enquire for availability (rather than every day). We still have Tuesday's after school club available. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

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Nearly New Sale  
at the Freedom Centre  
1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
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

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#### SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - Tennis, Cricket and Swimming for children at the University of Exeter

Our excellent children's holiday programme will be running throughout the Summer, with Tennis, Cricket and Swimming activities available alongside King's Camps. These fun sporting activities are a great way to keep kids active over the school holidays or to introduce them to a new sport. All sessions make use of the University's superb facilities and excellent coaches, and are available at great prices. Half-day and full-day options are available for Tennis and Cricket, while Intensive Swimming consists of daily 30-minute sessions over a course of five days. The sessions aim to build children's confidence and help them to develop their sporting abilities in a fun, safe and supportive environment. View the [full range of activities](#) online for full course information, dates and prices.

For Tennis and Cricket, [book a place online](#) or contact the Sports Park reception on 01392 724452, or at [exetersport@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:exetersport@exeter.ac.uk).

For Intensive Swimming, contact St Luke's Sports Centre on 01392 724940 or at [stlukessportscentre@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:stlukessportscentre@exeter.ac.uk).

#### Forest School Holiday Club

We'll be carrying out a variety of different activities during the different Holiday Club sessions including:

Animal Tracking, Bug Hunting, Natural Crafts, Den Building, Tree Climbing, Fire Building, Campfire Cooking and much more.

Forest School Holiday Club will take place at our private woodland site only 10 minutes from Barnstaple on the following dates:

Mon 25th and Wed 27th July

Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd and Fri 5th August

Mon 8th and Tue 9th August

Ages 5-12

£20 per day

Places can be booked through [Bookwhen](#)

Contact us through Facebook, our main website or by email: [hakefordwoods@gmail.com](mailto:hakefordwoods@gmail.com)

# Highz & Lowz

Open workshop  
Young singers ages  
10 to 18

St Annes Chapel  
Barnstaple

Friday 1st July  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
£2 per person  
Call 01271 32 42 42  
to book



Local professional musicians and vocal coaches, Sophie & Katie Kerlake, lead this informal singing workshop exploring current, pop and contemporary songs. No experience necessary!! Come and see how you like it.....there is potential to enrol in our new Youth Choir project from Sept 2016



**NORTH DEVON  
THEATRES**