



## A message from Mrs. Denham

### Harvest Festival:

Thank you for attending our Harvest Festival and the donations you so kindly gave for the Freedom Centre. We have received a letter from them thanking us for our contribution and saying that they will be very helpful for providing hot meals and food parcels to the homeless and vulnerable people of North Devon.

### Parent Conferences

Parent Conference week will be week beginning 5th November. Due to technical problems we are unable to offer online booking for your appointment. So from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October you will be able to book on by emailing [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) honing (01271) 345908 or calling into the office.

**Mrs Curtis** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 to 6:30 pm

**Miss Hammond** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 3:30 pm

**Mrs Bellew** - to be notified.

**Mrs Coulam** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 to 6:30 pm

**Mental health** is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our moods. Encouraging children to understand their feelings can help them to deal with life's ups and downs. Children need to understand that emotions are normal and that there are people who can help them when they are struggling with their feelings. To support your conversations with your child about their mental health, please see the leaflet attached.

**Have a lovely Half Term and we look forward to seeing back in school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

### PTA Christmas card orders

Please can you make sure that your PTA Christmas Card orders are return to school with payment, (cheques made payable to the 'Friends of Holywell School', by no later than Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Thank you.

### Caretaker of Hall

Daily clean of hall as & when required during term times & cleaning as & when required after booking of hall – this would include evenings & weekends. The hours on average will be 10 hours per month.

A fair rate to be discussed with applicant direct

Enquiries to [julie@rollestonfarm.co.uk](mailto:julie@rollestonfarm.co.uk) or in person 01271 858622

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

### Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

**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 is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

## School News

### Personal Achievement

A big well done; to **Madison Wilson** who competed at the National Quatro Cup gymnastics Level 5 competition in Wiltshire on Friday. Maddie completed clear rounds on all pieces of apparatus and finished 7th out of a field of 61 gymnasts. **Well done Maddie!**

### Operation Christmas Child

Last week we had an exciting visit from Samaritan's Purse to spread awareness for their 'Operation Christmas Child' project.

As Christmas time approaches we take the time to think of giving to others and spreading joy, love and friendship. During this presentation it was touching to see how eager our children were to support others who are not so fortunate.

This project was very successful last year thanks to all of the generous support from families in the community. Our Holywell Ethos Committee are hoping to build on last years success and have even more families than ever involved!

Please see the 'Operation Christmas Child' leaflet or visit their website online at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/ooc](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/ooc) for more information.

You can drop your completed shoeboxes off at Grosvenor Church, Old Station Road in Barnstaple between 1<sup>st</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November. Or drop them off at school by the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you,

Holywell C of E Ethos Committee and Mrs Bellew

### School Council 2018/2019

A big thank you; to all of the children who created posters or power point presentations to be considered as part of this year's school council. After the class votes we can now meet our new School Council!

Chairperson: **Cooper Vine**

Vice Chairperson: **Madison Wilson**

Secretaries: **Cameron Greening and Jack Watts**

Events Organisers: **Thomas Greening and Charlie Wileman**

Squirrel's class representatives: **Harvey Reeves and Bella Ayres**

Foxes class representatives: **Evangeline Ingle, Flossie Evans, Matilda Matthews and Harry Cockbain**

Hedgehog's class representatives: **Milly Coxon and Chandler Evans**

Robin's class representatives - to be voted on (watch this space!).

### Lost Uniform

Please can you check that your child has the correct uniform. Over the last few weeks, many parents have informed us of missing uniform. Please ensure your entire child's uniform is clearly named.

Louie Isaac has specifically lost 2 sweatshirts which are both named. Please check. Thank you.

### Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Park School Cross Country Competition on Wednesday morning. Over 500 children took part and it was lovely to see how our children cheered on everyone, regardless of which school they were running for. Thank you very much to the parents who supported us by driving and helping us with supervision throughout the event.

The behaviour and sportsmanship of all of the children was fantastic and was commented on by lots of people.

Well done Maddie, who triumphed with a medal for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in year 5 Girls' Race; Bella A was awarded a certificate for placing in the top 10 (9<sup>th</sup>) and Holly P won a certificate for placing in the top 10 (8<sup>th</sup>) in the Year 6 Girls' race. We were plagued by injury in our already small groups but managed the following places: Year 5 Girls: Maddie (3), Bella (9), Yasmin (71); Year 5 Boys: Cameron (25), Thomas (29), Harvey (73), Danny (82), Rufus (93), Rhys (102), Lucas (114), Jack (117); Year 6 Girls: Holly (8), Katy (18), Anastasia (29); Year 6 Boys: Fred (61), Cooper (69) Monty (83).

### North Devon Cross Country Shebbear - Results

A big well done; to the 11 children who represented Holywell at the cross country event on Sunday. The weather was damp and the ground very slippery, but it did not dampen your efforts or spirit! Big thank you; again to all of the parents who supported the children at the event.

Results:

U9 girls: **Lottie 8th, Sophia 36th, Matilda 46th, Olivia 58th, Flossie 62nd**

U9 boys: **Riley 26th, William 58th, Ethan 83rd, Ollie 91st**

U11 girls: **Maddie 17th, Holly 55<sup>th</sup>**

### **Materials request for Squirrels Class**

After half term our class will be aiming to make poppies from a range of materials and media. If anyone has any scraps of red, black and green fabric/thread/wool etc. that they can spare, please could you send it in to school straight after half term. Thank you!

### **Cheques**

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

### **Lost/Mislaid Uniform**

Louie Isaac has lost 2 sweatshirts and both are named. One has the old logo and the other the new one. If you could please check the sweatshirts you have at home this would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

### **Free School Meals**

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **News from the PTA**



### **Holywell Christmas Fayre**

Holywell's Christmas Fayre will be taking place in the village hall on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am – 2 pm. If anyone would like a stall or knows of anyone who would, please contact [Emma.barstow@btinternet.com](mailto:Emma.barstow@btinternet.com). The cost of a will be £10.00.

### **Op Shop**

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

### **Clubs**

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Fizz Pop Science	Mrs. Curtis	For those who have already signed up.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Handball and Bench ball	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Boxing club will change to Handball &amp; Bench ball after half term. New children are very welcome to join.</b>
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

## Diary Dates – forthcoming events

### Term Dates

Non Pupil Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
Autumn half term starts, – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.  
Last day of the Autumn term, – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.  
Non Pupil Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.  
Start of the Spring term, - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.  
Spring half term starts, - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019.  
End of the Spring term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.  
Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.  
Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019  
May Bank holiday, - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.  
Summer half term starts, - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.  
Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.  
Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, - **Harvest Festival** 9 am at St Peters Church Tawstock. Please drop you children at the Church on this morning (8:50 am). You are very welcome to stay for the service and celebrate with your children.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, - **PTA School Disco**.  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, - **Tempest Photos**, family groups and individuals. Parents who wish to have **non-school age children in a family group photo** are welcome to come to the village hall at 8:30 am for these to be taken. School aged family group photos will be taken during school hours.  
**Christmas Performances KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6 only)**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, - Dress Rehearsal 2pm.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, - Performance starts 2pm  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, - Performances starts 6pm. The children will need to be back in school by 5.30 pm.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, - Whole school **Christmas lunch** - 11.50 am.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, - **KS1 Nativity** and whole school Christingle service at Tawstock Parish Church starting at 2 pm.

## Community News

### St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

### **Brownies – spaces available**

The Brownies that meet at St Michael's nursery in Sticklepath on a Wednesday evening 6.15 to 7.30pm for girls aged 7 – 11 years have a few spaces available. If you would like further information please text or call on 07770 910702.

### Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

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 Sue on 07890 046033.

### 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

## **Links you may be interested in?**

### **West Buckland School Activity Day**

<https://www.westbuckland.com/open-day-september-2018>

### **Early Help for Mental Health**

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

### **Early Help**

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

### **Courses for Parents and Children**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

### **The Plough Torrington**

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

### **Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)**

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

### **Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGCC/bulletins/20a0199>

### **Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

### **On-line Safety**

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

### **Some good sources of information and advice for parents:**

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email [enquires@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:enquires@saferinternet.org.uk)

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.