



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your ongoing understanding of our car park situation and issues. The Police request that you please remember to drive carefully and thoughtfully and at a reasonable speed along the lanes and be aware that cars are coming in both directions. We have had reports of parents driving above the speed limits and the police have said they will be doing speed checks as they are so concerned about this.

They have also requested that any parents who park on the farm track, DO NOT start their cars until all the children have left the playground safely and the St Michaels mini bus has left. They have seen some parents trying to manoeuvre their cars whilst children are still walking past them to the car park and obviously consider this dangerous.

Thank you so much for your support.

The PTFA held a very successful AGM and meeting on Wednesday night and have started planning some exciting events for the coming year. I would like to thank them for all the hard work they put in year after year and also for the money raised which providing many extras for the school. I would also like to say a big thankyou to Ellaleen Westaway for her dedicated work over the last couple of years as Chair and wish her all the best with her forthcoming birth. We welcome our new Chair Hayley Cook and Vice-Chair Sue Evans and look forward to working with them.

## **School email address**

Please remember to use our new email address:

[adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk)

as, the old one will shortly be closed.

## **Pupils Achievements**

### **Congratulation and well done to:**

**Felicity Ayres** who took part in the South West Age Groups Level 5 Gymnastics Competition at Melksham and did brilliantly coming away with:

Overall Bronze medal – All apparatus,

Gold medal - on floor,

Bronze medal – on bars,

4<sup>th</sup> – on bean and

10<sup>th</sup> – on vault.

**Rufus Dymond** who has achieved his 50 metre swimming badge.

## **North Devon Cross Country league**

It is the next race this Sunday at West Buckland. Please remember your numbers. Mrs. Hammond will be walking the course at 9am if you would like to join her.

### **Letters sent home this week:**

All families – Letter from the Chair of Governors

All families – Tubs4Tablets

Yrs. 3 & 4 – Tarka Tennis letter

### **Help required transporting a pupil to St Michaels (Sticklepath) after school clubs.**

A child who would like to attend Computer Club on (Wednesday night) and Tag Rugby Club (Tuesday night) needs transport to St Michaels when the clubs end. If your child goes to either of these clubs and you think you are able to help with this please contact Mrs Palmer in the office who will put in touch with the parent.

**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. There will be no Netball club on Monday next week.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No club Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	

### **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

Non Pupil (Staff Training Day) Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Tuck sale outside the school from 2.20pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Last day of this half term.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – PTFA ‘Cake Sale’ after school. Donations please on the morning. They can be left in the school office.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA meeting in school at 7pm.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Cinema Night – Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Bazaar, 3.15pm. Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Peter’s Church 2pm. The PTFA will be serving mine pies and teas after the service so please stay and join them.



**PTFA**

New Committee Elected at the AGM last night:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen’s Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

### **Community News**

#### **St Michaels Nursery Tawstock**

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

### **Horswell Farm – Reptile Zoo and Education Centre.**

Fancy Dress entry on October 31<sup>st</sup> – Every child that comes in fancy dress will get free entry into the zoo. Horswell Farm, Bishops Tawton, Barnstaple, EX32 0ED – Telephone 07754 839181

We are open daily from 10am until 5pm for family visits, birthday parties and reptile handling. Price: Adults £6, Children £3.50, Family £16.

### **Volleyball Club**

Many of you would have seen the beach volleyball nets that we have at the village green and Croyde Beach and as a club we would like to invite you to know a bit more about us and possibly join us. The Academy of Beach Sports is a volleyball club that is run and coached by Denise Austin. Denise has great enthusiasm for volleyball, and coaches different people day in day out. The people she coaches can differ from athletes that have represented England to Primary School children and their parents. As a club we organise many different events at Croyde beach throughout the summer season.

This all started off in 2004 when the Beach Academy was first founded and organised their first ever student cup which was for all the British University and college students. This year the Petroc girls Millie Constable and Ellie Cranch were successful and won a silver medal.

Academy of Beach Sports is all about the community and run a fun fours beach volleyball fundraiser tournament on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June alongside the Friends of Braunton Academy. This tournament raised money for Braunton School and the local community.

Another event that is very popular is the volleyball competition that we have which is held alongside the well-known Goldcoast Oceanfest weekend which we have ran for over 15 years. This year it was amazing to see two of our youngest athletes Anaya Evans and Haydn Lawson to take the title of King and Queen of the beach. Also on the weekend we held a competition for pairs as well which is ran on the Sunday of this event packed weekend. We have over 220 competitors from across the globe with over 650 matches on the weekend.

Following this weekend on the Monday as a club we run The Devon's Schools Championships and this year we had a record breaking number of 148 teams enter this competition. There is no other event like this in the whole of the UK! Also on the Tuesday after the Devon Schools competition we held a Braunton Primary Schools Beach Volley Sport tournament. This event invites all the primary schools connected to the Braunton academy to come along and participate, this event has been up and running since 2008. And each year we have an amazing turnout with approximately 190 children.

Overall as a club we have had a very successful summer season and hope we are able to take this into our winter beach training and our indoor season.

Our winter training consists of:

Saturday training is at the Leisure centre at 9.30-11.00 for 8-16 year olds for £3.50 and parents can come for free! This training session is all about the skills and game play.

Monday session which is open game play at the Barnstaple Petroc campus from 6 to 7.30 for £3/£4 for everyone 14+.

Wednesday training is held at Pilton School at 4.30-6.00 for u16 and u13 boys. Then at 6.00-7.30 the u18 girls then train. These sessions cost £3 to attend.

Thursday training at West Buckland School is from 7-9pm. This is where our women South West and National Volleyball League teams train for £3/£4.

For further information contact Denise Austin on 0777 33 82 305 or at [denise@beachvolleyballinc.com](mailto:denise@beachvolleyballinc.com).

A good way to stay updated with our recent news as a club and to check training schedules is through our website at [www.academyofbeachsports.org.uk](http://www.academyofbeachsports.org.uk)