

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Administration of Medicines in School

On occasions when children need to take **prescribed/non-prescribed medicines** in school, please ensure that you complete an **Administration of Medicines form**, which is available in the school office. No medicines can be given without these forms being completed in advance. However, it is preferred if medicine can be administered by the parent around the school day (immediately before school, immediately after school and bedtime). It is the **responsibility of the parent/carer** to ensure that medication is brought to school and handed into the office, (antibiotics etc. to be drawn in a syringe with the correct dosage, at school, and the bottle then taken home).

The Head teacher and teaching staff will only administer non-prescription medication for a limited time (2/3days) for tooth ache etc. or in conjunction with other prescribed medications e.g. antibiotics for ear, chest or throat infections. These pain reliefs must be provided as tablet or sachets only, and the correct paperwork completed. On **no** account is a child allowed to bring in medication into school and keep it in their possession.

Easter Service

This year's Easter Service will be held at 2.30 pm on Thursday at Tawstock Parish Church. Your children will be leading the service with their singing and readings etc. and we would like to welcome as many of you as possible to join in these celebrations with them.

Like the Christmas service we would ask if you could be at the church early so as to avoid the children as they walk to the church. If you are unable to join us please remember to collect your children from the church at 3.15 pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

e-Schools

Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it was to book their appointments this way. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have never logged on.

Most schools use electronic systems for paying for trips, sending messages, booking meetings etc. especially secondary schools so slowly Holywell is catching up!

Holywells' Easter Scavenger Hunt

Saturday 17th March, 2018

2pm – 4pm (last start 3.30pm)

Holywell School and woods

£2/child includes activity sheet and Easter egg (payment on the day)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Cakes and drinks available

Wow day

Robins and Hedgehogs will be holding their Wow afternoon 1:45 pm – 3 pm on Wednesday 28th March, to which all parents are invited. Your child will have brought home a letter today regarding this and a training day event for the children on Friday 23rd March. On both occasions your children will need waterproofs and wellies in school.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Mrs. Hammond's Junior Park runners

We will be meeting around the play area by the toilets in Rock Park on Sunday. Please be there for around 8:45am. If there is any change given the weather forecast I will post on the Holywell Facebook page. See you there!

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the end of February to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

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 has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

Lost hoodie

Could everyone please check their child's hoodie to see if they have one with the name Matthews written on the label, if so please return to the school office. Thank you.

LOST

Has anybody found these in car park or on gravel outside school Monday 12th March, would appreciate safe return. They are prescription lenses so are of no use to anyone else.



News from the PTA



PTA Events

Bags2School

Thursday 15th March, 2018 – collection

Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

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.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts Monday 19th March
Monday	Maths Club	Mrs Turner	Yr. 2 signed up children only.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Guardian of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner	Those booked on	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Competition Gymnastic children: 20th & 20th Feb & 13th & 20th March, inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics) at 3 pm. **NO GYMNASTICS ON THE 6TH MARCH.**

Year 3 & 4; Mrs. Hammond will be holding a meeting for the year 3 & 4 parents whose children are going on the Skern Lodge residential at 3.15 pm on Thursday 15th March.

Year 3 & 4 Residential: Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March.

Community News

Biznet - Parenting Support Training

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

Other parenting support for parents and carers can be found on the link below, these include;
The Teenage Years and Handling Anger in the Family.

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

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

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

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PETROC OPENING DAY

We are holding our first ever Saturday Open Day at Petroc College on 17th March, 2018! We will be opening the doors to talk about Full time, part time, university level and Apprenticeship courses.



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Anyone for Cricket?????

NEWTON TRACEY CRICKET CLUB ARE SEEKING NEW YOUNG FOR 2018

We run outdoor practice and junior league matches during the season, sessions are led by ECB level 2 coaches and the club welcomes anyone who wants to play cricket. All necessary kit can be provided.

Pre-season sessions are being held at The Park Community School Barnstaple on Saturdays at 3 pm on the following dates:

24th February, 3rd, 17th & 24th March.

We are a thriving club with a friendly atmosphere and welcome anyone who wants to try the game.

If you would like more information please contact either:-

Graham Moore – 07760 197550 or Peter Newby – 07747 792006

North Devon Taiko Drum Project

Do you have rhythm?

Do you have stamina?

Do you like performing?

Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club will be starting on Friday 2nd March in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm

£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com

for more details if you would like to come along

Places on a first come, first served basis.

U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL



Does your daughter like football?

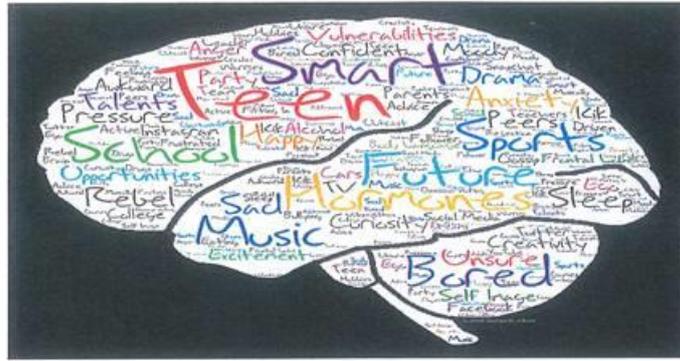
Is she in school years 3 or 4?

We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!

Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.

Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728

e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk



Parent Talks

Fascinating topics for parents.

Great Torrington School

5pm-6pm

Mondays

- 19th Feb - Simon De'ath - Y-Smart Young People's Drugs Service
- 26th Feb - Steve West - [Early Help 4 Mental Help](#)
- 5th March - Dave Atkinson - [Online safety](#)
- 12th March - Andy Branston - [Youth Service](#)
- 19th March - Helen Whiterod - [Individual Needs](#)
- 26th March - John Stanier - [The adolescent Brain](#)

Contact Clancy Stephens 01805 623531 Cstephens@gts.devon.sch.uk