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1st July 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

200th anniversary of Holywell School

We are spending next week July 4th to 8th celebrating the 200th anniversary of Holywell.

- **On Monday July 4th we would love the children to come into school dressed up from any time period in the last 200 years.** We would like re-enact some of the old photos and take photos of modern day life at Holywell if we can.
- The children will spend the week learning all about the history of the school.
- We are thrilled that a family who have had 4 generations of their family attend Holywell coming to talk to the children on Monday morning. The children have thought of some lovely questions to ask them.
- Each class will contribute items for a time capsule which we will bury in the Hollow and the PTA have very kindly provided a commemorative tree and plaque.
- On the morning of the 8th we will be holding a fun celebration morning playing "old fashioned" games such as splat the rat, skittles, hook a duck etc. in the hall and outside the hall and the PTA are very kindly providing a bouncy castle to be in the hall. If anyone has any suitable games we could borrow, please let us know asap.
- **At 12pm, weather permitting, parents and families are very welcome to join us for a picnic on the school field.** The children will be able to order a bag meal from the kitchen – fish and chips – which will be taken up to the field to eat. Children can sit with parents if they can join us or they will sit in their class groups.
- The following week the PTA have very kindly paid for an artist to come into school to work with each class to paint a mural which will be put on the side of the office – we can't wait to see it.

Thank you for your support with this special week – we want it to be a memory making week

Ventrus Parent Survey

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 8th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

Saunton Sands

If you require your child to have a school packed lunch for the Saunton Sands Trip, then we MUST know by Monday 4th July so as we can get order the correct quantity. We will also need to know if your child would prefer a Ham or Cheese roll.

Jubilee Books

Today or early next week all child will bringing home a Queen Elizabeth – A Platinum Jubilee Celebration, book. These have been donated to all school for children in Yr. R to Yr. 6.

School News

Taiko Drumming

Gillian Atkinson (a previous staff member) led a series of Taiko drumming workshops last Friday for all children in Hedgehogs, Foxes and Squirrels. Many thanks to the wonderful PTA for funding such a unique learning experience. The children were able to learn some Japanese words and various rhythmic patterns including 'I like chicken pie AND aravu,' and 'I want some sweets and ice cream!' If your child enjoyed the session and they are in year 5 or above, an afterschool club will run at Petroc from September.



Cricket & Aquathlon

We have had a very successful sporting week with the year 5's attending a cricket festival at Pilton CC and children from years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who wished to participate in the Torrington Aquathlon. All children at both events had a fabulous time all letting their lights shine.



In order to raise some more funds to support Morrish in Uganda, we would like to offer Tasty Toast Tuesdays and Fabulous Toasty Fridays. The children will have the opportunity to have two pieces of white toast (with Flora spread- vegan, vegetarian, dairy free) at break times for the final weeks of term.

To make payments and logistics simple, we would like to collect a one off payment of £3 which covers the 6 break times (Tuesdays 5,12,19 July) and (Fridays 8,15 and 22 July).

If you would like your child to have this mid-morning snack over the coming weeks, please complete Parent Pay by Monday to help with numbers for purchasing the bread. Lynn has very kindly agreed to make the toast.

We hope you will support Edukid and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Places now available for free holiday activities with meals this summer

Places are now available for children from across Devon, aged five to 16 years old, who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday activities with meals this summer.

It's our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#), providing free physical activities as well as healthy, nutritional, hot meals, for four weeks over the summer break.

This time, we've got 40,000 places available for a range of activities including sports and coaching opportunities; indoor and outdoor play activities; outings to local parks and beaches; magic and circus skills; film making, arts and crafts; music; cooking; theatre workshops; yoga and mindfulness, and a lot more.

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, our Cabinet Member with responsibility for children's services, said:

"School holidays can be difficult for some families, with added costs of food for example – especially now with rising food prices. For some, it can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children possibly more likely to feel social isolation and less likely to enjoy healthy exercise.

"We know young people value this time, and we're delighted once again to be working with even more providers this summer to arrange an even fuller programme."

You can read the full story, with details about how to book, [on the news page of our website.](#)

Saunton Sands

We are thrilled that we can once again plan our annual trip to Saunton Sands this year with our partner school Bratton Fleming. We have not been able to go on this beach trip for the last 2 years due to COVID so children and staff are really looking forward to this fantastic day. We will send out a letter with more details shortly but we wanted to be able to share the good news with you asap. We aim to go on **Monday July 11th**. Our wonderful PTA have offered to help subsidise the trip and pay half the costs of the coaches. Therefore, we are pleased to say the trip will work out at £3.50 per child, with an ice cream included in the cost.

We are looking forward to a day of digging sand castles, sunshine, games and fun.



ParentPay

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance. None of these accounts should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

Morrish – Tasty Toast - £3.00

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC –

Squirrels class – Gymnastics

All Year Groups – Saunton Sands

Current Year 4 & 5 – London Residential

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family



Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri mornings) beatrice.hutchinson@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

Ventrus website : <https://hollywell.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/2721135>

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 5th July 2022. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 9-11am (term-time)

Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.

Children £2 – Adults £1

Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)

Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.

For details call Emma on 07368 422791 or Philly on 07799 543781

School Holidays

We meet up every Wednesday at Tawstock Village Hall and throughout the school holidays too. All ages and abilities are welcome. No pre-booking required. Snacks and Drinks provided. All staff are fully D.B.S checked.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Diary Dates:

July 8th (Friday) – **Holuwell 200 years' celebration.**

July 11th (Monday) – **Saunton sands beach trip.**

July 15th (Friday) – **Year 6 leavers service** – Tawstock Village Hall at 2pm.

Survey for parents, carers and guardians

How would you rate the current experience for children, young people and families growing up in Devon? The thoughts and opinions you share are really important to us and will have a direct impact on the way we shape and develop the vision and visual identity for a Child Friendly Devon.

[What is important to you and your family](#)

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Library. Also below is a link to the Reading Aaencu Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Family survey

The Children's Commissioner has been asked to undertake an Independent Review into family life. This Review is a chance to really understand what family means to the nation, what they feel about family, what support is already in place and what more we can do. If you would like to have a say, please complete the survey. [Family survey](#)

SEND training for parents and carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/ejcs/send-training-for-parents-and-carers>

Child Safety Week

For some useful fact sheets on child safety week visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/Pages/Category/child-safety-week>

For more information on button and coin cell safety please visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>.

More information on the Harper Lee Foundation can be found here

- <https://harperleefoundation.org.uk/>.

Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.

First day of the Autumn term Monday 5th September 2022.
Non-Pupil Days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you for supporting the uniform sale and to the volunteers who have been busy behind the scenes helping with the preparations for the bicentenary week!

Cake sale - Friday 8th July

We are having a cake sale on Friday afternoon as part of the bicentenary celebration. Please donate cakes in the morning!

Online fundraising

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>