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17th September 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to say a huge welcome to new pupils in our reception class, our two new children who have joined us from other schools and to Miss Ryder-Green, teacher in Hedgehogs Class and Miss Cory-Humble, TA across the school. They have all settled in extremely well and thrilled that they are part of our Holywell Community.

We would also like to say a huge thank to **Tawstock Parish council** who have kindly sent us a donation towards some laptops.

We hope you all will join our amazing PTA next Thursday 23rd September from 3pm to 5pm at their **WELCOME FAIR** in the Village Hall. This is a free event (sponsored by the ASDA foundation) where the PTA will be serving cream teas, providing a bouncy castle and Punch & Judy entertainment. Please let us know if you can help on the day!

We are thrilled that a new **Coffee and Play session** will be starting in Tawstock Village Hall on a Wednesday morning. Please see attached poster. The organisers would love to see as many families as possible.

We would like to thank parents for their understanding with the car parking situation both before school and after school. Many of you have said it seems quieter this term and wondered why. The reasons are:

- We have 8 fewer pupils in school at the moment
- This time of year we always have fewer children attending pre school
- Several children arrive early for Breakfast Club or go home later as they attend After School Club

If you have any concerns or issues around the start and end of day please call the school, email or catch me at the gate.

Start and end of school day

To help support congestion in the village hall car park could we kindly request the following:

- **At the start of the day:**
Children in Squirrels, Foxes & Hedgehogs arrive **from** 8.30am
Robins arrive **from** 8.40am
If you have children in Robins and in one of other 3 classes, please arrive **at 8.40am**.
All children **MUST** be in their classroom ready for registration for 8:50am
- **At the end of the day:**
Robins 3.00pm or 3.15pm if you have other children in one of the other 3 classes
Hedgehogs 3.15pm
Foxes 3.15pm
Squirrels 3.15pm

Hedgehogs are looking forward to their Gym sessions which start next week on Tuesday. We know they are going to have a fantastic time. Please urgently return the SOE3 permission slip if you have not already done so.

Pupils in Foxes and Squirrels are also getting very excited about their forthcoming residential to St George's House in Georgeham in October. How lovely it feels to be getting back to normal in school.

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Foxes and Squirrels had a wonderful WOW start to their theme on World War 2 on Wednesday. Some of the costumes were amazing. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Palmer who came in both classes and talked to the children about local people who came to our school and fought in the war. He had fantastic historical knowledge and the children loved listening to him. Thank you Mr Palmer. 😊

Robins had a lovely WOW space and boat day today building a huge rocket and boat in the classroom out of boxes. Seeing pirates, sailors, Buzz Lightyears and astronauts running around the playground made us all smile.

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

We are thrilled that both clubs have now been running since our return on the 8th September 2021 and are being well used. It is lovely to see that parents are using this service as we set it up after parents requested this crucial support.

We now have permanent places booked every day after school and a couple in Breakfast Club. We can take up to 8 children per session and the cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child which includes breakfast and you can drop off 8am. After-school club starts straight after school with pick-up times of 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00). All children will receive a snack. If you are going to be late 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)

School News

St Peter's Church Tawstock invites Holywell children and their families to join them for a family service on Sundays 19th September (this Sunday), 17th October and 21st November. These services will be shorter than normal (40 minutes) and will have something for everyone to enjoy. There is an area of church set aside for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks.

On Tuesday 21st September St Peter's invite adults to join their next Alpha course. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life from a Christian perspective. Each of the 11 weekly sessions consist of a video and discussion. It tackles topics such as Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? How can I pray? and Does God heal today?

It's relaxed and fun. There's no pressure and no cost. Just listen to others and share your thoughts.

Everyone is welcome, especially those not normally in church.

Email Rev Gary Owen on revgaryowen@gmail.com for more details.

Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)

The Gymnastics is now on ParentPay.

Lost uniform

Please can you check your child's uniform and school bags this weekend to make sure that they haven't brought home in error a school cardigan with the name PS written on the label. Thank you.

PE

Thursdays

Foxes year 4 only, Robins & Squirrels with all year 5's

Friday

Hedgehogs, Robins Foxes (whole class), Squirrels (whole class).

On these day your child/ren can wear their PE kit to school in the morning

Message from the School Age Immunisation Team

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the

category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

School Age Immunisations Team

Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone: 0300 247 0082

DIARY DATES:

Tuesday 21st, 28th September 5th, 19th October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. Can parents please collect their child at 3pm. School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them. – Letter sent home this week. Payment required by 1st October. SOE 3's need to be returned by Monday 20th September.

Tuesday 5th October – Appledore Book Festival – Author visit.

11th and 15th October 2021 – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

Wednesday 20th October 2021 – Harvest Festival 9am – Please drop off your children at the church on this day between 8.30 am and 8.50am. If you require Breakfast club, we will walk the children to the Church in time for the service.

Thursday 23rd September Open Evening for year 6 at The Park Community College – 5:45 pm. Further details and dates will be sent home with the year 6 children when they have been received.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Autumn Term 2021

Non-Pupil day Friday 22nd October 2021

Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021(inclusive).

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Welcome Fair

We look forward to seeing you **Thursday 23rd September after school**. We will be serving cream teas and there will be a bouncy castle and Punch & Judy entertainment. Please let us know if you can help on the day!

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 19th October**. We look forward to seeing you there so we can vote in this year's committee, plan new fundraising event and discuss how funds will be spent this year. We welcome nominations for officers.

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835t

Online fundraising

Did you know you can raise money for the school when buying online at no extra cost to you?

Please remember to use **easyfundraising** every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started

at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2

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Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck! Thank you very much to those winners who have donated their winnings, it is really appreciated!