



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

## A Message from Mrs Denham

I hate to bring up parking again, but once more this week I have had several parents saying that parking in the carpark continues to be an issue with some people not showing consideration towards other carpark users. Speed remains an issue when entering and leaving the carpark as well as driving around the roads to and from school. PLEASE, PLEASE help us with this issue – we are desperate that an accident doesn't happen.

Remember the Speed Limit through the villages of Tawstock and Eastacombe is 30mph.

We are lucky to have two disabled spots within the carpark and they are incredibly valuable to the families who have the appropriate blue badges to use them. Please DO NOT park in or block at any time, as this is really unfair to the children/families that rely on those spots to be available to them.

Finally, parking on the gravel outside of the school gate, if you have to park here please ensure that you are parked up before 3pm and do not leave until all children have crossed safely to their parents, which could be as late as 3:30pm. If you could also ensure that you do not park in front of the marked crossing point on the carpark this will help in keeping your children out of the mud as they cross the gravel.

### Team Points

**Big congratulations and well done** to the **St David team** (yellow) who have finished top this half term with 1061 points followed closely behind by St George with 1051 points. All those children in Team St David will be allowed a non-school uniform day on the first day back after half term (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February).

## A Message from the Chair of Governors

### Parent Governor Nominations:

A letter will be coming home to all parents following half term to invite nominations for the position of parent governor. If there is anyone who is interested but would like some more information they are welcome to contact me on 01271 882376. Thank you and have a good half term break. Linda Watt, Chair of Governors.

**Wishing you all a lovely half term break.**

**Pupils Achievements:-** We would like to wish **Ethan Ashcroft** and **Sienna Ritzen** all the best for their busy week in the North Devon Gang Show. If you would like to see it, it is on at Queen's Theatre, 17th-20th February, 7.15pm

### Rugby Tots

After half term and starting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February John will be starting an after school rugby club for the school. It will start at 3:30pm and finish at 4:15pm.

In the initial instance the club will run for 4 weeks (25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> March) and will have an introductory charge of £2:50 per session (£10 for the 4 weeks) – this can be paid weekly to Mrs Palmer in the school office. After Easter and if interest remains high John will invoice parents directly and the weekly cost will rise to £4.50.

Due to the size of the hall and the adult ratio required to run the course, we are only able to offer 15 places. **Your child must be committed to the full 4 weeks** - the places will be given on a first come, first served basis, so if you are interested please respond quickly by completing the slip below and returning it to school.

If you have any further questions about this new club or to sign your child up, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Hammond at school or call into the office.

### Squirrels Class – Booster Classes

Can any parents of Year 6 children who have not yet responded to Mrs Curtis' letter about booster sessions please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who have already responded.

### Sainsbury Vouchers

The school is again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers. If you or your friends and family shop at Sainsbury's could you please collect them on our behalf. Thank you.

### North Devon Cross Country league - West Buckland

Despite the horrendous weather over the weekend our children braved it to participate in the final cross country event of the league this season.

The ground was certainly soggy underfoot, but once again team Holywell did the school proud.

Results were:

**U9 Girls:** Isabelle Westaway 23rd, Madison Wilson 25th, Tiana Comer 31st, Leah Smith 39th.

**U9 Boys:** Charlie Marshall 8th, Monty Andrews 56th, Cooper Vine 57th, Billy Dudden 60th.

**U 11 Girls:** Macy Barrow 29th, Honeysuckle Andrews 55th, Tabitha Andrews 57th.

An extra big well done; to the **U9 girls** who finished 5th team out of 16. A great achievement especially as; 3/4 of the team are bottom of the age group, with one not even being old enough to be racing yet!

Thank you to all of the parents who supported the children on Sunday and also throughout the season.

Ethan Ashcroft and Sienna Ritzen are both in Gang Show this year. BREAK A LEG!! If you want to see it, it is on at Queen's Theatre, 17th-20th February, 7.15pm

**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.

### Computer Club

There will be **NO** computer club after half term. This club has been replaced with a Year 6 Booster Club. Computer Club will start again after Whitsun (May) half term.

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Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Starts again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	<b>No Computer Club after half term.</b>
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (PTA) – Cake, Tuck and Op-shop – outside of school at the end of the day.

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>- Parent Conference week, days to be confirmed.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (PTA) – proposed Cinema Night (6:30 to 7:30pm) £1 minimum entry. Films to be confirmed.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March – Bags2school – PTFA – The bags have been sent home this week.

Half Term Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

End of Term - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.



**PTFA**

Next Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6.30pm in school.

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

**Community News**

**Exeter University holiday sporting activities**

The University of Exeter host a range of sporting activities for children to keep kids active over the school holidays.

During the upcoming February half-term, children of all ages and abilities can join in with Cricket and/or Tennis activities, which make use of the University's superb facilities and excellent coaches. The sessions aim to build children's confidence and help them to develop their sporting abilities in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Holiday sessions are very popular and book up fast, so early booking is advised!

For more information on the holiday programmes we offer, please visit our

website: [www.exeter.ac.uk/sport/children/holidays/](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/sport/children/holidays/). To book Tennis or Cricket, please call the Sports Park reception on 01392 724452 or email [exetersport@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:exetersport@exeter.ac.uk).

**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

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**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)

## Family Fancy Dress Skate



**Fancy Dress: BLACK, YELLOW or/and RED**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm**

Come along and Support **Devon All Star Hitters (D.A.S.H)**  
**Junior Roller Derby Team** Fundraising to get to Belgium!

Admission:

Adults £4 each, Children £3 each

Family £12 (2 adults + 2 children) additional children £2



Location: North Devon Arena & Family Skate Centre,  
Mullacott Industrial Estate, Ilfracombe, North Devon EX34 8PL  
Skate hire available for £2