



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

All the Christmas festivities are all in full swing at the moment. Thank you to the parents who have sent in children's costumes and items for the swap shop. The PTA Christmas Bazaar was a huge success last week and we give huge thanks to all involved. Next week we have the Christmas play to look forward to.

Can I ask that if any parents have any issues concerning school such as homework, please come into school and talk to us. Several parents have informed us they have seen comments on social media about issues that we could so easily sort out. Thank you for your support in this.

On Thursday December 17 we have our Christmas Carol Service and Christingle at St Peter's Church starting at 2pm. We aim to walk to the Church between 1.30 and 1.50pm. However, as the road gets very busy with so many cars going to the Service, it ends up taking us a very long time to get all the children down to the Church. We have to stop so many times to let cars past. Therefore, can we please ask that parents either:

- Park at school and walk with us to the Church. Once the Service is over, then walk their own child back down to school to pick up their car from school
- Drive their car down to the Church either before 1.30pm or after 1.50pm so we don't have to stop to let cars pass by.

Many thanks for your support and understanding with this issue. Your child's safety is our main concern.

Our wonderful Christmas cards of Holywell School in the snow are on sale in the office - £3.50 for 10 or £30 for £10. We are so grateful to Mrs. Jo Andrews for yet again putting her wonderful artistic talents to great use for the school. All the monies raised from the sale of the card will go towards the Holywell New Build Appeal. We hope to raise enough money by the summer holidays for 2 new offices and 2 new intervention rooms.

Pupils Achievements

Congratulation and well done to:

Rhys Gordon: who has gained his 25m swimming badge.

'WOW' afternoons

Robins

On 16th December from 1.40 pm to 2.40 pm, the children in Robins would like to invite their parent to come and join them in a Christmas decoration workshop. We look forward to seeing you then.

Hedgehogs

On 16th December from 2 pm to 3.15 pm the children in Hedgehogs would like to share their work with their parents and there will be some Victorian and Christmassy activities that you can do together. Look forward to seeing you then.

Home Learning is to learn the song words for the play please!

Squirrels

On Friday 18th December from 2pm – 3pm Squirrel's class would like to invite all year 5 and 6 parent to our end of term 'WOW' event. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Christmas Performance

All tickets for the Christmas performances have been sent home tonight. If you had asked for tickets you should have at least two. If you had asked for tickets for the evening performance you may have been disappointed as this was oversubscribed. We do however still have tickets available for the dress rehearsal Tuesday 8th, afternoon performance 2pm (Wednesday) and straight after school performance (Thursday). If you would like extra tickets for these performances please email your request to: adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

The PTA will be selling photos on the night which have been taken in school today.

Letters sent home this week:

Hedgehogs class – Wow day letter.

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.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	Cancelled until the new year
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	Cancelled until the new year
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	See note
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

Recorder Club

Please can all children remember to bring their recorders into school every day now until the Christingle service so that they can practice daily together. There will be no club next Wednesday due to the Play performance but Mrs Archer will be holding one on Wednesday 16th December.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18th December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5th January.

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas performance, starts at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas performance, starts at 2pm.

Thursday 10th December – Christmas performance, starts at 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17th December – Christmas lunch, starts at 11.45 am.

Thursday 17th December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Friday 18th December – PTA Tuck Shop and Bazaar items for sale at 2.50pm, at the gate.

Community News

Free Nativity Trail

The churches of Barnstaple

Invite you to join the

Nativity Trail

On Saturday afternoon 19th December at 2 pm – 4 pm

Various characters from the 1st Christmas will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes area.

Children will be invited to find them all, collect stickers from them and a code word. Get the coded message right in exchange for a prize at the end!

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Christmas tree Festival

St Peter's Church Fremington

Friday Saturday & Sunday December 4th, 5th & 6th

Friday 3.30 pm until 8 pm

Saturday 11 am until 6 pm

Sunday 2 pm until 4.30 pm

Father Christmas will be in his GROTTTO, on Saturday and

Sunday, in the Church Hall

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

The DCJC(Devon County Junior Choir) team are really excited about their plans to extend DCJC into the north of the county as they recognise that this would enable children to sing regularly in a County Choir which is nearer to home. The initial phase will be a pilot project running from January to July, with the intention of it continuing from September 2016 as a full part of the County Choir provision for children in the county of Devon.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, 4 - 5.30pm and will initially be held every other week, starting on 12th January 2016. The choir will be conducted by Rachel Smith, Assistant Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral School, Conductor of DCJC and Schola Exe, Conductor for the National Children's Choir and MD of the Chivenor Military Wives Choir. Rehearsals will take place at the church at RMB Chivenor (please note that this is outside the military base, just before the main gate; there is also parking available by the church). Rehearsals are for the children only; parents do not stay to watch! The choir will be taking part in the Outreach Concert in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 27th February and will be required to be in Exeter from 2pm onwards. We shall also give an informal concert to parents/families on the last rehearsal of term, Tuesday 15th March. For further information, a list of dates and to download an application form, please visit: <http://www.djc.org.uk/DCJCN.html>