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13th December, 2019

A message from Mrs. Denham

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

This week we have received another complaint regarding parents' lack of respect towards the villagers and other road users. So please can I remind everyone driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce your speed accordingly and act considerately.

We have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from our school. We all leave and arrive at different time, so please respect other road users and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

Tonight is the last night of the KS 2 Christmas Performance 'Light, Camel Action 2, The Sequin', and I think you will agree that they have sung, danced, performed and played their hearts out over the last couple of days. So if you are coming tonight you will be in for a treat.

I would like to thank the PTA for their help and support during these performances. They will be with us again tonight serving tea and coffee as well as selling the photos taken by Mr. Wileman at the end of November.

We welcome you all to celebrate the Nativity with the KS 1 performance of, 'Our Very Own Nativity' which will be followed by a whole school Christingle at St Peters Church on Wednesday 18th December at 2 pm.

At the beginning and end of the service there will be a collect for the Children's Society who are the charity that help to organise the Christingle service throughout the world and our sponsored child Nathaniel. Thank you for your support.

Please could we have some volunteers to stay behind afterwards and help tidy the church. If you think you can do this, please let Mrs. Hammond or Mrs Palmer know. Many thanks!

If you are planning on coming to the Nativity & Christingle could we please ask if you could arrive at the church for 1.30 pm, the PTA will be there serving tea and coffee. The reason behind this request is that the KS2 children will be walking up to the church from 1:30 pm and if cars keep on passing our journey takes considerably longer. Thank you.

Admission to Primary School September 2020 for children born between 01/09/2015 and 31/08/2016

The application facility opens on 15th November, 2019 and **closes at midnight on 15th January, 2020.** It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made. The online address on which to apply is www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Our annual pupil Swap Shop will be held next Monday morning, 16th December. Thank you so much to all of you who have sent in donations. The children get great pleasure out of choosing and wrapping their presents to take home.

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School News

Autumn term

The last day of the Autumn term will be Friday 20th December, 2019.

The first day of the Spring term will be Tuesday 7th January, 2020.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Reception children

Please can parents make sure that you return your child's pink phonics book to school on Monday morning.

KS1

Thank you; to all reception & KS 1 parents for your support with providing costumes for our Christmas performance. If you need to send it in can you, please make sure that it is in school on Monday morning. If you have any issues regarding the costume, please email Mrs. Hammond or Mrs. Coulam. Thank you.

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Madison Wilson who after her trials at the weekend has once again been selected to represent Devon as part of their Artistic Gymnastics' team for the next competition year.

North Devon Cross Country Run - Northam Burrows

This Sunday it is the next Gliddon and Squires North Devon Cross country race at Northam Burrows. This is a later start than the others and Mrs. Hammond will be walking the course at 11am if you'd like to join her!

Church News and current Christian Value

Value: Peace

All the children have started thinking about our new value of peace this week and writing prayers for peace.

Parent Pay.

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and it has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

Items on Parent Pay

Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4

Swim & Gym – Years 1 & 2 – Letter sent home today.

Tawstock Small Toy and Stock Exchange.

Advance notice – will be closed for the colder months on the 21st December and will open again when the weather warms up.

Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested, please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and toot lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email imsnorthdevon@gmail.com

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

News from the PTA



PTA Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fayre a success on the 6th December. A grand total of £370 was raised on the day with proceeds from the raffle still to come.

All money raised goes towards supporting the school and enriching the children's time at Holywell.

Parents - please ensure any purchased raffle ticket stubs are returned to the box in the school office by the 18th December.

Additional tickets are available from the school office.

The winner of the 'Sweets in the jar' game is Bella Ayres with 65 (actual answer 66).

The Winner of the 'Christmas Pudding 5p' game is Sonny Ellis with £6 (actual answer £7.20).

All un-purchased KS1 photos will be available to Parents on Tuesday 17th December, a member of the PTA will be selling them in a classroom at the school.

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to support us through shopping online with easyfundraising – we're really grateful. We have already raised over £45!

If you haven't signed up yet, please do it before you shop online next time – it only takes a few minutes and it will really help us.

For more info and to sign up, go to:

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

Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

Club

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Last club on Monday 9th December
Monday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	Last club on Monday 9th December
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	Last club on Tuesday 10th December
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No club until the Spring Term
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No club until the Spring Term
Friday	Dodge Ball	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, % 6	No club until the Spring Term

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

16th December, 2019 – Annual Sway Shop.

18th December, 2019 – Christmas Lunch.

18th December, 2019 – Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock at 2 pm

20th December, 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day.

18th to 20th March, 2020 – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4.

14th, 21st and 28th January – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

A full list of dates can be found on the school website under 'Links and Downloads' on the home page

Community News

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children's birthday party is now £45.00.

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. office@stmichaels-nursery.org

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 Sue on 07890 046033.

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 53366

Links you may be interested in?

The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

Romarsport

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

www.romarsports.com link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

HappyMaps

www.happymaps.co.uk

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

Outdoors Group

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

Riverdart.co.uk – event 30th March

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

The NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email enquires@saferinternet.org.uk

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from the NSPCC: on social networks, app and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organization; working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Courses for Parents and Children

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

The above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.

Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>