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20th May 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Today we said a very sad goodbye to Miss May who has worked at Holywell for the last 5 years. She will be very missed by all the pupils and staff. She has a wealth of knowledge working with all children but especially those with SEND. We wish her well on her next adventures.

WOW what a lovely Queen's Jubilee celebration we have had yesterday. Thank you to all the children for dressing up to and for the amazing crowns that you made. They certainly added to make the day a very special day.

I would also like to thank staff and pupils in Y4 and Y5 in Foxes and Squirrels Class for the tremendous Time Machine Jubilee Celebration play they put on, to all the parents for attending our celebration play in the afternoon, our wonderful PTA who work so hard to raise much needed funds, to all the children and staff for all the effort they put into the day and to Mrs. Winfield for cooking the Jubilee lunch. I hope the Queen would be very proud of all we have achieved

We have a very busy schedule after half term:

- Squirrels will be attending swimming and gymnastics sessions starting 14th June – a letter will be sent out very shortly. There has been a considerable delay trying to get this sorted due to the new leisure centre development.
- The PTA have kindly offered to pay for a Taiko drumming workshop for Hedgehogs, Foxes and Squirrels.
- Selected children from each year group will attend the Olympic Legacy at Park School on 9th June
- Our sports day will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd June on the school playing field.
- Our annual trip to Saunton Sands beach with Bratton Fleming School will be on Wednesday 13th July
- We will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Holywell School on Friday July 8th
- End of year reports will be sent out early July.
- Y6 leaver's service will be at 2pm on Friday July 15th

We are thrilled that we once again can offer our residential to London next October for Year 5 and 6. A detailed letter has been given to the present Year 5s and Year 4s. ParentPay is now set up to receive deposit and payments as specified in your letter. Due to COVID, we haven't been able to offer this residential for a few years and we have all really missed it. It truly is a fantastic experience for the children.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to read the email sent last night to all parents, I would like to notify you that I have informed parents and the children today that I will be retiring at the end of this term. It has been a huge decision to make and I hope my letter attached explains my reasons. Thank you so much for all the lovely messages I have already received. Being the headteacher at Holywell is

truly a privilege so this week has been a very emotional. Thank you so much for your continued support.



Year 4 and 5 were all superstars on stage on Wednesday and we hope they remember the school Jubilee celebrations for many years to come. Many thanks to all who were able to join us in the audience.

School & Community News

Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth 11 **Jubilee Celebrations – Tawstock**

The Tawstock are holding 3 events to celebrate and all are welcome to attend any of these events:

2nd June 2022 @ 6:45pm – Lighting of the Beacon Night.

Fire Beacon Cross, Tawstock

(halfway from Newbridge Cross & Prospect Corner

- 6:45 – 9pm – Pets corner – Pets must have left the site by 9pm
- Skittles
- Games for children
- Music
- BBQ
- Lighting of the Beacon at 9:45pm followed by fireworks

5th June 2022 @ 3pm

A Church Service @ St Peters Church, Tawstock
followed by

Afternoon Tea @ 4pm The Village Hall, Tawstock

Donation boxes at the events on the 2nd and 5th to help cover the costs of the food provided at each event.

Glass water-bottles

Please can we ask that you DO NOT send your child to school with a glass water bottle. We have already had a few dropped causing danger to children around at the time as well as being expensive to you the parents.

Robins - Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the meeting last Friday, sharing some information about the phonics screening check which is due in June. If you were unable to attend, I have put the slides from the session onto Tapestry, there is some useful information and website links that will enable you to access revision lessons and games to help your child.

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 Wednesday July 13th. 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.



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).



ParentPay

Thank you to those of you who paid any outstanding debts for School Meals, Breakfast and After School Clubs by the 25th April. If you forgot and or didn't get round to it can you, please pay these debts as soon as possible.

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

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC –

Robins class – Gymnastics which starts on Tuesday 26th April.

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

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

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

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.

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>

SEND training for parents and carers

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

Diary Dates:

Gymnastics at 3pm. May 25th (Wednesday) - **Celebration for the Queens Jubilee**

June 23rd (Thursday) – **Sports Day** at Holuwell – further details will be circulated nearer the time.

June 27th (Monday) – Year 5's **Cricket Festival** – further details will be circulated nearer the time.

July 1st (Friday) – **Torrington Aauathlon** – open to any children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

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

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

Half Term Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (inclusive).

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

News from the PTA



Thank you for supporting the Sponsored Sing Challenge, the children did a great job at learning the National Anthem and it was amazing to hear them sing it so well! Please remember to hand in your sponsorship and gift aid forms to the school and have a lovely holiday enjoying the celebrations with the children.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, there is also a prize draw. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

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>