



### A message from Mrs. Denham

Happy New Year and welcome to an exciting Spring term 2019 ahead. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and had an enjoyable and fun New Year.

We have Y3/4 residential this term, sporting events and staff are already planning wonderful WOW days to excite your children about this term's learning! Whilst Mrs. Coulam and Mrs. Bellew are welcoming their parents to their end of Autumn term special WOW evening, next Tuesday 5 pm – 6pm, to celebrate the completion of their space topic with Astronomer Rick Dooley.

### Christmas Gifts

A big thank you to all of you, from all of us, for all of the lovely gifts we received from you. They were much appreciated.

### Message from PTA

The PTA would like to say a big, belated thank you to Jim Wileman for his generosity with the Christmas photos which raised a large amount of money for the school. Thank you for donating your time and resources - we are very grateful!

### Calvert Trust

Year 3 and 4 parents – Mrs. Hammond will be holding a Calvert trust, question and answer session in Foxes class on Thursday 24th January at 3:30pm.

### Year 1 & 2 Falcons Gymnastics

A reminder that your child/ren will be starting their Falcon gymnastics sessions next Tuesday (15th Jan). Children will need to be collected from the Tarka Tennis foyer at 3pm. Please do not go into the gym to collect your child, Holywell adults will walk them out to you. If you have any concerns or problems around this arrangement please can you speak to your child's class teacher.

### Robins Class Book bags

From next week your children will be leaving their book bags at school on Monday evenings so that the Mrs. Coulam, Ms. Benstead and Mrs. Rolfe can read your comments and change the books.

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

### School News

#### Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to **Chloe Williams**. who passed her recent Street Dance examination with distinction. Well done Chloe.

#### North Devon Cross Country League

The next race in the series is this Sunday (13th Jan) at Northam Burrows. The first race will be at 11:30am. If you would like to walk the course with Mrs. Hammond please meet her at the start line at 10:30am - don't forget your numbers!

## **Admission September, 2019 – closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

Children born between: 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.

If you have family or know of friends who have children due to start school in September 2019, please promote Holywell and inform them to call Holywell. (01271) 34908 and Mrs. Denham will be delighted to show them around and discuss their child starting school.

Even if you have already given details to school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team at Devon County Council. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

How to apply for Primary School place in Devon:

You can apply online at:

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) : from 15th November 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more details by calling our Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)

### **Cool Milk**

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> "

If you have already registered your under 5s using our bulk registration process, **parents are still able to register using the form/website**. This provides them with the opportunity to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

More promotional material is available on our website - <https://www.coolmilk.com/promote/>

If you need any help with any aspect of your school milk scheme, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help!

### **Cheques**

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

### **Free School Meals**

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. This is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

### **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.

### **News from the PTA**



### **Op Shop**

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

### **Clubs**

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Tag rugby	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>No Club Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.</b>
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	

### **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

### **Term Dates**

Spring half term starts, - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019.

End of the Spring term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Community News**

##### **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](mailto: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 533668

#### **Links you may be interested in?**

##### **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/>

These events are only open to parent/carers this time around.

<https://20novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

<https://27novemberdpcv.eventbrite.co.uk> - Cullompton Community Centre

##### **The Plough Torrington**

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

##### **Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)**

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

**Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)**

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

**Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

### **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> and 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](mailto: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 NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

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

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