



A message from Mrs. Denham

What a lovely few days the year 3's & 4's have had on their residential at the Calvert Trust and we are really delighted and proud to be able to share with you how members of the Calvert staff have commented on their positive behaviour and politeness.

As a school, this week, we have had to say goodbye, but a huge thank you to our lovely students from Plymouth University, Charlotte & Bethany, who have been with Foxes class since September. It was lovely for them to be able to spend the last few days of their teaching placement on residential with the children.

Thank you all for your consideration when driving to and from the school at each end of the school day. However, we would just like to remind parents that when waiting to collect their children, could you please all remember to turn your engines off. We appreciate that in the cold weather this may have seemed appealing, but the fumes produced are a health hazard. Thank you.

We are thrilled that 30 pupils have over 99% attendance. Well done to all those children. Whilst we appreciate that there has been lots of sickness and bugs going around at the moment, we have been asked by the Education Welfare Officer to send home letters to any parents whose child has less than 95% attendance. At present that is 29 pupils across the school. If a child is given antibiotics, once they feel better and are ready to come back to school, we can administer their medication. We can also help by giving a 'Calpol' type medicine if a child is suffering with e.g. toothache or earache. We ask parents to complete a form giving school the necessary permission.

Parent Pay

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to set up Parent Pay which is a secure online facility for making payments for school costs. Today we have given your child a letter providing your log on and password to access the website. When any trips are organised in the future we will set them up to enable you to pay for them online as. We know the majority of parents will welcome this new system, however if you are unable to use this facility, the school will still accept cash payment in the office.

Have a very enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 25th February.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

Pupil Achievements

Best wishes and Good Luck to; Anastasia Evans, who along with many other brownies, guides cubs, and scouts will be taking part in this years 40th Anniversary Gang Show, at the Queens Theatre over half term. Two of Holywell's ex-pupils **Kirsty and Timothy Leggett** are now part of the production team.

Barnstaple Junior Parkrun

This Sunday 17th February, Mr Day is Run Director at Barnstaple Junior Parkrun in Rock Park. It is a free event, open to 4-14-year olds and starts at 9am. It would be great to see as many children from the school down at the park for this. If your child is not already registered and would like to give it a go, please register at

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

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.

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	No club Wednesday 13th February.
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	Starts Wednesday 6th February weather permitting.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No club Friday 1st or Friday 15th February

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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

End of the Spring term, Friday 5th April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23rd April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6th May, 2019.

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

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3rd June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24th July, 2019.

Diary Dates

Friday 15th March – Holywell School Coffee morning 9 am to 10:30 am, Tawstock village hall.

Sunday 25th March – School Gymnastic Competition.

Friday 15th March - <https://www.specsavers.co.uk/red-nose-day>

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

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?

Red Nose Day

<https://www.specsavers.co.uk/red-nose-day>

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

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/UK ECC/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

<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.