

A message from Mrs. Denham

Governor vacancy

Last week everyone should have received a letter regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor at Holywell. If you would like to know more about the position please come and speak with me. The closing date is Monday 7th February. If more than one parent applies we will then hold an election.

TAG Rugby Club - (Non-Contact)

Mr Day would love to see more children to join him for his Tag Rugby Club on Wednesday after school. Tag Rugby is a non-contact sport where the children wear a belt with tags on, the aim is to grab a tag from the child who has the ball; the ball carrier should pass the ball to a team mate before he has his tag taken.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

Pupil Achievement

Huge congratulations to **Madison Wilson**, who not only achieved distinctions in both her grade 2 IDTA ballet and lyrical exams last week, but also successfully trialled for the Devon gymnastics squad on Sunday, where she was selected for the County elite squad. Well done **Maddie!**

Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out an email to all parents ASAP.
2. We will update the school Facebook page.
3. You can register with Devon County Council Connectme. The email link is: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1c4ff62> they will then alert you if the school is closed.
4. Listen to Heart Radio
5. news.devon@heart.co.uk
6. If you are unsure, telephone school on 01271 345908. We will always have staff, if at all possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements. Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter.

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.

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 30th January 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

Thursday 7th February – Tempest class group photos.

Community News

St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6.pm. 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?

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/UKGCC/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.