

A message from Mrs. Denham

Welcome

We are so very pleased to welcome Mrs Sophie Austen to the Bratton/Holywell team. She will be working in all classes covering teachers PPA (Planning, preparation and assessment) time. She is enjoying getting to know all the children.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that over the half term break a new trim trail is being built in the hollow with the help of funding from the PTA also we are having a suspended ceiling installed in Robins' class which will hopefully help tremendously with the noise.

Well done to the rowers who took part in the event at Bideford College this morning. All the children did amazingly well with Fred Cockbain really letting his light shine by finishing 2ND.

Governor vacancy

We are able to announce that the governors will be welcoming **Emma Harding** to their next meeting as the new Parent Governor for Holywell. We would like to thank you all for the interest shown for this vacancy.

Morning phone call.

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill and will not be attending **school you must phone the school each day that they are off by 9.30 am** to inform us. If you do not call school by this time, school has a duty of to call you to find out why they are off. Also, if you have two children in school and one is ill can you please notify the office in person as well as informing the class teacher in person. Thank you.

Parent Pay

After half term we will hopefully introducing Parent Pay for you to be able to use for trip payments etc. Please look out for the letter which will be sent home next week which will include your log-on details.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

Pupil Achievements

Congratulation and well done to Bobby Barrow; after a long 7hr trial in gymnastics last weekend Bobby qualified into SW squad being the youngest to qualify and only one in his age group, a huge achievement.

We would also like to wish **Maddie Wilson** and **Lannah Barrow** all the best for their Gymnastics competition in the USA and look forward to hearing all about it on your return.

Lost Glove



Please can you check that your child has not brought home on pink glove in error. If it is found can you please return to the school office.

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 as soon as we know what is happening.
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 6th February weather permitting.
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	No club Friday 1st or Friday 15th

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 February – Holywell School Coffee morning 9 am to 10:30 am, Tawstock village hall.

Sunday 25th March – School Gymnastic Competition.

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/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:

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<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.