

Holywell News

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'Expanding our Horizons with Contagious Enthusiasm'

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SCHOOL DISCO THIS FRIDAY!

This half term we are considering **SERVICE** as a Church School Value and we held a Secret Service week for children to identify if they had been on the receiving end of any secret service events. We also talked about 'giving with no strings attached' and what this means.

School communication

We know how important effective communication between home and school is and therefore we would like to give more of a structure to our newsletter communications. These will now be sent home every other Friday. We hope that this will mean that you will know when to expect the newsletter and any diary updates. Of course, if important information needs to be shared in between these times, we will send these to you. We hope that this clarity is useful.



Year 4 Thorpe woodlands – Residential took place last week from Wednesday 15 – Friday 17th May. The children had a fantastic time and so many of them pushed themselves in challenges and should be so proud of their achievements. We're sure that they slept well on their return!



Year 4 Cambridge University Biodiversity Research. On Monday 20th May Year 4 spent the afternoon with a research academic from Cambridge University. She is researching biodiversity in the green spaces used by children. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed investigating and bug hunting on the field as part of this project.

Ash Forest School

Thank you so much to all the parents who have been supporting forest school this year. It has been great to have so many of you able to come along for the sessions (both regularly and on an ad hoc basis). Mrs Fear was overwhelmed by the generosity of parents in providing so many resources for our sessions. They are all now labelled and ready for use- it's going to be wonderful to be able to take big sets to the woods to support the children's learning.



Geography – Thank you for the Geography Journals that have been sent in. They are very impressive and a display will be in the main corridor very soon.

Art week



Mrs Cross and Mrs Harland are very busy organising our annual **Art Week** in June. If you have any skills to share, please do speak to them. We would love to hear from you.

Times Tables Rock Stars



This wonderful resource offers a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 14,000 schools. We have funded a log in for every pupil in the school from Year 1 to Year 6 and their individual log ins have been shared with them. Please encourage them to use this resource which can be found at <https://trockstars.com/> Have fun!!

Website



We are currently in the process of building a new school website and details will be shared with you very soon. This will be similar to the previous website before the Federation. We are very excited to launch this soon!

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a bottle each day. Children are encouraged to drink regularly and refill at school when needed. Water bottles are also available to purchase from the school office - £2.50.



Lunchtime Company are launching Picnic Lunch on Mondays during the months of June and July. The children will eat outside only on Mondays - please see the attached poster for menu choices.

Punctuality

Be on time



at five to nine

The gate opens at 8.40 in the morning. Children come into school and start their morning routines. The gates will be **closed at 8.55**. After this time the gates are locked and your child will be marked as late in the register.

Home to School Transport for Year 7 Students

Any family whose son or daughter will be transferring to secondary school in September, and believes they will be eligible for transport assistance, will need to complete a transport application in order to receive a travel pass. More information can be found by clicking [here](#).

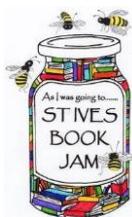
Please be aware

We have been informed by a family that their child has 'Molluscum contagiosum'. The main symptom of molluscum contagiosum is a number of small spots on the skin; these spots can be highly contagious if they are broken e.g. by scratching and therefore need to be covered. Please be vigilant as this is very contagious. For further information please go to the NHS page: www.nhs.uk/conditions/molluscum-contagiosum/symptoms/

Safeguarding

We remain concerned about the number of adults being let into school by parents when they are at the school office. It is vital that you do not let anyone in this door unless asked to by a member of office staff. Many thanks for your support with this.

Book Jam – June 7th – 8th



This is the 7th annual Book Jam and we are always delighted to be a part of this event. This year there is an exciting range of authors and workshops including Cambridge Cats(Fitz and Will), Jo Cotterill , Elys Dolan , Alison Limentani, Dr Michael Leach, Lion Learners, Matty Long, Gary Northfield, Pebbles Club and Julian Sedgwick. Booking for **these events will open on 2nd May**. If you have not been to The Bok Jam before use <https://www.flickr.com/photos/138701403@N08/> to get a flavour of the event. See Mrs Nicholson who will have more details of this exciting event.

We wish all our families a great half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th June (we have a staff training day on Monday 3rd!).