



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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A message from Mrs. Denham

It has been lovely to be back into school and see all the children's smiley faces and hear all about their Christmas holiday adventures. What a change in temperature we have seen this week! Can we please ask that you send your child into school with a warm coat and hat and gloves as you feel is necessary. We are obviously ventilating the classroom as much as possible but we trying to ensure the classrooms stay as warm as possible. We open all the doors at playtimes and lunchtimes to allow a clear flow of air throughout the classroom.

A main priority in school is to promote a LOVE OF READING in every child. Over the last year we have heavily invested in new ways of supporting your child to read. We have purchased the Read Write Inc phonics programme to develop a structures and systematic approach to learning phonics, writing and writing throughout the school, but especially in KS1. It is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers. This programme is a method of teaching reading, which is centred around learning the sounds of the letters (phonics) and then blending them together. Following this, children then have the opportunity to learn to break down the words into individual sounds in order to write them. The link below is a series of videos which support parents to support their children with their phonics learning at home. We hope you find them very useful.
<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents-copy-2/>

We have also bought the Accelerated Reader programme which is a computer-based program that we use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps us guide children to books that are at children's individual reading levels. The children take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. We hope your children will be able to tell you about these programmes in the coming weeks.

Important information regarding Breakfast and After School Clubs

The After School Club and Breakfast Club are being continued (5 days a week) until the end of this academic when they will both be reviewed.

School News

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Grayson in KS2 & Thomas CS in KS1 for receiving this week's Sportsperson of the Week Awards. Every week Mr Day will pick a child from both KS1 & KS2 who has particularly stood out or 'let their light shine' during PE lessons. If your child receives the award, please can you ensure it is returned by Friday the following week.

ParentPay Payments

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item and for the correct child in your family.

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals – payments should be made in advance of meals being taken.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the 2nd instalment if due by the 28th January.

Breakfast & ASC – payment should be made in advance of attending these clubs.

Uniform -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5 – this payment is now due as the sessions start on Tuesday 18th January. If you have any issues making this payment can you please contact the school office.

Parent Conference Week

The parent conferences for the Spring term will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 7th March.

North Devon Cross Country League

A big well done to the children that participated at the North Devon Cross Country League event at Northam Burrows on Sunday. With all of the heavy rain it was very, very wet underfoot but this did not stop our amazing children from running their hearts out.

Results:

U9 Girls: Lola Jones 12th

U9 Boys: Jack Hutchings 26th, Daniel Mead 48th

U11 Girls: Freya Jones 28th, Ruby Evans 29th

U11 Boys: Aston Chapple 28th

Help required

Is there anyone who is available who would be able to help out with picking Anya up for school from Whiddon Valley every Wednesday morning and every other Monday morning? This will start from 25th January, I will of course contribute towards petrol costs. If you can help please contact the school. Thank you

Sunday 16th January, 11.00am in Tawstock Church

Plough Sunday all-age service.

Everyone welcome as we bless the plough and pray for the agricultural year ahead.

Bring something representing your farm or garden to be included in the blessing.

Admission to Primary School September 2022

Admission to primary school 2022 (for children born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018) The application facility opens on 15th November 2021 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2022. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

The Step by Step Guide and poster is now available for download from our website,

http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/joining_our_school/261003

The Education Helpline Advisers are on hand to manage queries and will help parents navigate the system if necessary, telephone 0345 155 1019.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions> and twitter www.twitter.com/DevonAdmissions

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

DIARY DATES:

January 18th (Tuesday) – to Tuesday 22nd March (9 weeks) – Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics (18th, 25th January, 1st, 8th 15th February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March). **Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.**

March 30th to April 1st - Skern Lodge Residential – Years 3 & 4.

April 5th (Tuesday) – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Spring half term - Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 (inclusive)

News from the PTA



Next meeting online Thursday 20th January at 7.30 pm. We really would like to see some new faces please! You can just pop in to say hi and find out a bit more about what we do. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved in any way but can't make the meeting, please get in touch!

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73189582059?pwd=XQfKW8_oynbXMDC07ViFJShvV_QqsJ.1

Meeting ID: 731 8958 2059

Passcode: 62J6F4

Asda Green Tokens

Thank you for voting for the chance to receive £500 for the school! We are currently in second place and voting stays open until the end of January so please go back to vote again every week and share the link widely! <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4399>

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time

at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.