

Newsletter



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9th June 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey Last day of the Summer term is Friday 21st July

Well, what a scorcher of a week it has been! We have been incredibly lucky with the weather this week and it does seem to have put everyone in a good mood! Thank you to all of you who have been so good at remembering sun cream, hats and drinks! I have been very impressed!

There is always a lot to be celebrated in school, but this week I am delighted with the efforts of the children. We have asked a lot of our years 4, 5 and 6, who have adapted very well to some quite big changes in the way that they are being taught. The teachers have all commented on how well the children have managed and we are seeing some excellent work and learning attitudes.

I just wanted to send an individual congratulation to Callan Lloyd, who participated in a boxing tournament in

Ireland and won his match! Callan, we are very proud of your achievements and recognise the self-discipline and control that you have shown in your sport – very well done!

In this summer term of sport, we have many events and activities to enjoy and this week, 20 children were selected to represent Holywell school at Park School for the Olympic Legacy event. Children ran in various races, including minimarathons and relays! Mrs Hammond took our team of runners with Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Jones and we were incredibly proud of how well they participated! 13 schools took part and although we did not make the top 5, the children scored a high



number of points and could not have been far behind. A huge well done to everyone, but a particular mention to Jack Lloyd, who was the only year 1 running, but was one of the fastest in the field!









Some parents have been asking me about more information for September. I will be finalising classes over the next two weeks and will share classes and teaching/support staff when this is finalised. I am currently organising transition days for children to spend in their new classes, however, also needed to give children some time with their current changes in timetable. I am hoping this will be in approximately two weeks' time. School reports will be sent out to parents on Wednesday 12th July.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 4 children who have all completed their Multiplication Tables check this week. They all showed great attitude to completing the task. The results of this are used more to guide schools in the teaching of times tables, however, this is a useful process to go through. Well done Year 4!

Thank you all for your continued feedback and support, please do enjoy the sunshine over the weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

School News

Money Outstanding (Debts).

As we are now in the final stage of the Summer Term can we please ask that all school debts are cleared as soon as possible and by the 10^{th} July at the very latest. You can check what is outstanding on your Parent Pay account. Thank you.



We currently have **19 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account, **7 children** on the breakfast club account and **11 children** on the after-school club account.

Diary Dates

12th June - Tempest - School and Class photos.

29th June - Sports Day - Please arrive at 12:45pm for a 1pm start.

Term Dates

Summer Half Term – 29^{th} – 2^{nd} June 2023 – inclusive. End of Term – last day Friday 21^{st} July 2023.

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers Including vacancies at local schools.

Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The quaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the <u>Devon Citizens Portal</u>. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Transport

https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/

School and college transport

- Education and Families
School transport information,
including free school
transport
www.devon.gov.uk

<u>NEW Privacy Notices - November 2023</u> Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be forum at https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf

Community News

All Stars and Dynamos at your Local Cricket Club

Allstars and Dynamos cricket start in Newton Tracey on Wednesday 24th May:

All Stars (5 - 8 years old) and Dynamos (8 - 11 years old) sessions.

The link below provides further details on the two programmes.

https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2Ll9IDO2DnF6r95JQJV0UxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldC09ZettCvgUaAqImEALwwcB

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Autumn Term 2023):

Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumns term of the new 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers. Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Торіс	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Thurs 14 Sept - 10 – 12	Tues 31 Oct - 4.30 - 6.30	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Wed 20 Sept - 10 - 12	Tues 7 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura O'Shea + Melissa New
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Thurs 5 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 14 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura Matthews
4	Sensory	Thurs 12 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 21 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Торіс	Date/Time	Trainer
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 Nov 10-12	Kevin
Autism and Girls	Wed 8 Nov 9.30-12	Rob
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 6 Dec 10-12	Rob
Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Tues 12 Dec 10-12	Laura O + Melissa
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 15 Nov 10-12	Alison
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 1 Nov 10-12	Paul
Autism – Communication (pre/non- verbal – support strategies	Wed 22 Nov 10-12	Laura M

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To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Chulmleigh College Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 4th July 9am - 3.10pm



We are delighted to invite Year 5 pupils to join us for an exciting day at the College!

Pupits witt experience a wide range at activities, including: - PE. Desian & Technology, Food Technology & Science

OUT OF CATCHMENT? We offer a transport service from launsteple, Helhedeigh, Creditor, Reckesford & Carrington areas. (Fransport is not susilable for the Year 5 Taster Day)







Compassion Ambition Teamwork

