

Newsletter



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21st January, 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

We've had another lovely week in school with the children really getting back into the swing of their learning and enjoying this term's geography theme. Some classes have had their WOW starter days and others have them planned in the next week or two. The children really enjoy these special days and they get them intrigued and excited about their forthcoming learning.

Foxes class had a wonderful time at falcon's gym on Tuesday and came back every excited about all they had done. We are very fortunate to such fabulous facilities our doorstep, providing experiences we couldn't possibly offer in school.

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School News

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Aaron in KS2 & Betty 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 you ensure it is returned by Friday the following week. Thank you.

Robins class

Please can all Robins parents check Tapestry for reception and year 1 phonics practise of speedy sounds learnt in class. We have also added the year 1 spellings and home learning, although you will have a paper copy to complete in the home learning folders. Thank you, Robins team

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 must 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 — If you haven't yet paid for this activity could you please do so as soon as possible. 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.

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 <u>myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Wed & Thurs) or <u>lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk</u> (Mon, Tues & Fri)

Calling all parents living or working in Devon. We need your help!

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team in Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare for you to work or train.

Stop Abuse Together

The Government's new Stop Abuse Together website can help you learn to spot the signs, and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

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 <u>Citizen Portal</u> 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).

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

News from the PTA



Thank you to the four people that attended this week's meeting and to all those who could not attend but continue to support in different ways. We have lots of plans for fundraising this year, details will follow shortly!

Asda Green Tokens

Thank you for voting for the chance to receive £500 for the school! We are still in second place but narrowing the gap 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=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.