

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

We want to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA who have just given the school a cheque for **£10,000!** **WOW WOW WOW.** We are so grateful to them all for their support, dedication and passion to raise money for your children. Thank you to you as parents and your families for supporting all their events and ideas. This amount of money makes a significant difference to the education of your children. We are looking into buying the following with the amount raised:

£670 to pay for iPad; £3,500 for an adventure trail in the Holywell Hollow; £2000 divided into £500 per class to be spent on much needed resources; £1500 on reading books; £200 for outdoor playtime toys; £100 for a gazebo and the rest on new Amazon Fires.

This amount of new equipment and resources will have huge impact on the school. THANK YOU.

About 20 families will be receiving letters today outlining that their child has an absence percentage below 95% due to going on holiday or due to going on holiday and then the child also being ill. This year we haven't sent letters out to parents whose child has an absence below 95% due to ONLY illness as we do appreciate that nothing can be done about your child becoming ill. W

As many parents have got behind the Devon Fair Funding campaign, we would like to inform of you of a parents event at Petroc on Tuesday March 13th at 6.30pm. If you are interested I have put the details on the new school Facebook page – called Holywell C of E Primary School, Tawstock. If you go onto Facebook to find the new school page, please ensure you find the latest and most up to date one, as there are a couple of old sites already on Facebook that we can't administer or delete. There is also a very active Holywell School, Tawstock PTA page that has lots of information on.

We would like to thank all the parents who shared their amazing photos of their children enjoying the snow and reading during the unexpected day off last week.

Can we please ask parents to ensure that if they need to have a quick word with a member of staff in the morning, can they ensure that this occurs between 8.30 and 8.50 am. At 8.50am staff should be free to be with the children in class ready to begin their lessons. We have had several parents comment that staff are being kept talking when in fact they should be getting on with registration and teaching! If you need to have a longer discussion please e mail or call school and make an appointment for after school. Staff are happy to receive an e mail to help get things sorted.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

e-Schools

Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it was to book their appointments this way. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have never logged on.

Most schools use electronic systems for paying for trips, sending messages, booking meetings etc. especially secondary schools so slowly Holywell is catching up!

Thank you from Amy Flanagan, Theo & Ezra

Theo Ezra and I are very grateful for all the well wishes and gifts we have received from the school teachers, children, PTA and Sue at Tiddlers Toddlers. It's was very kind and we all feel very loved. It's been so thoughtful and certainly has made some of the recovery process easier to manage. Thank you.

Tempest Photography

If you have not yet returned your order for the school photos, which were taken a couple of weeks ago , please make sure that your order is in school by **MONDAY 12th MARCH**, if you miss this deadline you can still order the photos but will have to do so yourself.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Skern Lodge Residential: Year 3 & 4.

Mrs. Hammond will be holding a meeting at 3:15 pm on Thursday 15th March, for the year 3 & 4 parents to inform them of the details regarding the Skern Lodge residential which takes place on Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March, 2018.

Head lice

We have had a case of head lice reported in school so could we please ask that you all check your child's hair this weekend. Thank you.

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the end of February to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

News from the PTA



PTA Events

Bags2School

Thursday 15th March, 2018 – collection

Easter Scavenger Hunt

Holywells' Easter Scavenger Hunt

Saturday 17th March, 2018

2pm – 4pm (last start 3.30pm)

Holywell School and woods

£2/child includes activity sheet and Easter egg (payment on the day)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Cakes and drinks available

Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

NO STATS BOOSTERS AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 13TH DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
Monday	Maths Club	Mrs Turner	Yr. 2 signed up children only.	NO CLUB NEXT WEEK MONDAY 12TH MARCH
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	NO CLUB NEXT WEEK MONDAY 13th MARCH – STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	NO CLUB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Wednesdays	Guardian of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner	Those booked on	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Competition Gymnastic children: 20th & 20th Feb & 13th & 20th March, inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics) at 3 pm. **NO GYMNASTICS ON THE 6TH MARCH.**

Year 3 & 4; Mrs. Hammond will be holding a meeting for the year 3 & 4 parents whose children are going on the Skern Lodge residential at 3.15 pm on Thursday 15th March.

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FUNDING IN DEVON

Petroc College

TUES 13TH MARCH

6:30-8:30PM

An event bringing together: parents, teachers, staff and decision makers to discuss underfunding in Devon. What is happening? What can be done?

Community News

Biznet - Parenting Support Training

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

Other parenting support for parents and carers can be found on the link below, these include;
The Teenage Years and Handling Anger in the Family.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

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 Mel:
07866783740

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

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PETROC OPENING DAY

We are holding our first ever Saturday Open Day at Petroc College on 17th March, 2018! We will be opening the doors to talk about Full time, part time, university level and Apprenticeship courses.



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Anyone for Cricket?????

NEWTON TRACEY CRICKET CLUB ARE SEEKING NEW YOUNG FOR 2018

We run outdoor practice and junior league matches during the season, sessions are led by ECB level 2 coaches and the club welcomes anyone who wants to play cricket. All necessary kit can be provided.

Pre-season sessions are being held at The Park Community School Barnstaple on Saturdays at 3 pm on the following dates:

24th February, 3rd, 17th & 24th March.

We are a thriving club with a friendly atmosphere and welcome anyone who wants to try the game.

If you would like more information please contact either:-

Graham Moore – 07760 197550 or Peter Newby – 07747 792006

North Devon Taiko Drum Project

Do you have rhythm?

Do you have stamina?

Do you like performing?

Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club will be starting on Friday 2nd March in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm

£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com

for more details if you would like to come along

Places on a first come, first served basis.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES

MORE BEST OF BARMY BRITAIN

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 11AM & 2PM

Here for just 2 performances over one weekend is the hilarious Horrible Histories Live on Stage!

It's time to prepare yourselves for a special one-hour production featuring MORE of your favourite characters from our barmy past. This BRAND NEW compilation show has never toured before and includes a special new scene featuring wordy Will Shakespeare!

BOOK NOW

Tickets: £14 Child: £12 Family: £48

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Box Office: 01271 316063

Queens Theatre, [100 Boutport Street, Barnstaple EX31 1SY](#)

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U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL

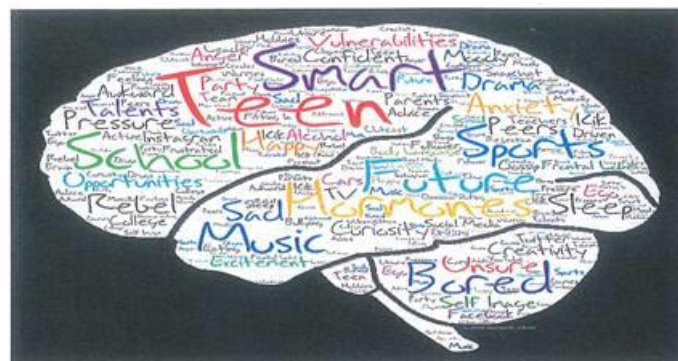


**Does your daughter like football?
Is she in school years 3 or 4?
We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!**

Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.

Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728

e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk



Parent Talks

Fascinating topics for parents.
Great Torrington School
5pm-6pm
Mondays

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| 19 th Feb | - Simon De'ath - Y-Smart Young People's Drugs Service |
| 26 th Feb | - Steve West - Early Help 4 Mental Help |
| 5 th March | - Dave Atkinson - Online safety |
| 12 th March | - Andy Branston - Youth Service |
| 19 th March | - Helen Whiterod - Individual Needs |
| 26 th March | - John Stanier - The adolescent Brain |

Contact Clancy Stephens 01805 623531 Cstephens@gts.devon.sch.uk