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21st April 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Firstly, I must just congratulate the children on the way they have come back to school this week. It has been a fantastic week seeing the children outdoors so much more and enjoying the sunshine.

I have been delighted with the way that our Year 5 children have taken to the role of playleader and they have done an amazing job setting up activities and setting a good example for the younger children. Thank you to all the parents who have given me some positive feedback on the impact already, I appreciate it. As many of you have rightly said, the opening of the Hollow and having a range of activities is proving to be highly engaging and the children are enjoying the range of activities on offer.

I just wanted to give parents a gentle reminder about PE kit expectations for safety reasons. Please could parents be mindful of additional accessories for children in school. Items such as earrings do need to be removed for PE or covered with tape. I would also ask that children do not wear false nails to school, partly due to the distraction during lessons and also with the safety issue of PE. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week, I will be adding into our newsletter a spotlight on wellbeing. My intention is to provide you with a weekly update on the activities run through school that are focused on wellbeing. This may include ways of being outdoors or with nature and other focuses such as mealtimes! I hope that you find it useful.

Mr. Day has managed to secure some tennis lessons for this term, which will be held on school site. I will provide you with dates nearer the time, but these will be after half term.

Finally, please could I ask all parents if you have any spare dressing up clothes, either for younger or older children, we will happily accept them for school. Dressing up has proven very popular as part of our lunch time provisions and we are seeing all ages enjoy this activity. We would be grateful for dressing up or old clothes that you may think suitable. Thank you!

Thank you all for such an enjoyable week and have a restful weekend! Mrs. Lowrey

Clubs

I am delighted to inform you that the following clubs will be available this term and will run on the specified day until 4.15pm (unless it is a lunchtime club)

Monday – KS1 Pottery Club with Mrs. Coulam

Tuesday – KS2 Rounders club with Mr. Day

Wednesday – Welly walking for all year groups – Mrs. Lowrey

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Additional lunch clubs do not need to be signed up for, but include Top Trumps and Choir. I will speak to the children about times in school.

Kings Coronation

The school will be holding a special activity afternoon on the field (weather dependent) as well as a coronation menu that we will eat as a picnic on the field. I attach a flyer below with the change in menu. We have a Union Jack lunch box for each child and the food will be presented as a buffet picnic that each child will be able to choose from to enjoy. Activities in the afternoon will include making crowns, fun games and face-painting from the PTA. We hope that this will be a lovely afternoon to enjoy.

School News

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.



ParentPay

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

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Breakfast & ASC

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

Parent Pay Debts.

We currently have **18 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account. Can we please ask that you check your accounts over the weekend and pay these off as soon as possible?

Charity Walk

One of our Teaching Assistants in Robin's class is raising vital funds for 'Children with Cancer UK' charity by walking a hilly 40km along the Jurassic Coast on May 13th. If you feel able to help Jemma raise her target of £220, the link to the JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jemma-lowin>

Diary Dates

25th April – PTA Jumble sale in the Village hall - 2:30pm – 4:30pm

9th – 12th May – KS2 STAT's week

Term Dates

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

KS2 SATS week – Tuesday 9th May 2023-Friday 12th May 2023

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive.

End of Term – last day Friday 21st July 2023.

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 guaranteed 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 [Devon Citizens Portal](#). 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

NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023

Important information

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

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

Community News

West Buckland School is holding an Open Day on Monday 1st May. Click on the link for more details or to register your interest: <https://westbuckland.com/open-day-registration-2023/>