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19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

After another sunny week at Holywell, we have had so much to celebrate today! The children are rocketing through their 99 club awards and some of our children are now reaching the 44 club, which is an excellent achievement. This week, we had a visit from our Chair of Governors, Christine Pratt, who was delighted to look at the children's maths learning and speak to them about their books. The children were incredibly polite and articulated their learning extremely well. A particular well done to Jacob and Chandler, who told us in depth about their work on fractions and angles.

The Year 2 children are continuing to work through their SATs testing and, like the Year 6 children, are showing such an excellent attitude towards the testing. I know that they will continue to do well. After half term, we will also be supporting our Year 4 children with their multiplication tables check and the Year 1 children with their phonics screening.

### **Year 1 Multiskills Festival – Park School**

The Year 1 children were so excited to attend the Year 1 multiskills festival at Park School! Thank you to all of our parents who made last minute changes to enable this to happen. The children had an amazing time and were incredibly well-behaved. What super ambassadors for the school!

As the warm weather continues, please could you ensure that you consider applying sunscreen and/or allowing your children to wear or bring a hat to school. I know many would naturally bring their drink's bottle, but just a reminder to stay well-hydrated.

The PTA are currently organizing more events over the coming half term. They do an amazing job and will be selling ice-lollies and sweets on Fridays during the warm weather days for the last half term. Thank you, as always, to the PTA!

I can now let you know that Sports Day will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm. We will be inviting guests to the field to watch and be part of the celebration of sport.

We have an exciting week ahead and of course; we welcome back Mr. Platt. We will be sending an email to parents with a full timetable of teaching for after half term as he begins to increase his teaching times and will fully inform the children. I will be looking forward to the Wilcombe Wobbler on Wednesday, where we will be taking our teams to compete in the cross-country event across Ventrus schools. On Friday, it is the Aquathon, where children who have shown interest will be transported to compete and will be supported by Mr. Day.

I am sure that you won't forget the coming half term, returning to school on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Have a wonderful weekend and hope you get some time in the sun! Mrs. Lowrey

## Outdoor learning

Look at the incredible time our Robins' class had today in the Hollow. Mrs. Carlyon took the class into the hollow and did fire lighting and making smores! I could even smell the amazing scent of burning fire and the children came back into the class overjoyed about eating their smores! Thank you Mrs. Carlyon – a wonderful time was had by all!



## A new team vicar for Tawstock – please see the following message from Rev Gary.

Reverend Cathy Gardiner will be licensed as team vicar in Tawstock church on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm by the Bishop of Exeter. Cathy will be joining Rev Gary and the other clergy of the Two Rivers Mission Community. She will live in the rectory in Newton Tracey and act as the focal minister for Tawstock church and parish. Everyone's welcome to attend Cathy's licensing service. Cathy will be coming into school on Thursday to meet the staff and children.

## 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.

Thank you to those of you who cleared your debts last week, we now currently have **26 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?

### **Diary Dates**

**12<sup>th</sup> June – Tempest** – School and Class photos.

**29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports** – Please arrive at 12:45pm for a 1pm start.

### **Term Dates**

**Summer Half Term – 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 – inclusive.**

**End of Term – last day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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/>

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including free school  
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[www.devon.gov.uk](http://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

### 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=Cj0KQCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2LI9ID02DnF6r95JQJVOUxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldCO9ZettCygUaAqImEALw\\_wcB](https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/SearchResults?gclid=Cj0KQCQjw6cKiBhD5ARIsAKXUdybT2LI9ID02DnF6r95JQJVOUxBIF80sGEA0F9U7LGldCO9ZettCygUaAqImEALw_wcB)



**Summerhouse Services**  
‘Supporting Brighter Futures’  
**Practitioner Training One Day Workshop**



**‘Anger, Children, Young People & You’**  
Wednesday 24th May  
10.00 - 3.30

**Discounted Offer - Virtual - £35.00 pp (Usually £70)**  
First Come First Serve - Also suitable for parents and carers

Your virtual & discounted experience will achieve the same outcomes as our face to face offer and will remain informative, interactive, engaging and enjoyable !

An ideal workshop for those with no awareness of this subject, together with those that support young people generally, or who demonstrate issues with anger. Those attending can expect to gain awareness, from a humanist and holistic perspective, of anger as a normal and healthy emotion.

You will ‘look beneath the surface’ of a young person’s world, who may be experiencing difficulty in dealing with conflict in different ways and gain empathy and insight for those children and young people that are often labelled as ‘difficult’, ‘challenging’, ‘troublemakers’ or ‘bullies’.

You will have a safe space in which to explore your own issues with conflict and understand how this can impact on how you support others with these difficulties. In doing so, you will build your capacity to use student-centred approaches to engage positively with young people, to help them diffuse and resolve conflict situations safely and appropriately, **without** the use of positive handling or other physical contact techniques. You will also hear feedback from young people as to what hinders and helps them cope with their anger, from their point of view !

This workshop has been designed in response to identified need from young people, practitioners and parents and carers and offers the opportunity to address areas that fall within the Healthy School, Safeguarding, Restorative Practice, SEND and Whole School Approaches among others.

**Outcomes**

- Explore anger holistically, as a healthy and natural emotion.
- Empathically consider the experience of a young person who has difficulty in managing anger.
- Establish the link between a young person’s way of dealing with conflict and their emotional and mental world.
- Reflect on your own responses to anger and conflict management style and the impact these have when supporting young people with anger issues.
- Distinguish between helpful and unhelpful ways of responding to conflict situations and explore the issues around using ‘consequences’ and potential alternatives to these.
- Develop supportive, generic and informed interventions to address the self-esteem and resilience needs of young people who may have problems handling their anger.
- Learn ways in which to safely and effectively diffuse conflict situations using student-centred, orbital and non-contact approaches to facilitate symbiotic (mutually beneficial) outcomes.
- Identify avenues for seeking support around the issue of conflict, as well as pathways for further training and support for practitioners, young people and their family and friends.

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# Summerhouse Services

'Supporting Brighter Futures'



## Safe Spaces For Young People's Mental Health

We are a small, Plymouth-based, holistic, not-for-profit organisation promoting mental health, resilience and free thinking for children, young people and those adults that inhabit their world. We provide a range of human-centred, outcome-led, orbital and unique training and support services.

We have in person and virtual offers for all services, for which we have a nationwide remit.

While we are only just over a 18 months old as an organisation, the work and unique approach we use has been in the making and continually shaped in response to need for over 20 years in the voluntary sector by Founder and Director Penny.

Our creative, engaging, enjoyable and supportive offers are easy access, friendly and professional and never use power point, even for our virtual training ! The focus instead is on lively interaction, enjoy as you learn and participation to own level of comfort.

**ALL offers are generic and for EVERYONE and we never target audiences with specific issues, as our services are both preventative and supportive in nature and importantly, NONE of our offers are therapy or counselling, although ALL the spaces we create facilitate climates that are potentially, therapeutic, motivational and healing in nature.**

We have had a fantastic reception since starting up in May 2021 and adults that come to our training use words such as 'game changing', 'ground breaking', 'new', 'pioneering', 'straightforward' and 'value for money' and young people generally find us 'helpful' 'validating', 'relaxing', 'interesting' and 'really fun' !

To find out more, please take a look around our website and if you would like a chat about any aspect of what we do or have any queries as to how we may help, please do not hesitate to get in touch....we always like a chat !



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Sainsbury's



# Chulmleigh College

## Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9am - 3.10pm



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

*Pupils will experience a wide range of activities, including PE, Design & Technology, Food Technology & Science.*

***OUT OF CATCHMENT?** We offer a transport service from Urmstaple, Hatherleigh, Crediton, Heckenford & Torrington areas. (Transport is not available for the Year 5 Taster Day.)*

***BOOKING ESSENTIAL** visit [www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](http://www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)*



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