

Newsletter



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13th May 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Y6SAT's

We want to say a huge well done to the Y6 children who completed their SAT's this week. They were just amazing and absolutely worked their socks off during each test. We are so proud of them and they certainly let their light shine. A huge thank you to Mrs Hammond, Mrs Scott and all the support team for helping the children have a stress free and happy week.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations - Wednesday 25th May.

We are holding a celebration on May 25th for the Queen's Jubilee. On this day, children may dress-up as a King or Queen or dress in red, white and blue or dress in anything to do with the Royal Family.

During the morning, the children will enjoy activities within their classes.

During lunchtime, to celebrate we will be serving a special menu of Jubilee fish and chips and a Union Jack cupcake. We will also be serving the vegetarian option, Quorn nuggets. There will be no jacket potato option on this day.

In the afternoon from 2.15pm, parents are invited to join us in the hall. FOXES CLASS will be performing their TIME MACHINE JUBILEE PLAY. All the children will watch the performance in the hall and we will finish with the whole school singing the National Anthem. The PTA asked all the children to be sponsored to learn to sing the National Anthem so we hope it all goes well. We are also practicing in class.

The PTA are very kindly going to organise some refreshments at the end of the day for us all to enjoy.

The children have also asked if we could have a crown making competition for each class. Therefore, we ask children and parents if they would like to make a crown at home using any materials and medium they would like. If a family would like their child to do this in school instead, please let us know. The crowns are to be brought into school on Wednesday May 25th and will be judged during the celebrations.

For the Jubilee celebrations we would like to decorate the school and thought some of you might be able to help by lending us any Union Flags you may have or any red, white and blue bunting. If you are able to help these items can be dropped into the school office.

Can we please remind all parents that the children should be on the plauaround readu to ao into class at 8.50 am. We are starting to find several children are arriving late and this is disruptive to the rest of the class. Thank you for your help with this situation.

Saunton Sands

We are thrilled that we can once again plan our annual trip to Saunton Sands this year with our partner school Bratton Fleming. We have not been able to go on this beach trip for the last 2 years due to COVID so children and staff are really looking forward to this fantastic day. We will send out a letter with more details shortly but we wanted to be able to share the good news with you asap. We aim to go on Wednesday July 13th. Our wonderful PTA have offered to help subsidise the trip and pay half the costs of the coaches. Therefore, we are pleased to say the trip will work out at £3.50 per child, with an ice cream included in the cost.

We are looking forward to a day of digging sand castles, sunshine, games and fun.

PTA Thank you.



A big thank you to the School Council who wrote a letter to the school PTFA about funding some playground equipment for the whole school to enjoy. The PTFA very generously agreed to giving the funding and the School Council set about ordering the equipment that had been voted for across the whole school. This equipment has now arrived in school and the School Council have been busy cataloguing, creating rotas, writing rules and leading a Collective Worship to share all of this with the rest of the Holywell community. As from Monday, children's lunchtimes will become a lot more exciting!

Year 6 SATS



A big well done to our amazing Year 6 children who have absolutely smashed their SATs this week. Every single one of them came out of the hall each day really pleased with how they had tackled each of their assessments. Outside of SATs, this week has been full of lots of treats to ensure our sugar levels and laughter has remained high. Here is a photo of the year 6 enjoying their picnic celebration.

Robin Class Stunning Start

We have dressed up as Monarchs and Explorers today to introduce our History topic. Marvellous Monarchs, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, where we will be looking at the life of Victorians and how it was different to ours.





Robin's team look forward to seeing Y1 parent at the phonics meeting on Friday 20th May 3pm in the Village Hall.

Foxes Stunning Start

For our **stunning start** we spent a morning learning about mummification. We set up a science investigation using apples and different types of salt to determine which was the best substance at removing water (dehydration) and therefore preserving a body (or the apple).

We also learned about Canopic jars. We created falcon, baboon, jackal and human like God heads from clay and used our hieroglyphs knowledge to decorate the 'cardboard jar'.



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 mornings) <u>beatrice.hutchinson@ventrus.or.uk</u> (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

ParentPay

Thank you to those of you who paid any outstanding debts for School Meals, Breakfast and After School Clubs by the 25th April. If you forgot and or didn't get round to it can you please pay these debts as soon as possible.

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 -

Robins class - Gymnastics which starts on Tuesday 26th April.

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

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the Citizen Portal 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

SEND training for parents and carers

https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/send-training-for-parents-and-carers

Diaru Dates:

Mau 17th (Tuesdau) – Robins class Gumnastics also on the 24th May. Please remember to collect your child from Falcon's Gymnastics at 3pm.

May 19th (Thursday) – Year 1's **Multi Skills** at Park Community School – further details will be sent out soon.

Mau 25th (Wednesdau) - Celebration for the Queens Jubilee - further details to follow.

June 23rd (Thursday) - **Sports Day** at Holywell - further details will be circulated nearer the time.

June 27th (Monday) - Year 5's Cricket Festival - further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Julu 1st (Friday) - Torrington Aquathlon - open to any children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Julu 8th (Fridau) - Holuwell 200 years' celebration.

July 15th (Friday) - Year 6 leavers service - Tawstock Village Hall at 2pm.

Half Term Friday 27th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (inclusive).

<u>Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.</u>

News from the PTA



Thank you for your Bag2School donations. Please get in touch if you want to get involved in other ways, we are always looking for more volunteers!

Ice Lolly sale

Every Friday after school, weather permitting, 50p a lolly. Please dispose of wrapper responsibly! If you are early for pick up, you are welcome to help set up.

Sponsored Sing of the National Anthem

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we would like to challenge the children to learn to sing the National Anthem. This is our first fundraiser that qualifies for Gift Aid since we registered, so if you or any other sponsors are eligible, please make sure you tick the box and complete the details requested on the form.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, there is also a prize draw. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time

at https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school Good luck!

Online fundraising

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

 $\frac{https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV\&referral-campaign=c2s\&utm_source=rtwsharebox$

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.