

## Newsletter



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10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## A message from Mrs. Denham

Welcome back to school. We hope you all managed to have a lovely summer holiday and were able to see family and friends. Now that the majority of COVID restrictions have been lifted we are trying to get school back to as normal as possible. We are so pleased that the Y5/6 residential to St George's House is going ahead in October, gymnastics will be resuming in a couple of weeks and other trips and visits are being organised.

Children will still be hand washing regularly and using hand sanitiser.

Please inform us before 9.15am if you need to keep your child off school if they are poorly

As we have several children with a severe nut allergy in school, can we please ask that children DO NOT bring any food products containing nuts into school eg peanut butter sandwiches, flap jacks containing nuts, Nutella products, cereal bars containing nuts and so on.

Please see an urgent message below about our Tiddler and Toddler group that used to be held in the Village Hall pre covid.

## Start and end of school day

To help support congestion in the village hall car park could we kindly request the following:

## • At the start of the day:

Children in Squirrels, Foxes & Hedgehogs arrive **from** 8.30am Robins arrive **from** 8.40am If you have children in Robins and in one of other 3 classes, please arrive **at 8.40am**. All children MUST be in their classroom ready for registration for 8:50am

## At the end of the day:

Robins 3.00pm or 3.15pm if you have other children in one of the other 3 classes Hedgehogs 3.15pm Foxes 3.15pm Squirrels 3.15pm

#### **Breakfast & After-school club**

We are pleased to say that both these clubs are now up and running. We will be able to take up to 8 children per session and the cost for Breakfast club will be £4.50 per child which will include breakfast and you will be able to drop off 8am. After-school club will start straight after school with pick-up times of 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00) all children will receive a snack. Children If you are going to be late 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, In an emergency only please email <a href="maybea:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk">myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk</a> (Wed & Thurs) or <a href="maybea:milly.lderges@ventrus.org.uk">lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk</a> (Mon, Tues & Fri)

## **School News**

#### Appledore Book Festival – Author visit and how to order a book for signing by Joshua Seigal.

Please see the letter attached to the email about the books available to purchase. Books **MUST BE ORDERED** via ParentPay by **midnight on Monday 13**<sup>th</sup> **September.** 

#### **Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)**

A letter will be sent home shortly regarding gymnastics for Hedgehogs class. It is due to start on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September and we will be asking parents to collect from the Falcons at 3pm.

#### Lost uniform

Please can you check your child's uniform and school bags this weekend to make sure that they haven't brought home an Asda knitted cardigan, size 11 to 12 years in error. A child in HEDGEHOGS has mislaid one this week and it wasn't named.

Please can we remind you all to name all your child/ren's school uniform so as it can be easily returned if lost.

#### **Head lice**

We have already had a case of head lice reported to school today, towards the bottom of the newsletter you will find a whole section on head lice, what to look for and how to treat.

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#### **Thursdays**

Foxes year 4 only, Robins & Squirrels with all year 5's

#### **Friday**

Hedgehogs, Robins Foxes (whole class), Squirrels (whole class).

On these day your child/ren can wear their PE kit to school in the morning

#### **Tiddlers & Toddlers**

It is with regret I am not able to re: open Tiddlers and Toddlers which used to run in Tawstock Village Hall on a Monday morning from 9 -11am pre Covid.

The day and time can be negotiated with Mrs. Denham.

It would be wonderful for this group to continue, so if anyone is interested in starting the group again please contact me. I am willing to help anyone who would be interested in running Tiddlers and Toddlers. Sue Evans,

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## Message from the School Age Immunisation Team

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at <a href="mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net">vcl.immunisations@nhs.net</a>. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

**School Age Immunisations Team** 

Virgin Care Services Limited Telephone: 0300 247 0082

#### **Head Lice**

There has been a recent case of head lice reported in this school and I am writing to ask for your co-operation.

#### What to Look For

The Louse

Adult lice are usually pale in colour, the size of a sesame seed and live very close to the scalp. They have six legs and walk from one person to another when there is head to head contact.

Louse Eggs are firmly attached to single hairs, normally found close to the scalp, dark cream in colour,

and are

difficult to remove. They should not be confused with dandruff which is easily removed.

**Nits** are empty cases, white in colour and stick to the hair.

Head lice do not cause any serious health problems, but if left untreated the lice will cause the scalp to itch and the lice may be passed on to other people. Head lice infection is present if an actual living, moving louse is found.

#### Treatment

Twice weekly combing with a nit comb will help to prevent infestation developing. Comb your hair in the normal way every day and follow the wet combing method twice a week.

- Wash hair and leave hair wet, but not dripping
- Massage a generous amount of conditioner into the hair
- Comb hair to get rid of any tangles
- Use a nit comb to comb through the hair in sections
- Comb from the roots, ensuring that the comb touches the scalp to hair end
- Any lice found should be removed after each stroke of the comb by wiping the comb on a clean tissue
- Finish combing and rinse hair
- Dry hair in the normal way

It is important to repeat the wet combing method twice a week, as head lice are able to breed once they are a week old. Head lice can live for 40 days and will lay up to eight eggs per night.

#### **DIARY DATES:**

**Tuesday 5**<sup>th</sup> **October** – Appledore Book Festival – Author visit. **11**<sup>th</sup> **and 15**<sup>th</sup> **October 2021** – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

# **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

#### Autumn Term 2021

Non-Pupil day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021(inclusive).

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **News from the PTA**



**Welcome back!** We hope you have enjoyed the last few weeks with the children and that everyone is having a great start to the new school year!

#### Welcome Fair - Thursday 23rd September 3-5pm

We look forward to welcoming the school community back together on Thursday 23rd September after school. This will be a free event kindly sponsored by the Asda Foundation. We are **looking for games** such as splat the rat or similar, please let us know if you have any we can borrow. We would also love to hear from anyone who can **volunteer** a bit of their time on the day.

## **Online fundraising**

Thank you for helping raise funds for the school through:

Easyfundraising: <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm\_campaign=raise-more&utm\_content=s-n4">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm\_campaign=raise-more&utm\_content=s-n4</a>

AmazonSmile https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0

Your School Lottery <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school</a>

#### Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835