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4th November 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Hammond



I hope you all managed to enjoy the lovely weather that we experienced during half term and aren't all getting too wet on your return to the school run this week.

We start the second half of this term by welcoming Mrs. Mullen to the Hedgehog team. Mrs. Mullen will be a TA working in this class, so please do say hello if you see her doing any handovers at the gate.

Hopefully you have all spotted the lovely artwork that the children from across the school created in the Summer, to celebrate the school being 200 years old. Karen Hawkins, the artist who worked with the children, has helped Mr. Cotes display it on the outside wall of the school office. A big thank you to our wonderful PTFA who funded this opportunity.



This week has seen the school return to an event we have not participated in since pre-covid and that was the school's open evening held at St Michael's nursery. It was so lovely to be able to join in this event and show the learning community just what a great school Holywell is. A big thank you to Mrs. Coulam, Mr. Platt and Mrs. Lowin for joining me at this event. If you know of anybody that maybe looking for a school setting for their Reception child in September, please do share the following link and ask them to contact the school. We would love to show them around.

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/prospectus/260956>

New School News

Coats at Breaktimes

We know that most of our children generally travel to and from school by car and so don't think about the need for a coat, however we do have breaktimes and lunchtimes outside. As the weather has now changed, please can you ensure that your child (yes even the very cool year sixes!) comes to school with a coat so that they can access these times of the day alongside their friends. Thank you.

Admissions Policy consultation 2024-2025

The consultation period for the 2024 - 2025 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1st November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 6th January, 2023.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2024-25

http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/admissions_policies/627029

We are consulting on this between 1st November 2022 and 6th January 2023 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

Reading Awards, Squirrel's class:



A big well done to Milly who received the highest number of golden tickets for her reading on the AR programme last half term. Also, congratulations to Izzy for being the lucky golden ticket reader drawn from all golden tickets achieved in the class. Great reading has been happening by all of the children in the class and I could not be more proud of the improvements we are seeing – keep it up!

Reminders

Parent Conferences

Parent conference week will be the week beginning the 7th November. This first conference will be online with the Spring one being face to face. Your child's class teacher has posted a sign up page on your child's Teams. Please can you sign up for an appointment or contact your child's class teacher ASAP. Thank you.

FLU VACCINATIONS in SCHOOL

Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2022 and is therefore eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Monday 14th November 2022**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Please note that this link will close at midnight on: 6th November 2022

It is important that you respond prior to this date for your child to receive their flu immunisation at the school session as there will only be one visit to their school this season.

If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school, however you will have the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice. Please check your junk/spam box on the day of vaccination if you do not receive this in your inbox.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30)

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Many thanks for prompt response.

Yours sincerely

Roanna Ellis

Acting Professional Lead for School Aged Immunisations, BSW and Devon

Governor Position at Holywell

The governing body at the school are looking for some enthusiastic people to join the team! If you are interested and would like to be involved with the school in a slightly different capacity, please leave your name and contact details in the office, or alternatively please come and speak directly to Mrs. Hammond. It would be fantastic to have you on board.

The Governing body that we had previously was a joint body between Bratton Fleming and Holywell and as we no longer share a headteacher, we can no longer share a Governing body. If you know anybody who may be interested in becoming a Governor (they can be anybody from the community, from our families, from our church) please do point them in my direction.

A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A FREE RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR WORRIES:

Our Mental Health Support Team are able to offer a new digital therapeutic intervention "Lumi-Nova - Tales of Courage", available free until January 31st 2023.

This is an app aimed at Children aged between 7-12 years old and uses a Low Intensity -Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) graded exposure model to help children overcome their worries.

There is more information on the BFB-Labs website below.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminova>

You can gain Open Access to the app by clicking on the link below:

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

Our MHST clinicians are also offering a "practitioner sign-up" model across North Devon, offering supportive calls throughout the intervention. Contact your school (Mrs Hammond - samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service

Absence Requests

Just a reminder that any absence requests from school during term time will be unauthorised unless evidence suggests that the absence required is due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

After-School and Breakfast Clubs

We are running both Breakfast and ASC Clubs this term but would ask that **if you require places at the ASC on Monday for Fridays that you please give a one weeks' notice.** The clubs are being run by various members of staff including Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Bartlett-Mobbs.

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, please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk & jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk & carole.Bartlett-Mobbs@ventrus.org.uk



ParentPay

Parent Pay Debts.

ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared. We have **20 parents with debts** for School Meals and **6 parents with debts for the ASC.** If this applies to you can we please ask that these debts are cleared as soon as possible.

If payments aren't kept up to date, we may have to inform you that your child will need to bring a packed lunch or can't attend Breakfast or ASC.

On your ParentPay account you can check all payments made and see any monies outstanding.

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 – See above

Current Year 5 & 6 – London Residential – 6 final payments still outstanding.

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming and Gymnastics. This will be available in the next couple of weeks.

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

Diary Dates

11th September to 29th November (excluding 11th & 27th October) – Year 4, 5 & 6 children - Gymnastics and Swimming

Week beginning 7th November – Parent Conferences

14th November – Flu Vaccinations – in school

16th November – PTFA Christmas Jumper shop

25th November – PTFA Cinema Evening – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

2nd December – PTFA Christmas Fair – 2:30pm – 4:30pm

25th November, 2nd, 9th & 16th December – Christmas Jumper Days.

Thursday 8th December – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 9:20am – 10:20am.

Friday 9th December – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm – 3pm.

Spring Term - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 15th December – Christingle, 2pm at the church. Children to be collected from the church at 3pm.

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch

Term Dates

Friday 16th December - Last day of the Autumn term

Tuesday 3rd January - Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 4th January - First day of the Spring term

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

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BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 8:45-11am (term-time)

Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.

Children £2 – Adults £1

Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)

Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.

For details call Emma on 07368 422791

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.

School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport](#)

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School transport information,
including free school
transport

www.devon.gov.uk

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>



News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone that has already left a donation in our new PTA Donation Box which can be found outside the front of school by the benches. At the moment, we are collecting...

Outgrown children's coats and Christmas jumpers

We will be holding a Winter Coat & Christmas Jumper shop on Wednesday 16th November in Tawstock Village Hall, before and after school. All items just £1

Toys, books, games, soft toys and raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair, 2nd December in Tawstock Village Hall 2:30pm – 4:30pm. Everyone Welcome!

Your School Lottery



On Saturday 10th December one lucky 'your school lottery' supporter from across the network, will win a MASSIVE PS5 bundle! This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies – as well as a 43" 4k Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on! How brilliant it would be for someone from Holywell to win! You have to be in it to win it!

Tickets can be bought any time at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school>

Good Luck

Reminder for the Bag2School Collection

There will be a collection of unwanted clothes and accessories on Thursday 10th November. Please leave items inside tied closed plastic bags, outside school before 9 am. We have a list of what can and can't be donated on the Schools Facebook page.

Community News

Cold days, Warm libraries

We know it's going to be a tough few months ahead with the cost-of-living crisis and heating bills rising. So, Barnstaple library is launching a 'Libraries for Life' campaign to remind everyone that we're not just about books!

You can sit in the warmth and use our free Wi-Fi or book a computer. And there are groups ranging from Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers to our Wednesday Wanderers walking group for 55s and over. Why not come to our new Tea and Chat on Fridays 1.30-3.30pm? It's free!

If you're a new parent or carer, you can bring your baby and use our free weighing facilities to chart their growth.

Our free coat rails have been running for several years and will again be offering a chance to both donate and take a warm winter coat. You can just help yourself, no questions asked.

If you're job hunting, our Work Clubs will help you with one-to-one support in CV writing, developing your skills and applying for jobs online.

Starting or developing a business? Our Business & Intellectual Property Centre is right here with courses, webinars, one-to-one coaching and advice bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk

There are free IT sessions on offer – just ask at the desk. And don't forget if you're housebound or struggle to get to the library, our Home Library Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too! Contact your local library or home.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk for details.

To sign up and join for free, pop into Barnstaple or your local library. We can't wait to see you.

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