

# Newsletter



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4th March 2022

# A message from Mrs. Denham

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed being with family and friends.

I would like to remind you that Parent Conferences will take place next week for each class. If you have not already done so, please book your time slot as soon as possible on Teams. As we are half way through the school year, this is an excellent opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing in school.

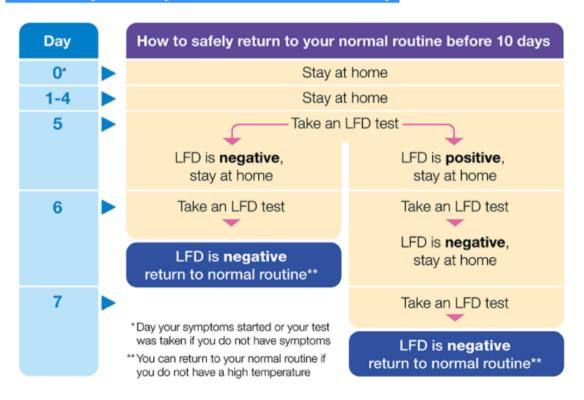
Yesterday, it was wonderful to see the children enjoy themselves celebrating World Book Day. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for organising such a special day. We would all like to thank the PTA for purchasing 'Incredible Story Interactive Digital Theatre Play' for the children which they enjoyed watching to bring a love of reading alive!

Sadly, we would like to make you aware that yet again we are having cases of Covid reported in school by both staff and pupils. Please follow the guidance below.

It appears that one of the main symptoms of Omicron is sickness and diarrhoea.

- You would only do a LFT if you or your child have symptoms
- If you feel ill and have Covid symptoms, at the moment, you can still go and get at PCR test.
- If a child has symptoms and or is positive they **must not attend school.**
- If they are positive they are to follow this grid below.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



• (If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results).

We would like to remind parents to inform us of any change to your child's normal pick up arrangements. Sometimes we are told by children who they are going home with and we have not always been notified by their parents.

Thank you to Mr Kalsi, Mr Luggar, Mr Mead, Mr Madge, Mrs Coley, Mr Evans and Mr Malin, who volunteered to help Mr Anderson with spreading the gravel on the drive outside of school. I hope you will all agree that they have done and amazing job and the farm track now looks a lot better and will stop mud being trampled into school.



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#### **School News**

#### **Primary Times Magazine**

As you will be aware, over the past couple of years our schools have been providing more and more documents and communications to parents via email. Feedback received confirms that this enables the vast majority of parents to access information immediately, and it also reduces the quantity of paper and photocopying needed in schools. We have now come to the decision, as a group of schools, to stop receiving printed copies of the Primary Times Magazine, and this means it will no longer be available in our schools. If you feel you would like to continue reading the magazine, you can find an electronic version on their website, by following the link below. Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times

#### **Comic Relief UK House Group Day**

On Wednesday 16th March, as in previous years, we will be having a creative house group day in aid of Comic Relief. The children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including a Comic Relief Mile around the field. Children may come into school dressed as their famous sportsperson if they wish along with £1. Further information regarding the purchasing of Red noses will be sent out next week. YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND WILL NEED PLENTY TO DRINK.

#### Year 3 & 4 Skern Lodge Residential Parents Meeting

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm, in Foxes, there will be a meeting to provide further information about the forthcoming trip and to provide an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. If you cannot attend, please do not worry, all information will be sent out electronically.

#### Walk to the Moon

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to be active. Our Walk to The Moon challenge continues until the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please try and encourage your child to be physically active everyday (by walking, cycling, jogging, playing a sport) and record this on the. Remember there is a prize for the child in each class who travels the furthest and who collects the most sponsorship money. We are raising vital funds to support Edukid and our 'link' child Morish. Donations can be made via ParentPay.

#### **Romar Sports**

All parents were sent an email about the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 after school football club. We have noticed that Romar Sports have sent an incorrect link, please use this link info@romarsports.com to book your child's place.

#### 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)

#### **ParentPay**

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

School Meals - payments must be made in advance of meals being taken.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment if due by the 28<sup>th</sup> January with the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Breakfast & ASC – payment should be made in advance of attending these clubs.

**Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5** 

Walk to the Moon – donations of sponsorship money raised.

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

#### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the <u>Citizen Portal</u> 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 <a href="https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/">https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/</a> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <a href="https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf">https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf</a>

#### **DIARY DATES:**

January 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (9 weeks) – Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics (8th, 15th, 22nd March). Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent conference week – between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March

March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> - Skern Lodge Residential – Years 3 & 4.

**April 5**<sup>th</sup> **(Tuesday)** – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

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#### **News from the PTA**



**Thank you** for taking part in the World Book Day book swap! We raised nearly £25 which means that almost 50 books found a new home! We hope your children enjoyed the film night, we will be able to update on funds raised by this next week.

## Next Meeting - Tuesday 8th March 7.30 pm on Zoom.

Please join us to help plan future events or just say hello from the comfort of your own home! https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73361748776?pwd=dGybwrIOw25-tOUvGrcLkfCkjALdzF.1

Meeting ID: 733 6174 8776

Passcode: P3bz4i

## **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** 

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

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.