

## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to remind parents that drop off time in the morning is between 8:30 – 8:50 am. We open the gate at 8.30am as many of our parents need to drop off their children and leave as they need to go to work. We would like all children to be ready to line up by 8.50am so they are in their classrooms ready to learn by 9.00am. We endeavor to always open the gate by 8.30am but sometimes we may be a little late if the member of staff on duty is detained by for example, an urgent telephone call.

Once parents leave the premises, the children are the responsibility of the school and there is no expectation that parents have to stay until 8:50 am.

However, we do ask parents to speak with the teacher on duty if there are any issues with any children on the playground and allow the member of staff to deal with those issues.

Pre-School doesn't start until 9am and before this time are the responsibility of the parents/Guardians and if they wish to take them into the classroom with Robins Class there are most welcome.

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

### Online Safety

On the school website you will find information which has been sent home regarding on-line safety. You will find the information under the newsletter headings.

### Preschool

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

### Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eycs/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

## News from the PTA



### Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

### After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Netball	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	
Monday	Maths Club	Mrs Turner	Yr. 2 signed up children only.	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	<b>NO CLUB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>
Wednesdays				
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	

### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

#### Term Dates

February half term - 12th Feb to 16th Feb

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

**Summer term** - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

**Autumn term 2018** - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

**Spring term 2019** – 8th January

#### Diary Dates

Year 1 & 2: Gymnastics 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January & 6<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics).

Year 4 Tennis Festival: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

Photographs Tempest: Vista Group class photos, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 3 & 4 Residential: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Community News

#### **Biznet - Autism Parenting Support Training**

The sessions are for parents and there is a small cost associated with them.

Follow the link to see the details of how to book on:

The courses that are being run are:

Supporting a Child with Challenging or Aggressive Behaviour

Understanding and supporting an Autistic Child

Understanding and Supporting Autistic Individuals with Demand Avoidance

Understanding and Supporting Individuals with Attention Difficulties (ADD/ADHD)

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

### **Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers**

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome  
Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.  
Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall  
For more details contact Mel:  
07866783740

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### **Circuits**

Every Tuesday  
9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.  
£4 pay as you go  
All fitness levels welcome!  
Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.  
Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.  
07973 533668

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St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

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### **Workshop 2018**

Join us for a pair of exciting subsidised workshop classes on Sunday 25th February.

#### **Clare Palethorpe – Musical Theatre**

Clare is Director, Producer & Choreographer at Rubix Dance & Productions based in the West Mids. She is also a Freelance Dance Artist for the RAD & BBO dance, delivering workshops and classes to students in jazz, musical theatre, contemporary and lyrical.

#### **Brandon Lee Sears – Jazz**

Brandon is an experienced performer and teacher in many genres, most recently seen performing in Motown the Musical in London's West End. He is also the founder of Yes I Can Academy based in East London.

Students will be split into 2 age groups; 8-12 yrs. & 13-18 yrs. - both workshops are open to dancers of all abilities. Class times will be 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm, finishing with a demonstration to parents at 4.15pm.

The cost to attend both classes and receive a complementary t-shirt is £10.00 per student. To be held at Kingsley School, Northdown Road, Bideford, EX39 3LY (North Devon Dance Festival venue).

For more information please email [northdevondancefestival@live.co.uk](mailto:northdevondancefestival@live.co.uk) or call 01271 326291



# **U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**Does your daughter like football?**

**Is she in school years 3 or 4?**

**We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!**

**Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.**

**Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728**

**e: [stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk)**