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Dear Parents

What a busy week at Holywell.

You all have been invited into school this week to your child's 'Wow days' to see all the wonderful things they have been learning during the Autumn term and participating in some activities with your children. I hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed your visit.

We would like to thank Vanessa Harmer, (Pre-School) for her time at Holywell and all the wonderful activities she has provided for the Pre-School children and wish her all the best in her new ventures.

We would like to welcome Naomi Buck as a member of our full-time staff from January.

The trip to the Pantomime to see 'Cinderella' with children from both Holywell and Bratton was lovely. The children really enjoyed joining in and we were very lucky that the theatre asked Mr Anderson and Mr Day to participate on stage with the Ugly Sisters!!! A child from each school was also asked to go up on the stage and help with actions for the audience song — well done Bella and Ethan, you were stars!

It has been a very busy end to the Christmas term. I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment, hard work and time, in making the activities provided for the children so successful.

Finally we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year –

Enjoy a very special time and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on January 5th 2016

### **Class topics for the Spring term**

Foxes - 'Active Planet': We will be focusing on: Rivers, Coasts and Rainforests.

**Squirrels** – 'Active Planet': – Rivers close to home and in America. **Robin** – 'Active Planet': - The Blue Planet from Space & Oceans. **Hedgehogs** – 'Active Planet': Comparing our locality to Africa.

If you have anything that you think would support us with these topics please send it in at the beginning of the new term.

#### **Merry Christmas Foxes and families**

Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Garland would like to wish all of Foxes class and their families a wonderful and happy Christmas. Enjoy making lots of special memories, keep safe and best wishes for the New Year. Xxx

#### Letter sent home this week:

Years 1 & 2 – Letter for Gymnastic starting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Cost £10.00.

Years 3 & 4 – Letter for Tennis Festival on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Cost £1.

Netball Club – Letter for Coaching sessions at The Park Community School on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. No cost, help with transport required.

<u>After school clubs</u> – All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Starts Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	Starts Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	Starts Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	Starts Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	Starts Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

## **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



#### **PTFA**

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572 Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma) Secretary – Carol Dudden Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

## **Community News**

## **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

## Free Nativity Trail

The churches of Barnstaple Invite you to join the Nativity Trail

On Saturday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm – 4 pm

Various characters from the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes area. Children will be invited to find them all, collect stickers from them and a code word. Get the coded message right in exchange for a prize at the end!

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## **St Michaels Nursery Tawstock**

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email <a href="mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org">office@stmichaels-nursery.org</a>



# FRIENDS OF HOLYWELL (PTA)

Proceeds from the recent Christmas Bazaar, Play Performances & sales of Holywell Christmas Cards

Amounts to an amazing £1,091.65

A BIG THANK YOU to all Parents, Grandparents,
Friends and volunteers who contributed in some way
to help raise this money for our School

And a VERY BIG THANKS to all the wonderful children and staff of Holywell

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL