

A message from Mrs. Denham

Happy New Year and welcome to an exciting Spring term 2018 ahead. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and had an enjoyable and fun New Year.

We have Y3/4 residential this term, sporting events and staff are already planning wonderful WOW days to excite your children about this term's learning!

I am really delighted to be back at school following my recent surgery.

Team Points

The team point winners for last term were St George. Children in this team will have a non-uniform day on Monday 8th January, 2018.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

Letters sent home this week.

Year 6: have received a letter regarding booster sessions which will start later on this term. Please reply.

Year 4: have received a letter regarding a Tennis Festival on Wednesday 17th January.

Hedgehog & Robins classes

Hedgehogs and Robins classes will be having a Wow afternoon in school on Wednesday 10th January. This is just for the children this time.

Please could they bring in any spare, clean materials you have for 'junk modelling', for example cartons & boxes. Please DO NOT send in anything that has previously contained nuts.

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 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>

Admissions for September, 2018: children born between 1st September, 2013 and 31st August, 2014.

The online booking system for those children who are due to start school in September 2018 opened this week on Wednesday 15th November and will close at midnight on January 15th, 2017. You can apply on-line at; www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or if you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email: primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk

School Closed Alert

We have sent out an email today from Devon County Council 'Connectme'. If you would like to register with them they will then alert you if the school is closed. We will also text you as well as putting a banner on the school website. If you didn't get the email the link is: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1c4ff62>

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.

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| Monday | Netball | Mrs. Hammond | Yrs, 3,4,5&6 | NO CLUB ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY |
| Tuesday | Pottery | Mrs Coulam | YR, R, 1 & 2 | |
| Tuesday | Football | Mr Dymond | Yrs. 3,4,5&6 | |
| Wednesdays | | | | |
| Thursday | Staff Meetings | | | |
| Friday | Cross Country | Mrs Hammond | Yrs, 3,4,5&6 | |

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Start of the spring term – Wednesday 3rd January, 2018

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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

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!

Lost in the Car Park

Has anyone picked up in the village hall car park over the last couple of weeks a; Ladies Rotary watch with a bracelet strap. The faced is scratched

Bishops Tawton Primary School

We are looking to recruit a Pre-school assistant from January 2018.

Please contact the school office for a recruitment pack if you are interested in applying for the job