

A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mr & Mrs Chapple (Aston's parents) who have kindly donated the Christmas tree which is on display in the playground.

Christmas Jumper Day:

Next Friday 15th December is the last day of term and the official Christmas Jumper Day for the 'Save the Children' charity. If you have not yet made a £1.00 donation for this charity appeal, this is your final chance to make a contribution.

Swap Shop

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in donations for the Christmas swap shop which will take place on Wednesday 13th December. We are still collecting presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. We will be collecting presents up until the morning of the swap shop.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Christingle Service:

Our annual Christingle service at St Peter's church, Tawstock will be held at 2:30 pm on Thursday 14th December. If you are able to help with the walking of the children up to the church next Thursday can you please sign up in the office. You will need to arrive at school by 1:45 pm.

We would be very grateful that if you are driving to the church you arrive there by 2 pm so we do not have to keep stopping to let cars pass on our way up from school. This will delay the start of the service and therefore the finishing time. Also, if you are attending our Christmas lunch perhaps you could park at the church before lunch and walk back down to school. Thank you.

On-Line Safety

This week, when you receive your emailed newsletter, attached will also be information from the Children's commissioner about; Young peoples' rights on social media: Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, You Tube and Facebook.

School News

Pupil Achievements:

Congratulations and well done to; Evangeline Ingle who has passed her 20 metre swimming award through Swim England.

Robins & Hedgehogs Wow Day

Mrs. Coulam and Mrs. Turner are looking forward to meeting you all on Tuesday 12th December at 1:45 pm for the children's wow day. Please could parents come to their child's classroom and they will then be able to move between the Christmas craft activities in both rooms

Foxes class homework

Thank you Foxes for all your hard work to make the school play such a success. You must be so tired after such a busy week, so there is no homework! Have a wonderful weekend with your lovely families. Mrs. Hammond

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



50/50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Pat Wright

Congratulations on winning £9.50

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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	NO CLUB UNTIL MONDAY 8TH JANUARY
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	NO CLUB UNTIL TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	NO CLUB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Wednesdays				
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	NO CLUB UNTIL FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Last day of the autumn term – Friday 15th December, 2017

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

Diary Dates

PTA Christmas Fayre: Saturday 9th December. Roundswell, Community Centre.

Official Jumper Day: Friday 15th December. The children can also wear Christmas jumpers on the 8th December for a one off payment of £1.00 per child.

HW Swap Shop: Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14th December

Christmas Service: Thursday 14th December- Starts at 2:30 pm. **We would be very grateful that if you are driving to the church you arrive by 2 pm so we do not have to keep stopping to let cars pass on our way up from school. Also, if you are attending our Christmas lunch perhaps you could park at the church before lunch and walk back down to school. Thank you.**

Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 1:45 pm and Friday 8th December – 6:30 pm. Dress rehearsal 9:30 am Wednesday 6th December.

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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Christmas Trees for Sale



Selling on the Torrington Road B3232 just outside Alverdiscott

Call Dan 07800 552202 or Sara 07800832716

And we will deliver right to your door.

Prices

Non Drop	Traditional
7ft £45	7ft £25
6ft £40	6ft £20
5ft £35	5ft £15

All Prices Include Local Delivery

Donation from profits to local charity

"Everything Ellie"



Nativity Trail



On Saturday morning, 16th December, between 11.00am and 1.00pm, various characters from the First Christmas will be dotted about Barnstaple High Street, Green Lanes etc. including a real donkey!

Have fun as you shop! All you have to do to join is collect a passport from one of the characters. Then collect a sticker and code-word from each of the characters including the donkey! Entry is FREE. Crack the code and collect your prize at the end!

After you've finished the trail, come to Christ Church in Bear Street for free refreshments.



St. Michael's
NURSERY

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

