

Newsletter



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16th June 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey Last day of the Summer term is Friday 21st July

What a busy week it has been! Thank you all so much for the attention you have given to providing hats and suncream for your child. We have had more time available in the shade of the hollow and made sure they have had plenty to drink.

This week was a wonderful welly walk and I was delighted to see a group of children showing excellent creativity, team work and problem solving! A small group of Year 4 children decided to build a bridge across the river and I was so impressed by the way that they showed such natural leadership skills. Not only did the children test different ways of making their bridge stable, but they also listened to each other to take turns and enjoy the success of crossing the bridge!



Thinking about feats of engineering, the Year 4/5 children also enjoyed taking part in the spaghetti challenge today! Groups of 4 children took part in the STEM activity of building strong structures and towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows! We will have to wait and see when other schools have completed the challenge to see if they have won the school a prize!

I wanted to say a huge thank you to our PTA for the delivery that we received this week – three boxes of beautiful books with many, many books for the school to be reading in the coming months and years. The books are just excellent quality and the children are already excited to read them. I know this donation came from the generosity of our parents from now and the past and has also been hard work for our PTA to put together. Our children will benefit enormously from the donation of books and I am delighted to be coding the books and will photograph them once we can have them in class for

you to see.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and see you next week! Mrs. Lowrey

School News

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will be held on Thursday 29th June. We ask spectators to begin arriving on the field no earlier than 12.45pm for a 1pm start. We anticipate the event will finish at 3pm. Children are to be collected at the school gate as normal.

The PTA will be providing refreshments and ice lollies.

Please can children come into school in PE kit, with suitable footwear to run in, plenty to drink, sun cream and a hat.

Money Outstanding (Debts).

As we are now in the final stage of the Summer Term so can we please ask that all school debts are cleared as soon as possible and by the 10^{th} July at the very latest. You can check what is outstanding on your Parent Pay account. Thank you.



We currently have **26 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account, **9 children** on the breakfast club account and **11 children** on the after-school club account.

Next week's menu.

Please note that the roast on Wednesday WILL BE CHICKEN not Pork.

If your child brings a packed lunch but on certain days would like to try the school lunch to see if they like it, please let Ms Dart know in the morning when you drop off. It would be amazing if more children would have a cooked meal everyday as there is so much nutritional food available to them. All dietary requirements can be met.

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
M - Cheese & Onion Pasty V— Spanish Omelette Sides - Wedges or Pas- ta, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans JP - Cheese	M-Chicken & Bacon Pasta Bake V-Veggie Burger in Bun & Wedges Sides - Crusty Bread, Green Beans & Peas JP - Beans D- Chocolate Brownie	M – Roast Pork & Apple Sauce V – Quorn Fillet Sides - Roast or Mash Potato, Sliced Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy JP-Tuna Mayo D – Fresh Fruit	M- Fish Fingers V- Quorn Nuggets Sides - Chips or Pasta, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks JP-Cheese D - Cookie	M— Meat Feast Pizza Baguette V— Plant Based Meatball Sub with Tomato Sauce Sides - Pasta, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn JP - Coleslaw D — Pip Organic Fruit Lolly
D – Fruit Smoothie				

Low Fat Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Fresh Salad Selection, Water will be available daily, Milk on request.

Diary Dates including all the Y6

29th June - Sports Day - Please arrive at 12:45pm for a 1pm start.

7th July - Year 6 sleepover (letter will follow)

12th July - Y6 Performance (village hall) 2pm - all welcome

17th July - Y6 teacher takeover (in school time - organised by Y6)

19th July - Y6 Trip (letter and details to follow)

20th July - Y6 Leavers Service (village hall) 2pm – all welcome

21st July - Y6 water fight (in school time)

Term Dates

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive. End of Term – last day Friday 21st July 2023.

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers Including vacancies at local schools.

Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the <u>Devon Citizens Portal</u>. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Transport

https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/

School and college transport

- Education and Families

School transport information, including free school transport
www.devon.gov.uk

<u>NEW Privacy Notices - November 2023</u> Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be forum at https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Autumn Term 2023):

Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families (devon.gov.uk)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumns term of the new 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers. Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Торіс	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Thurs 14 Sept - 10 - 12	Tues 31 Oct - 4.30 - 6.30	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Wed 20 Sept - 10 – 12	Tues 7 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura O'Shea + Melissa New
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Thurs 5 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 14 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura Matthews
4	Sensory	Thurs 12 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 21 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Торіс	Date/Time	Trainer
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 Nov 10-12	Kevin
Autism and Girls	Wed 8 Nov 9.30-12	Rob
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 6 Dec 10-12	Rob
Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Tues 12 Dec 10-12	Laura O + Melissa
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 15 Nov 10-12	Alison
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 1 Nov 10-12	Paul
Autism – Communication (pre/non- verbal – support strategies	Wed 22 Nov 10-12	Laura M

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To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMs platform.

Chulmleigh College Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 4th July 9am - 3.10pm



We are delighted to invite Year 5 pupils to join us for an exciting day at the College!

Pupits witt experience a wide range at activities, including: - PE. Desian & Technology, Food Technology & Science

OUT OF CATCHMENT? We offer a transport service from launsteple, Helhedeigh, Creditor, Reckesford & Carrington areas. (Fransport is not susilable for the Year 5 Taster Day)







Compassion Ambition Teamwork

