

A message from Mrs. Denham

Christmas Concert Tickets.

Today a letter will have been sent home regarding the allocation of tickets for the Christmas performances. These will be issued on a first come first served basis. If you ask for more tickets than the allocation we will just add them to a waiting list for that day. The letter has also been sent by email.

Christmas Jumper Day:

From next Friday, 1st December and the following two Fridays, 8th & 15th December the children can wear their Christmas jumpers for a one off donation of £1.00. All money raised go straight to the Save the Children Jumper Day appeal.

Swap Shop

We are keen for our annual pupil Swap Shop to go ahead on **Wednesday 13th December** as every year the children love to be able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

So here's how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in any small donations of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc. from **December 1st**. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful. On the day the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day

Children in Need:

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for helping raise £131.16 for 'Children in Need' last Friday, through your kind donations and the money for your children to enter the various competitions. All the children had a great day dressed up in their pyjamas and onesies etc. A special thank you to: the School Council members for their hard work in organising the event beforehand and on the day. Thank you.

Head Lice

Just to let you know that we have had a case of head lice in school this week. If you could check/treat your child/rens hair appropriately, we will then stop it from spreading.

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/>

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

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

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

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

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

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

The **PTA Christmas Fayre** will be at Roundswell Community Centre on Saturday 9 December from 10am - 3pm. £10 per table: plus a donation for the raffle. If you would like a stall please let them know.

They are also planning the hampers to raffle at the Christmas performances and Christmas Fayre, and are looking for donations. If you are able to help them with a donation of goodies for these, (Nibbles, biscuits, chutney, cheese etc., please leave your donations in the box in the school office or pass them to a member of the PTA committee. Thank you for your support.

School News

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to **Felicity Ayres** for being selected to join the South West Gymnastics Squad for 2018. Well done Fliss, you really deserve this place for working so hard to get back to the sport after your gym accident 6 months ago.

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

Foxes Wow Day

Parents coming to the Foxes Wow day on Wednesday and staying all day please bring a packed lunch.

Christmas concert costumes

Please remember to bring your costumes in next week:

Reception & Key Stage 1 – by next Monday 27th November, 2017

Key Stage 2 - by next Friday 1st December, 2017

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>

North Devon Cross Country League - West Buckland

Holywell cross country runners, it is the next race in the league on Sunday. If you would like to walk the course with Mrs. Hammond, she will meet you by the start line at 9am. Please wrap up warm, the wind at West Buckland is always very cold!

Shoebboxes



Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Shoebbox appeal last week. The Children's Ethos Committee had a great time packing and delivering the boxes and they were received very gratefully at Grosvenor church, who will then send them on. Early next year, we should be able to track where our boxes ended up so we will keep you posted. Certificates for taking part are available. If your child would like one, they should ask Mrs. Turner. They will be sent home next week/the week after.

Welcome to Reverend Belinda!



Rev Belinda has recently joined Tawstock's team of churches as a Curate. Our Children's Ethos Committee and the other children did a great job of interviewing her in Collective Worship on Wednesday, so the children have got to know her a little already. Look out for her on the playground on Wednesday mornings, where she will be joining us a playground pastor, and would love to get to know children and parents alike. She will also be coming in to help with Collective Worship sometimes and is going to be helping Mrs. Turner organise some activities next year. **There is also a family service this Sunday at Tawstock where she will be making a Christmas pudding! Everyone welcome.**

Guardians of Ancorra Club

Guardians of Ancorra club has finished for this term. We will be running some extra sessions for the current group in January and if any other children are interested in joining, they should speak to Mrs. Turner as we may run a second group in March.

News from the PTA



50/50 CLUB

This week's winner is

Antonia Lidder

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 on Mon 27th November
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

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

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

Diary Dates

Swim & Gym: Year 3 & 4, 31st October and November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Please remember to collect your child from the Leisure centre of Tarka Tennis centre at 3pm.

Photo Booth – Friday 1st December

Official Jumper Day: Friday 15th December. The children can also wear Christmas jumpers on the 1st & 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

Christmas performances: Wednesday 6th December – 3.30 pm, Thursday 7th December – 2 pm and Friday 8th December – 6 pm. Tickets will be available soon.

Community News

Tawstock Village Hall

Christmas Bingo

Thursday 7th December 7.30 at Tawstock Village Hall

Tea & Coffee available

Raffle

All Funds towards Village Hall Fund

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

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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.

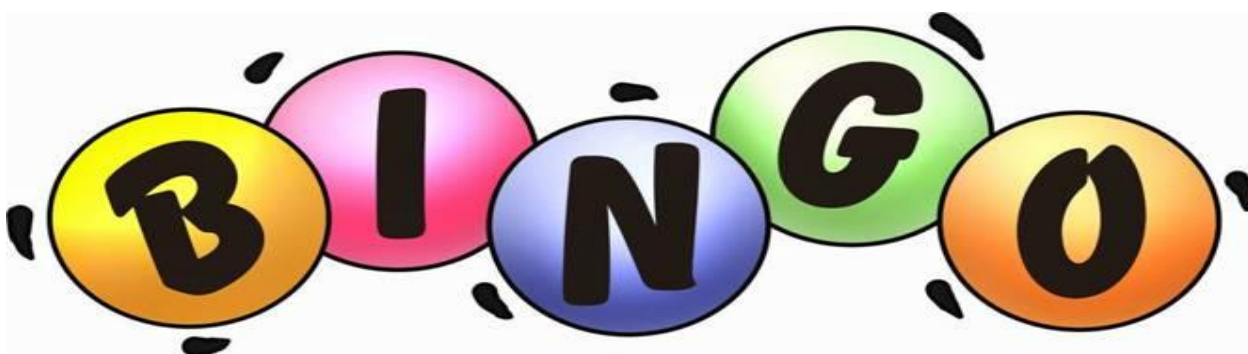
We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

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Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.

Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.

07973 533668



CHRISTMAS BINGO

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017

7.30 PM

TEA & COFFEE

WITH RAFFLE

ALL FUNDS TOWARDS VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

