

A message from Mrs. Denham

Mrs. Denham would like to thank everyone for their best wishes after her recent operation. She is recovering well and looks forward to seeing you all at one of our Christmas functions.

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to Mr Broad for clearing up the flood outside the school on Monday and for Miss Andrew for the loaning Mr. Anderson a pump.

Christmas Concert Tickets.

You should have received your tickets today or last night. If not please let us know by email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk before Monday morning. We will be issuing tickets from the waiting lists on Monday. There are no extra tickets available for the Friday night performance but we do still have places at all the other performances.

Christmas Jumper Day:

Next Friday, 8th December and the following Friday 15th December, the children can also wear their Christmas jumpers. If you have not paid your £1.00 donation today, please remember this next week. All money raised will go straight to the Save the Children Christmas 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 one present to bring home for Christmas Day

PTA

We are looking for helpers for the School Fayre, if anyone could spare an hour or so and if anyone (possibly the older children) might be interested in being an elf helper to escort children in to see Father Christmas in his grotto please speak with

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/applynow>

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.

School News

Lost Uniform

Daisy Hooper has lost her Joules navy coat age 8 years with flower detail to the hood. Please can you check that it hasn't been brought home by mistake.

North Devon Cross Country League results

A big well done; to the children who competed for Holywell at the North Devon Cross Country League at West Buckland on Sunday. Although the course is not overly challenging in its terrain the cold wind made running for all of our children a real challenge. Despite the very cold fingers and toes once again the children ran amazingly, especially the U11 girls who, due to poor marshalling ran an extra field adding at least 1/4 of a mile to their race distance. Many thanks to all of the parents that attended to support the children, your encouragement really does make a difference.

Results as follows:

U9 girls: Madison Wilson 10th, Lottie Perfect 38th

U9 boys: Riley Lloyd 48th

U11 girls: Tiana Comer 18th, Leah Smith 28th, Isabelle Westaway 34th, Holly Perfect 54th

U11 boys: Findlay Lloyd 27th, Aidan Milton 49th

Indoor Athletics

Several weeks ago the year 4s with some year 3s to make up a team, participated at the Barnstaple Learning Community Year 4 Indoor Athletics competition. Mrs. Garland and Mr. Anderson supervised the children throughout the event and were very, very impressed their determination and team spirit. Holywell finished 4th out of the eight teams competing and were the fastest relay team in the whole competition! A big well done to: Harvey Reeves, Danny Coram, Rufus Dymond, Rhys Gordon, Lannah Barrow, Bella Ayres, Madison Wilson, Lottie Perfect, Imogen Evans, Lara Heywood, Louie Isaac and Riley Lloyd.

Foxes WOW day

A big thank you; to all of the parents that joined Foxes for their WOW day on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful day working with Sophie from the Plough Theatre and the final performance was delightful. Parents we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children who were very, very excited to share some of their fantastic Egyptian artwork.

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 | |
| 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 | No Club this week. |

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 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.

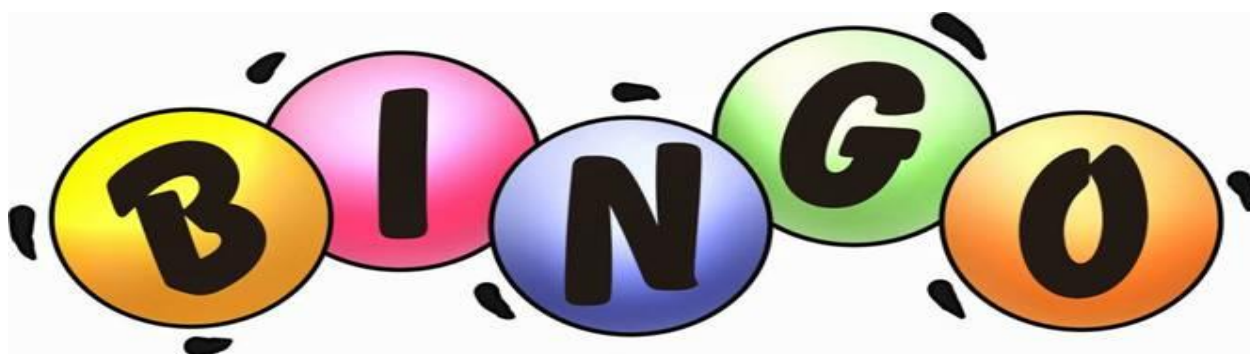
We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

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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



The Plymouth Argyle Academy are holding open trials for all young goalkeepers in Devon and Cornwall this month.

Please see goalkeeper trial advertised. <https://www.pafc.co.uk/news/2017/november/young-keepers-trial/>

The trials will take place on the 3G artificial surface at Ivybridge Community College PL21 0JA between 11.00am-1.00pm on Sunday, December 3rd, for Under 10s, Under 11s and Under 12s), and Sunday, December 10th, for Under 13s, Under 14s and Under 15s.

Registration is at 10.45am.

Argyle's Academy have a hugely successful record of producing professional goalkeepers, including current first-team captain Luke McCormick.

Recently, Christian Walton progressed through the Academy from Under-9 level to Under-18 and has since represented England at Under-19, Under-20s and Under-21 level after being sold to Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion.

Mike Cooper is the latest goalkeeper from the Pilgrims' Academy to play for our first-team, making his debut against Blackburn Rovers in October as a second-half substitute and keeping a clean sheet.

All goalkeepers between Under-10 and Under-15 should register their interest in attending the trial with Head of Academy Recruitment Chris Harrison on chris.harrison@pafc.co.uk and confirm their attendance.

