

Newsletter



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2nd October, 2020

Autumn Term

Last day of the Autumn term will be 18th December, 2020.

Training day Friday October 23rd, 2020

Half term Monday 26th October, 2020 – Friday 30th October, 2020 inclusive.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

It has been really lovely seeing the children settling down into school life and routines. They all seem to be enjoying being back in the classroom and just getting on with normal school life. We are working very hard with the children reminding them to socially distance, hand washing and hand sanitising. We are also encouraging them to play games that don't involve touching each other such as Tag at lunchtimes and playtimes. Thank you for supporting us at the start of the day and at home time by socially distancing and leaving the site quickly. We really appreciate your support.

Walking or cycling home from school

If you wish you child to wither cycle or walk home from school alone, without another adult present can you please notify the school in writing. Thank you.

<u>After School Care – Wraparound Care.</u>

We have successfully held our first two after school care sessions this week.

However, both of these sessions are just viable with the minimum number of children attending. If you haven't yet confirmed that you would like a place or in the future realise that this care would be convenient, please phone the office to book a place. They run on Tuesdays and Thursday – 3.15pm to 5.15pm until half term, initially.

The cost is £8.50 per child, per session which **MUST** be paid for on ParentPay before your child attends.

WOW day sponsorship money.

We would like to send off the sponsorship money we collected for Shelter box when the children took part in a sponsored event on Wednesday 16th September. If you have not yet sent this money into school can you, please do so using a small envelope marked WOW day – sponsorship. Thank you.

Uniform mislaid.

Please can we ask that you check your child's uniform to see if they have brought home a size 7/8 cardigan in error. The details on the label are: EM Y5. Thank you.

COVID 19 - Useful links and phone numbers:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/

Phone NHS on 111, or the Covid kit delivery helpdesk on 119

Safely arriving and leaving school

We have been informed by some very concerned and anxious parents that some parents congregate on or around the school site before and after school. It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time. All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of the transmitting the virus. Please leave a clear and wide pathway for children to safely through to get to their class. Please do not block any of the area near the gate.

Please can we remind that the children in Robins and Hedgehogs start school at 9.00am and Foxes and Squirrels at 8.45am. Please can children in Robins and Hedgehogs wait until 9.00am to enter unless they have a sibling in Squirrels or Foxes. We are trying to desperately avoid all the school being in the car park and at the gate at one time. Please do not arrive too early or too late if possible.

Parent Pay (cash free school)

As previously notified, all payments **must** now be made by parent pay and we are **unable** to take cash payments, if you have not yet logged onto parent pay and have lost your username and password can you please email and we will get this sent out to you.

IMPORTANT

Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

We have been made aware that a letter is being sent to all parent/carers of children eligible for the flu nasal vaccination. Parents have already started to receive these letters and it is causing some confusion around the process of consent. Please can we reassure you that at this time you don't need to bring this letter and as long as you have completed the consent link provided by Virgin Care Services then your child will be vaccinated at the planned school session.

Any changes to this process will be clearly communicated from the Devon Immunisation Team if/when changes are made.

This is not something that the Devon Immunisation Team have control of locally, it is a national NHS drive to ensure parent/carers of all eligible children are aware of the flu vaccination programme.

Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Dates for your diary

5th November 2020 PTA - Bags2School collection.

12th November 2020 Tempest Photographer (individual school if possible)
30th November 2020 Flu Immunisation





We have been busy sorting out through our stock of pre-loved uniform and soon we will publish a list that will make it easier for you to order items. In the meantime, if you need anything you can contact Hazel on 07974208835.

We would be very grateful for any donations of prizes for our Christmas Raffle, so if either yourself or someone you know is able to donate a prize please let us know!

Dates for your diary:

October half term - scavenger hunt photo competition - details to follow shortly 5th November 9am - Bag2school collection of unwanted clothes for resale, see information below. 10th November 7.30 pm - PTA meeting online, everyone is invited!

BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school.

All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

Your own clothes Your own bags.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please).

Please return your Bag2School on Thursday 5th November 2020 - 9.00am - No earlier.

Remember you can follow us on Facebook Instagram or email <u>friendsofholywell@gmail.com</u> with any questions or suggestions.

Easyfundraising: Please share this link with friends and family and remember to use it the next time you shop online!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=qxe9k8&referral-campaign=s2s