

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Parent Conference – Spring Term

Parent conference days are Tuesday 27th February and Thursday 1st March, 2018. To book your appointments you will need to log on to the e-schools platform like last time. If you have forgotten your password, please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will be able to re-set it.

SATs booster class are still on next Tuesday after school.

World Book Day 2018 - Friday 2nd March

This year Holywell will be celebrating World Book day 2018 on Friday 2nd March. We ask if children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters and bring into school one of their favourite books. This year the world book day theme is 'share a story'. We invite parents into classes from 2:45pm to share stories written by the children. We look forward to sharing our stories with you!

Online Safety

A copy of Digital Parenting was sent home this week to each family which contains many articles that you may find helpful and interesting.

Preschool

We are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the end of February to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

Skern Lodge Residential: Year 3 & 4.

Mrs. Hammond will be holding a meeting at 3:15 pm on Thursday 15th March, for the year 3 & 4 parents to inform them of the details regarding the Skern Lodge residential which takes place on Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March, 2018.

Please do you have...?

If you have squeeze bottles with nozzles, please could you donate them to Foxes class. The type that you may use if you've ever dyed your hair!

Also white cotton fabric, old sheets would be fine. Thank you

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>

News from the PTA



PTA Events

Bags2School

Thursday 15th March, 2018 – collection

Easter Treasure Hunt

Saturday 17th March, 2018 – 2 pm – 4 pm. A treasure hunt in the woods followed; by Tea, coffee and cakes.

Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

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 26th February
Monday	Maths Club	Mrs Turner	Yr. 2 signed up children only.	This club is now continuing until the end of the Spring term.
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	No Club on 27th February
Tuesday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs. 3,4,5&6	NO CLUB UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Wednesdays	Guardian of Ancorra	Mrs. Turner	Those booked on	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs, 3,4,5&6	No Club on 2nd March

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Competition Gymnastic children: 20th & 20th Feb & 13th & 20th March, inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics) at 3 pm. **NO GYMNASTICS ON THE 6TH MARCH.**
Year 3 & 4 Residential: Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March.

Community News

Biznet - Parenting Support Training

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

Other parenting support for parents and carers can be found on the link below, these include;
The Teenage Years and Handling Anger in the Family.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

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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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!

Anyone for Cricket?????

NEWTON TRACEY CRICKET CLUB ARE SEEKING NEW YOUNG FOR 2018

We run outdoor practice and junior league matches during the season, sessions are led by ECB level 2 coaches and the club welcomes anyone who wants to play cricket. All necessary kit can be provided.

Pre-season sessions are being held at The Park Community School Barnstaple on Saturdays at 3 pm on the following dates:

24th February, 3rd, 17th & 24th March.

We are a thriving club with a friendly atmosphere and welcome anyone who wants to try the game.

If you would like more information please contact either:-

Graham Moore – 07760 197550 or Peter Newby – 07747 792006

North Devon Taiko Drum Project

Do you have rhythm?

Do you have stamina?

Do you like performing?

Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club will be starting on Friday 2nd March in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm

£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com

for more details if you would like to come along

Places on a first come, first served basis.

HORRIBLE HISTORIES MORE BEST OF BARMY BRITAIN

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 11AM & 2PM

Here for just 2 performances over one weekend is the hilarious Horrible Histories Live on Stage!

It's time to prepare yourselves for a special one-hour production featuring MORE of your favourite characters from our barmy past. This BRAND NEW compilation show has never toured before and includes a special new scene featuring wordy Will Shakespeare!

BOOK NOW

Tickets: £14 Child: £12 Family: £48

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Box Office: 01271 316063

Queens Theatre, [100 Boutport Street, Barnstaple EX31 1SY](#)

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U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Does your daughter like football?

Is she in school years 3 or 4?

We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!

Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.

Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728

e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk