



A message from Mrs. Denham

Ventrus Multi-Academy Trust

Last year we consulted parents on Holywell joining Ventrus Multi Academy Trust. After significant work behind the scenes, I am pleased to let you know that this will be taking place on August 1st 2018. By working in partnership with other schools across Devon, we will be well placed to continue Holywell's improvement and ensure we offer the best education to our community. On a practical level, by working with an established organisation like Ventrus, we will be able to offer more for our children, staff and the whole community.

Saunton Trip

Our annual federation trip to **Saunton Sands** is next **Tuesday 24th, July**.

We are all looking forward to this lovely day and we will be leaving school at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm. The children will be working in their classes engaging in many sand engineering projects, (please provide named buckets and spades) and beach games.

Both teaching and support staff will be accompanying the children to Saunton. On the day please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather including a hat, raincoat and warm jumper. Please provide your child with sun screen. Your child will also need a packed lunch with plenty to drink, in re-sealable plastic bottles.

Leavers Assembly (Celebration)

Next Wednesday 25th we will be holding a leavers assembly in the village hall to celebrate the time our amazing year 6's have spent at Holywell and wishing them all the very best in the next stage of their education. We would like to invite you all to this celebration which will start at 2.15 pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

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 is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

School News

Pupil Achievement's

Congratulations and well done to: **Billy Dudden** who has achieved his EKO Karate Red Belt.

Uniform

If your child has lost any uniform over the year, please check your child's class. Any uniform left at the end of term will be sent to the PTA for their op shop. Thank you.

How to keep children safe



Children are at a higher risk during hot weather and may be more affected by the heat.

The best ways to keep cool are to wear loose, cotton clothes and to drink plenty of water.

Prams shouldn't be covered with heavy blankets as these will raise the temperature too much.

Make sure children have sunscreen on. The label should have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 and be at least four-star UVA protection.

For more information on how to stay safe in the heat, visit the [NHS website](#)

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Preschool

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/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/eys/>

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

News from the PTA



Sorry to mention Christmas so early but due to the success we had last year, we will be asking the children to design a Christmas picture again. Their designs will be printed on Christmas Cards, mugs, gift tags etc. This will be organised soon after term starts in September, and you will be able to choose the products you wish to buy in November. Thank you.

Op 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.
Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	No football club until Monday 23rd July
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Go Wild	Mrs. Turner	current children only	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	No Club on the 19th July
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	No club on the 20th July

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

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

Tuesday 24th July - Whole School Saunton Beach Trip.
Wednesday 25th July, 2018 – The **year 6 assembly** will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

Community News

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

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



St. Michael's
NURSERY

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!

Links you may be interested in?

Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

Free or Low-Cost Food during Summer Holidays 2018

The Devon County Council have issued us with this link which you may find useful.

<http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/library/schools/food-poverty-and-schools/free-or-low-cost-food-during-summer-holidays-2018>

Health information from Public Health England

For further information about measles, please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found by visiting

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx>

Hay fever information from the met office.

This may be helpful if you or a family member is suffering.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/2018/pollen-survey>

Summer Holiday Activities

<http://www.enchantedwanderers.com/> !7th August, Barnstaple, Baptist Church.

Kingsley School, Bideford

www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk

Courses for Parents and Children

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

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Tour of Britain – Monday 3rd September, 2018

These timings are draft and may be subject to change. Please double check on www.devontourofbritain.co.uk as the event approaches where the most up-to-date information on any route changes and timing updates will be published over the coming weeks.

The estimated timings for the stage are:

Location	Estimated Time
START: Cranbrook, Younghayes Road	11:00
Ottery St Mary	11:17
King of the Mountains (start) : Chineway Hill	11:21
Honiton	11:38
Uffculme	12:12
Willand	12:17
Halberton	12:21
Sprint: Tiverton (Blundells Road)	12:27
Fore Street, Tiverton	12:30
Sprint: Nomansland	12:51
Witheridge	12:55
South Molton (Pannier Market)	13:20
Swimbridge	13:36
Sprint: Landkey	13:40
Barnstaple	13:44
King of the Mountains (start): Bratton Fleming	13:56
Combe Martin	14:20
Ilfracombe	14:33
Woolacombe	14:47
King of the Mountains (Start): Challacombe	14:52
Croyde	14:59
Braunton	15:09
FINISH: Barnstaple, The Strand	15:24