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5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Firstly, can I take a moment to say a huge thank you to the parents, staff and children of Holywell school for making me feel incredibly welcome this week. I consider myself very lucky to start this adventure with you all and am amazed at how polite, respectful and hard-working the pupils of our school are. Well done children and thank you to you all!

This week, I have spent time getting to know new routines and talking to staff and children about our school. I am so pleased with the efforts that the children have already put into their learning and they show fantastic attitude. Our worship focus has been around New Year's resolutions and achieving our goals!

I am delighted to meet parents at the gate in the morning and it is wonderful to meet you. Please do feel free to speak to me if you need to or should you need to talk to me about a more detailed matter, I am more than happy to arrange a meeting with you and welcome any parents time to talk to me personally. Please do phone the school should you wish to discuss any school matter.

Working with the community is a matter of high importance to me, so I do hope that all families feel able to get in contact. I know that we have some exciting opportunities coming up this term, with Swim and Gym, Fizz Pop science and Football, however, I am also delighted that we will be able to offer more lunch and after school club opportunities in the coming week.

Thank you all again for the support you have given me arriving at the school and I look forward to the coming term!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Robinne Lowrey

### New School News

#### September 2023 intake

Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2023. The application facility opens on 15th November 2022 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2023. **Should you have friends or family that are looking for a place in school, I would be delighted to show families our school. Please ask any interested friends to contact the school for a tour!**

## **Anxiety Workshop**

Mrs. Williamson, along with Debbie, a member of the school's Mental Health Team have planned an Anxiety Workshop for parents. It will be taking place in the Hall on the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 9 – 10am. Please see the attached flyer. We hope you will be able to come along.

## **Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 gymnastics and swimming in January**

Hedgehog class will be swimming for the first half of the dates given and Robin class will go to Falcons. Please remember to collect from the Tarka Leisure Centre at 3pm. Please collect them first and we will hold on to older siblings at school until you arrive.



## **ParentPay**

### **Parent Pay Debts.**

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

**School Meals – £2.30 per day**

**Breakfast & ASC – See below**

**Swimming and Gymnastics – Reception & yrs. 1, 2, & 3.**

**Residential – Calvert Trust – Yrs. 3 & 4**

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family

### **Reminders**

### **Tax Free Childcare**

If your child attends or may attend at some time our Breakfast or After-School Club may be entitled to tax free childcare. The link below will take you to the site where you can check if you are entitled and also register with the scheme.

[https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm\\_source=Search+&utm\\_medium=RSA&utm\\_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Search+&utm_medium=RSA&utm_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD_BwE)

### **Admissions Policy consultation 2024-2025**

The consultation period for the 2024 – 2025 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2024-25

[http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/admissions\\_policies/627029](http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/admissions_policies/627029)

We are consulting on this between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

### **After-School and Breakfast Clubs**

We are able to run both Breakfast and ASC Clubs every day this term, and although we no longer require a weeks' notice for Monday Breakfast and Friday after-school clubs we still ask that you book in advance as the places are limited to 8 per session. If we are over this number, we require an extra member of staff which we may not be able to provide at short notice. The clubs are now being run by Ms. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Mullen

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.

After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, please email [myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk) [jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk) [charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk)

### Diary Dates

10<sup>th</sup> January – 21<sup>st</sup> March inclusive. - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3 – **Please remember to collect your child from the Tarka Leisure centre at 3:30pm.**

28<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Calvert Trust Residential – Years 3 & 4.

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 STAT's week

### Term Dates

Spring Half Term – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - inclusive.

Easter Holidays – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - inclusive

Non-Pupil Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Summer Half Term – 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 – inclusive.

End of Term – last day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

### **A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A FREE RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR WORRIES:**

Our Mental Health Support Team are able to offer a new digital therapeutic intervention "Lumi-Nova - Tales of Courage", available free until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

This is an app aimed at Children aged between 7-12 years old and uses a Low Intensity -Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) graded exposure model to help children overcome their worries.

There is more information on the BFB-Labs website below.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminova>

You can gain Open Access to the app by clicking on the link below:

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

**Our MHST clinicians are also offering a "practitioner sign-up" model across North Devon, offering supportive calls throughout the intervention. Contact your school (Mrs. Hammond – [samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk)) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service**

### Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

### **BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play –**

This is closed temporarily but will be opening up again very soon.

### Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

### School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

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## **NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023**

### **Important information**

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf>



### **News from the PTA**

#### Easyfundraising

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,300 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

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