

Newsletter



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1st October 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

We have enjoyed another lovely week with Y3 and 4 form Hedgehogs and Foxes class going on their first sporting event since March 2020! The children enjoyed a fabulous morning at cross country at Park School. They ran their socks off and certainly let their light shine.

We wish Mrs. Bellew, Mr. Day and our Chair of Governors, Mr. Baker all the very best on Sunday when they are running in the London Marathon. They are all amazing and we wish them GOOD LUCK – especially as it is Mrs. Bellew's first marathon.

Due to safeguarding and data protection, please do not contact staff through What's App or Messenger. Please use the main school email address holywell@ventrus.org.uk.

School News

Cross County

Year 3 and 4 represented Holywell so well at The Park School cross country event yesterday. The weather was kind to us and it was wonderful to see them all trying their best and supporting each other with a lot of enthusiastic cheering.

Special mentions to Ella, Jack and Thomas who were the first pupils from Holywell to cross the line in their age group races. Also to the dynamic trio of Lola, Freya and Betty who all finished in the top 12 in the Y3 girl race; finishing 4th, 8th and 12th respectively.

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Flossie Evans – Flossie is raising money in remembrance of her Grandpa who sadly died from cancer. She has now raised £91.00 for the hospice by making and selling cakes. Her original target was to raise £100.00 by the end of the year.

St George's House Residential Parents Meeting

On Thursday 7th October, at 3.30pm, in Class Squirrels, there will be a meeting to provide further information about the forthcoming trip & to provide an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. If you cannot attend, please do not worry, all information will be sent out electronically.

ParentPay

These trips are now available for payment and consent to be made: Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class) Year 5/6 residential Year 5/6 cross county

London Mini Marathon

We have signed up for the London Mini Marathon. At 2.30pm on Friday 8th October, the whole school will walk, jog or run around a circuit of the playground. The children will receive an official certificate

and London Marathon pin badge for taking part. Please ensure you child comes into school in their PE kit.

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

The options on ParentPay, have now changed.

If you are staying after school until 4:15 please choose After School Club 4:15 finish and if you are staying until 5:15 choose After School Club 5:15 finish. Breakfast club is obviously Breakfast.

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child which includes breakfast and you can drop off from 8am. Afterschool club starts straight after school with pick-up times of 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00). All children will receive a snack. If you are going to be late 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, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

1. Advice for parents of school-age children from the Director of Public Health

Please see attached link from Steve Brown, the Director of Public Health Devon.

<u>Director of Public Health sets out clear advice for parents of school-age children - News (devon.gov.uk)</u>

Healthy Start

Pregnant or have children under 4, and receiving benefits? You might be eligible for <u>Healthy Start</u>, where youcan get free vitamins and money towards fruit, vegetables and milk. For inspiration on how to use Healthy Start, go to <u>devon.cc/getahealthystart</u> and order a free box of fruit and vegetables directly to your door, alongwith the recipes to prepare them.

St Peter's Church Tawstock invites Holywell children and their families to join them for a family service on Sundays 17th October and 21st November. These services will be shorter than normal (40 minutes) and will have something for everyone to enjoy. There is an area of church set aside for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks.

DIARY DATES:

5th, 19th October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. Can parents please collect their child at 3pm. School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them. –Payment required by 1st October. SOE 3's need to be returned by Monday 20th September.

September 30th **(Thursday)** – Year 3 & 4 – Cross County Park School

October 5th October (Tuesday) – Appledore Book Festival – Author visit.

October 7th (Tuesday) – Year 5 & 6 – Cross Country Park School.

October 11th and 15th 2021 – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

October 20th (Wednesday) – Harvest Festival 2:30pm – All parents are welcome to attend but please could you arrive between 2:20pm and 2:30pm. This will allow for the children to arrive at the church without to many stops for passing cars. The service is due to finish at 3:15pm. If you are not attending can you, please collect from the church at 3:15pm. Thank you.

November 4th (Thursday) – Tempest photos – individuals and family groups.

December 15th (Wednesday) – Flu Immunisation

December 16th (Thursday) – Robins & Hedgehogs Nativity in village hall. 2 pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Autumn Term 2021

Non-Pupil day Friday 22nd October 2021

Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021(inclusive).

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Second hand uniform sale - Monday 4th October after school

Come along to our uniform sale this Monday in the village hall and grab yourself a bargain! We have a large variety of uniform from age 3 upwards.

Logo items £2 each or 3 for £5.

Everything else £1 or buy one get one free.

Please bring cash.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take place on **Tuesday 19th October at 19.30 in school**. We would like as many people as possible to attend this meeting where we will elect this year's committee and plan out next events and funding.

Bag2School

There will be a collection of good quality second hand clothing and accessories on **Wednesday 6th October at 9am.** Please see **poster attached** (below) for more details of what you can donate and make sure you leave your donations outside school in closed **plastic bags** on the morning of the 6th. Items which are not in plastic bags will not be collected!

Online fundraising

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time at https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school Good luck! Thank you very much to those winners who have donated their winnings, it is really appreciated!

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Holywell C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand 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 BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay! Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 6th October 2021 by 9am





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