



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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11th February 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

We so hope that next week we will have all staff back in school and most children. We can't believe how very difficult and extraordinary these last few weeks have been more so than other weeks in the previous 2 years of COVID. Staff yet again this week have gone the extra mile providing cover and ensuring your children have experienced as normal a week as possible. They have covered extra lessons, playtime and lunchtime duties, cleaning duties and so much more. Your children likewise have been wonderful and embraced working with different adults when needed.

Let's hope next week gets back to some normality. ☺

Arriving at School

In the mornings, the drop off time for children is from 8:30am to 8:50am. The school gates are opened and manned by a member of staff at 8.30am and not before. Children MUST NOT be dropped off before this time as they are not supervised. Tractors and vehicles go up and down the lane and we are very concerned about the safety of pupils left on their own before we open up the gate. Several parents have brought their concerns to our attention. Children who need to arrive at school before 8.30am should be booked into our Breakfast Club. They should not be left alone at the gate.

Can we please also ask that registration and lessons start at 8:50am, so children MUST be in school for this time. We have several children arriving later than this quite regularly and this is very disruptive to the other children and teacher.

Thank you so much for your understanding with this matter.

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School News

Walk to the Moon

Hopefully, your child brought home some information and a record sheet yesterday regarding Walk to The Moon (if not they are attached again with the newsletter). We are taking part in a challenge organised by Edukids to raise money for Morish and other children whom the charity work with. We are asking your child walks a mile a day (although it can be any form of exercise - gym, cycling, Park Run, football matches etc.). Once you have collected any sponsorship or donations from family and friends could you please pay via PARENTPAY. There are prizes for the children in each class who travel the furthest and who raise the most money so please keep a record of your child's daily activity.

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Chandler in KS2 & Ezra in KS1 for receiving this week's Sportsperson of the Week Awards. Every week Mr Day will pick a child from both KS1 & KS2 who has particularly stood out or 'let their light shine' during PE lessons. If your child receives the award, please ensure it is returned by Friday the following week.

ParentPay Payments

If you have run up any debts on your child's ParentPay account for school meals, breakfast club or after-school club can you please make sure these have been paid off in the next two weeks.

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

ParentPay

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

School Meals – payments must be made in advance of meals being taken.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the 2nd instalment if due by the 28th January with the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.

Breakfast & ASC – payment should be made in advance of attending these clubs.

Uniform -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5

Valentine's Day Service at Tawstock Church

Sunday 13th February: Valentine's Day service in Tawstock Church; 11.00am

A service to celebrate love and marriage. Anyone married in Tawstock church especially welcome. Please send a photo of your wedding to revgaryowen@gmail.com to be shown on the big screen!

Service led by Rev John Carvosso and the wardens.

All welcome whether married or single, young or old.

Service followed by a small glass of bubbly...

Junior Bake Off

My name is Conor and I'm an Assistant Casting Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say that we have recently opened applications for the 8th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Please do feel free to contact us on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions.

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

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, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

Free science kits for children self-isolating due to Covid.

The kits, called Busy Bag Science, intend to keep youngsters busy and engaged in science whilst they are at home. Kits contain the resources & instructions for 4 experiments plus 3 colouring pages. They can be ordered from the Sciencedipiety's website below and are posted 1st class to your home address:

<https://sciencedipiety.co.uk/free-busy-bag-science-kits-for-torridge-north-devon/>

The project runs for 4 weeks to mid-March, and kits can be ordered for free any time during this period while stocks last.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

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.

Privacy Notices

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

**Do you ever feel you are about to explode?
That your child might too?
We can help turn tantrums into calm connections**

Presented by Advisory Teacher, Linda Willmott and Family Worker, Jeff Cornish from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School age children

This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 10am - 11.30am

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with our emotions. Children feel like this too. In this workshop, we will explore why your child behaves in the way that they do; how you can respond to help them calm and how to re-connect to strengthen your relationship with them. We will also offer some specific de-stressing techniques that both you and your child can start using straight away.

We are joined by a parent who will share his own experiences of family life and the transformational impact it had on his family when he changed his approach as a parent.

Come and join us to find out how you can help build a healthier relationship with your child and develop a sense of inner calm.

To book your free place, please email Sue Vanstone
sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com

DIARY DATES:

January 18th (Tuesday) – to Tuesday 22nd March (9 weeks) – Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics (15th February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March). Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.

March 7th – Parent conference week -

March 30th to April 1st - Skern Lodge Residential – Years 3 & 4.

April 5th (Tuesday) – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

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Spring half term - Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 (inclusive)



Book Swap - Thursday 3rd March

We are organising a book swap to celebrate **World Book Day**. Please donate any unwanted books **in good condition** by putting them in the box which will be placed by the school gate on **Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March**. These will be available to purchase after school on the Thursday. We would also like have a second hand uniform stall and refreshments but to do this **we need more volunteers please**.

Film Night - Friday 4th March

We have teamed up with the school council and teachers to offer a film night straight after school. Proceeds will be split between PTA funds and the school's sponsorship of Morish in Uganda through the charity Edukid. Please look out for the letter that will be sent soon.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 8th March 7.30 pm, venue tbc.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, you can also enter a **prize draw** which this term is a **forest getaway**. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on: **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>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.