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27th January 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

This week, I feel very humbled by the number of families and members of the community that were able to attend my commissioning service. I was genuinely touched by the sentiment of the school, the church and the community and I will certainly carry my responsibilities with a huge sense of pride. I do feel very welcome and am lucky to be a person who genuinely enjoys coming to work every day. What amazing children they are, well done to all those who spoke at church.

Around school, we have had a number of visitors looking around school and every single visitor has commented on the excellent behaviours of the children and the wonderful, warm atmosphere on site. Children, you are a real credit to the school both on and off site, thank you!

Finally, what a delight it is to drop into the Tawstock Tiddlers fundraising playgroup this week! A huge thank you to our PTA, who are running this successful group. I am delighted to see new families attending the playgroup and building links with the school as well as having a fantastic time with their children. The PTA have done an amazing job in arranging such an excellent range of activities. Welcome to the community, those who are new (like me!) and I look forward to getting to know you as well. If you do wish to speak to me personally, please do always feel free to speak to me on the gate in the mornings or ask for an appointment in the office.

I will be sending you further information in separate letters in regard to signing up for clubs and in regard to strike actions on Wednesday 1st February.

Have a wonderful weekend!

New School News

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford. As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:
<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

PTA Events

A huge thank you to our PTA who have come up with some fantastic events in order to raise funds for school projects. The PTA are currently supporting the development of The Hollow and will be raising funds to purchase new equipment in the future. The planned events include:

Cinema night – (film to be chosen by school council) – Friday 10th February

School Disco – possibly 31st March – TBC



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

After-School and Breakfast Clubs

We are able to run both Breakfast and ASC Clubs for 8 children only every day this term, but places must be booked in advance by phone or email. 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

WE ARE NO LONGER PROVIDING ASC ON THE LAST DAY OF EVERY TERM – 31st March and the 21st July 2023

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 jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk
charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk

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 entitlement and also register with the scheme.

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Search+&utm_medium=RSA&utm_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD_BwE

Diary Dates

10th January – 21st March inclusive. - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3 – **Please remember to collect your child from the Tarka Leisure centre at 3:00pm.**

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

28th March – Easter service at St Peter's Church – further details to follow.

9th – 12th May – KS2 STAT's week

Term Dates

Spring Half Term – 13th – 17th February 2023 - inclusive.

Easter Holidays – 3rd – 14th April 2023 - inclusive

Non-Pupil Day – Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive.

End of Term – last day Friday 21st 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 31st 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) 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.

Tawstock Tiddlers – Tawstock Village Hall -

Every Wednesday

9am – 11am

Term time only

All ages welcome, fun & messy play, healthy snacks,
Story time and much more.
children 2, adults £1
come and join us

Contact Philly 07799 543781

Email: tawstocktiddlers@hotmail.com

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/>

[School and college transport
– Education and Families](#)

School transport information,
including free school
transport

www.devon.gov.uk

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>



Here is an update on profit made at our Christmas fundraisers. A BIG thank you for your support.

Christmas cards	£47.74
Nativity raffles, tea and coffee	£75.66
Christmas Fair	£248.31
Christmas Cinema night	£95.50
Christmas Jumper & Coat Sale	£53

We are talking to the school about how to best support them this coming year and will discuss further in our next meet up on the 8th February at Hunters inn, Newton Tracey, 7:30pm - hope to see you there.

Coming up!

The **PTA Black box** is back out by the benches and we're asking for donations of...

- Books for next week's book sale - kids, adults, audio
- Clothes (grown out of - swish sale coming later in year)
- Any Toys, soft toys, games cleared out over Christmas
- Uniform
- Used magazines, Christmas and birthday Cards (for crafting with)

If anyone has any storage boxes with lids they no longer need - we would love them!

Can you help us?

If you can donate an hour or two of your time this year, to help the PTA run fun events for the children then please email friendsatholywell@gmail.com to arrange a DBS check with the School.

We only have a handful of parents with a valid school DBS (externally organised DBS cannot be used) that we can call upon and this can be restrictive when organising events. The process is FREE but takes a while to complete so we're trying to get organised as we have some big ideas for this year - but need helpers! Please get in touch - and then we will pop you a message when we have a big event coming up to see if you're free to give us a hand. This can be parents/grandparents/friends.