

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Wow what an amazing week it has been for sport for the children. They competed in rounders, and aquathon, a cross country and year 5 and 6 have had the amazing experience of attending Ocean Fest today. Each child who competed in these events worked so hard and tried their very very best. We are very proud of them. Many thanks to: all the school staff and parent volunteers who helped support throughout the week. We could not have done it without you - thank you so very much. A very special thanks to Mrs. Hammond for all her hard work and encouragement to each and every pupil.

Message from a parent:

I just wanted to say how much support the children received from all the teachers at this event. The staff and one to one teaching assistants were amazing and in particular Mrs. Hammond. She alone among all the teachers across all the schools ran every single race with the Holywell children, running with the last child in each race supporting and encouraging them the whole way. Other parents and I noticed this and we all felt that she deserved a mention for literally going the extra mile. Really caring that each child has a positive experience even though running might not be their strength. I'm sure she will be doing the same at the Aquathon tomorrow too!!

Thank you for caring so much Mrs. Hammond.

Phonics testing for Y1 pupils has been throughout this week and we are so proud of all the children who tried their very best. Well done to Mrs. Coulam, Ms. Scott, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Carlyon for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year to help the children get through the test so well.

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I just remind parents driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce their speed accordingly. We have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from are school. Please keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

On-line Safety

This week we have also posted on our website and sent home, via email, the June edition of the Online Safety Newsletter.

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>

DBS Checked Parent Helpers

If you help in school and have had a Disclosure and Barring check. Ofsted guidelines now require the school to keep a copy of your right to work in the UK. We therefore need to keep on file a copy of your passport; if you do not have one the school can guide you as to what information we will need sight of.

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to this request, if you haven't, can you please bring your passport in as soon as possible.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Pupils Achievements:

Congratulations and well done to: **Amelie Masters** who applied for the Kingsley school Jnr MasterChef competition and attended the first heats last Thursday and will cook again in the final heat next week. She is thoroughly enjoying this experience and has been very excited about it; she has already planned and practised her menu for the final.

Holywell's Got Talent

Children's Ethos Committee have decided to run a Holywell's Got Talent competition to raise money for our sponsor child, Nathaniel, who lives in Uganda.

Holywell's Got Talent auditions will be on Monday 25th June at 1.30pm.

You will need to bring 50p if you want to audition. You will come down to the hall with your class when called.

You could do singing, dancing, acrobatics, comedy, acting, a display of art, sporting challenges, reading your own story or poem, magic tricks or other talents.

Those who get through to The HGT final will perform in our show on Wednesday 18th July at 2pm. There will be a limited number of tickets available to families who want to come and watch. These will cost £1. We will also be selling refreshments for families during the performance and for the children after school.

If you have any questions, please ask your class Ethos Committee reps!

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

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 has not been able to find a place or would like some extra hours, please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908.

Further information regarding funding can be found here

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

NEW LINK

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

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

News from the PTA



Save the date – Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm - Holywell Rocks

The PTA are busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event. It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.

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	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	No club on 15th June

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

Thursday 21st June, 2018 – Tempest Photography

Friday 29th June, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 1.

Friday 6th July, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 2.

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 **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?

www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk

Courses

<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>

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>