

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

We would like to say a big well done and congratulations to former Holywell pupil **Genevieve Andrews**. Genevieve has been appointed the new Head Girl at Pilton Community College, what an amazing achievement!

We wish our **Y6 all the very best for their SAT's** next week. They have been working so hard and we are so proud of them and all that they have achieved. They will have tests each day next week in maths, reading and aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Have a restful weekend and please encourage them to have a good breakfast and early nights next week.

Cleaning Vacancy

We are looking for a cleaner for our school. The hours are roughly 2.5 hrs. day, timings can be discussed. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested please call into the school office or phone (01271) 345908 or email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Message from Devon Highways

We have been notified that the road between Barnstaple and the school (via lake) will be closed for the week commencing 14th May. From the Monday to Wednesday evening you will only be able to reach the school, by vehicle, via Newbridge or Eastacombe and on the Thursday & Friday you will only be able to access the school, by vehicle, via Eastacombe.

On Thursday and Friday all vehicles will be coming and going via Eastacombe so please drive safely and at an appropriate speed. Please remember children will still be walking to school from the Eastacombe direction. Our children are precious to us all.

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. Please bring your passport in to show the admin staff as soon as possible so that the necessary information can be recorded.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

E-Schools - Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools. We know a few parents have had some problems with their passwords not working or that they have mislaid their password and username, if this is you, can you please email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk and we will reset your username and/or password. We can see that some of you have still not logged on.

Save the date – Saturday 7th July – 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.

Dear Parents,

We would like to set up a gardening club after school on a Friday to keep the Memorial Garden and school areas tidy. Please could 1 or 2 parents help us run this club? If you can only help every other week or once a month we may be able to arrange a rota.

Thank you Archie Barstow and Ethan Liepa

Good Luck & Best Wishes

Please can you say a huge good luck and best wishes to **Lannah Barrow and Fliss Ayres** who will be travelling to Stoke-on Trent this weekend to compete in the Compulsory Gymnastic National Finals. **Lannah** who is part of the Level 4 SW team, will be competing in her first national competition and **Fliss** will be competing as an individual in the level 2 competition.

Pupil achievements

Well done to **Adam Rashid** and his Football teams mates at Bideford Blues U11's took part in a 6 a side U12's tournament on Saturday evening and they won. Excellent achievement and Adam was Captain!

Adam also represented the North Devon District cricket team in Plymstock on Sunday playing against West Devon. Unfortunately they lost but it was a very close game.

Also congratulations and well done to **Monty Andrews** who won a Gold Medal and Trophy for being All Apparatus Boys Champion in his age group at Falcons Gymnastics Academy club competition on Sunday. He won silver on vault and trampette, and gold on parallel bars and floor. Well done Monty!

Well done to **Fred Cockbain** who has been awarded a trophy in recognition of his effort in Gymnastics during the 2017 season



On-line Safety

Please see the article below about the game Fortnite regarding online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Year 3 & 4 Tennis competition

A big well done; to the 12 year 3 & 4 children who attended the learning community tennis competition on Wednesday. Lannah, Bella Ayres, Maddie, Ruby Lockhart, Imogen, Lara, Danny, Felix, Rufus, Riley, Louie and Ethan played brilliantly, with the team of Maddie, Imogen, Riley and Danny making it to the quarter finals. Thank you to Mr. Anderson and Miss May for supervising and umpiring.

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 are encouraging parents who want to take up a 30 hour place in the Summer Term to apply now – and no later than the **end of APRIL** to get their code in good time. HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this.

If you already have an eligibility code, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours and / or Tax-Free Childcare every 3 months.

Please note: the summer term runs from 1st April to 31st August. Any parents who do not take up a summer place will need to wait until September to take up 30 hours. You will find all the childcare options, including Tax-Free Childcare, via the Childcare Choices website.

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



Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

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	Will not be starting until 23rd May
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

Easter Holiday - 30th March to Monday 16th April.

Summer term - 17th April

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

May half term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

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

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 WI
is holding their annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
On
Saturday 12th May, 2018.

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

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>

Fortnite: what do you need to know?

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is a game that has been in development since 2011 but has seen a boom in popularity since September 2017, when the game's developers released its most popular mode, *Fortnite Battle Royale*. This mode is free-to-play and sees gamers from around the world taking each other on in last-man-standing 'battles' involving up to one hundred players.

How do you play?

Fortnite is available on Xbox, PS4, PC, *iOS* and soon Android operating systems. This availability across numerous platforms and the fact that the game is free-to-play has been a large factor in *Fortnite*'s popularity. You need an account to play, including a verifiable email address, but there are no age-checks.

How old do you need to be to play?

The game itself is rated 12+ by PEGI, Pan European Game Information, for its frequent scenes of mild violence and is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. This rating is simply advisory.

Who's playing it?

With a reported 45 million players worldwide, *Fortnite* is truly a global gaming craze. Its vast popularity and use among children is beyond doubt. As with all games of this type, it is likely that children younger than 12 are engaging with the game.

Fortnite: what do you need to know?

Is it addictive?

Fortnite Battle Royale offers simple and enjoyable gameplay, which encourages extended playing time by making it extremely easy for players to move from one 'battle' to the next. It is important to discuss with children their use of and time spent on the game, and to make decisions on when and how much they play.

Are there any other risks?

Fortnite Battle Royale features an in-game chat function, which allows on-screen or voice communication between players. This function, as with any in-game chat, could expose a child to inappropriate language, conversations and behaviour. It is important children are aware of these risks and privacy settings that they can use, including the ability to disable voice chat entirely. They should also understand the importance of not sharing personal and private information with strangers.

Are there concerns over *Fortnite*'s in-game currency?

Fortnite uses an in-game currency called V-bucks to enable purchases of costumes, custom pickaxes and season battle passes. Children may feel incentivised to buy battle passes for the equivalent of £7.99 a season (each lasting approximately 3 months) which offer perks and rewards. Certain unaffiliated sites also offer free V-Bucks in return for account or personal details. It is important children know never to share personal details or passwords outside of their *Fortnite* accounts.

How can young people report their concerns?

- *Fortnite* offers an in-game feedback tool in the Main Menu of the game to report bad player behaviour to Epic Games, the creator of *Fortnite*.
- You can also seek advice and make a report about abusive or inappropriate behaviour to CEOP (the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>.

Further Reading:

On PEGI video-game ratings: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>
On the excessive playing of video-games: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/can-children-becomeaddicted-online-gaming>