

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Firstly, well done to; **Madison Wilson** and **Lannah Barrow** for representing the school as part of a Federation, Cross Country Team at the Devon Schools Winter Games, Cross Country finals. They did amazing well by finishing 4th, one point away from the medals.

Secondly, I heard at the end of last week that my second knee operation may be this Saturday. It was a bit of a shock especially as the hospital then told me that there is a high chance that this will be cancelled!! If the operation goes ahead I will be 3 weeks post operation goes after the Easter Holidays so should be back by the beginning of May. I will be in & out of school the few weeks after the holidays, so please contact me anytime by phone or email.

We wish Y3/4 a fantastic residential next week. What a great time they will have and we wish all the children competing at the schools gymnastics competition this Sunday as wonderful day. Thank you Mrs. Hammond for all you've done to prepare the children for this special event.

Easter Service

This year's Easter Service will be held at 2.30 pm on Thursday 29th March at Tawstock Parish Church. Your children will be leading the service with their singing and readings etc. and we would like to welcome as many of you as possible to join in these celebrations with them.

Like the Christmas service we would ask if you could be at the church early so as to avoid the children as they walk to the church. If you are unable to join us please remember to collect your children from the church at 3.15 pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

e-Schools

Thank you; to those parents who managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it was to book their appointments this way. 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 never logged on.

Most schools use electronic systems for paying for trips, sending messages, booking meetings etc. especially secondary schools so slowly Holywell is catching up!

Head lice

We have had yet another case of head lice reported in school so could we please ask that you all check your child's hair this weekend. Thank you.

Pupil Achievements:

Congratulations to Rhys Gordon and Billy Dudden; Rhys passed his Green Belt E.K.O. Grading – Karate and **Billy** passed his first E.K.O. Grading, White belt with red strips. Well done both of you and continue with the good work.

Foxes Year 3 and 4 Residential

It's arrived! Please can you drop your children off at Skern Lodge at 10am on Monday, with all of their kit for the week and a packed lunch. If you would like to send them with spending money, please ensure it is in a named envelope or wallet and no more than £10. You will need to collect your child at 2pm from Skern Lodge on Wednesday. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hammond: shammond@gatewayfed.org.uk

Schools gymnastics competition

Good luck to these children competing in the school gymnastics competition on Sunday. We know you will all let your lights shine, but remember to enjoy it!

IMPORTANT!

Please ensure you arrive at Falcons Gym at the time given in your final letter. Look for Mrs. Hammond when you arrive. Girls should wear a leotard of their choice with their hair in a bun or pony tail. Boys should wear the Green Holywell PE t-shirt with black shorts if they do not have a leotard and shorts. If you have any problems please email Mrs. Hammond: shammond@gatewayfed.org.uk

Devon Schools Winter Games

A huge well done to Lannah Barrow and Madison Wilson who represented the Gateway Federation and North Devon Schools at the Devon Winter Games cross country event in Paignton this week. Joining two other girls from Bratton Fleming to complete the team they missed out on a medal by 1 point! Madison finished 10th and Lannah 20th with the Bratton girls finishing 8th and 43rd. Thank you, to Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Gaunt (Lannah's Nan) and Mr. Wilson for supervising the girls at the event and also to Mr. Anderson for driving the minibus.

Foxes WOW day

Foxes will be having their WOW event to celebrate the Spring terms learning on Friday 20th April at 2pm. Prepare to be amazed by our dancing, artwork and much, much more.

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 February 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>

Lost hoodie

Could everyone please check their child's hoodie to see if they have one with the name Matthews written on the label, if so please return to the school office. Thank you.

News from the PTA



PTA Events Bags2School

Holywell Rocks

Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm.

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.

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| Monday | Football | Mr Dymond | Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Starts Monday 19th March |
| Monday | Maths Club | Mrs Turner | Yr. 2 signed up children only. | |
| Tuesday | Pottery | Mrs Coulam | YR, R, 1 & 2 | |
| Wednesdays | Guardian of Ancorra | Mrs. Turner | Those booked on | |
| Thursday | Staff Meetings | | | |
| Friday | Cross Country | 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

Competition Gymnastic children: 20th & 20th Feb & 13th & 20th March, inclusive. Please remember to collect your child from Tarka Tennis (Falcons Gymnastics) at 3 pm. **NO GYMNASTICS ON THE 6TH MARCH.**

Year 3 & 4; Mrs. Hammond will be holding a meeting for the year 3 & 4 parents whose children are going on the Skern Lodge residential at 3.15 pm on Thursday 15th March.

Year 3 & 4 Residential: Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March.

Community News

Biznet - Parenting Support Training

Autism support for parents

<http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/northdevon/>

Other parenting support for parents and carers can be found on the link below, these include;
The Teenage Years and Handling Anger in the Family.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

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!

Barnstaple Library-April events

Wednesday 4 April 10.30-12.30 FabLab Workshop Book on fablabdevon.org

Wednesday 4 April 2.00-4.00– Drop in Springtime crafts– FREE– Suitable for all ages.

Friday 6 April 2.00-4.00 FabLab Workshop Book on fablabdevon.org

Monday 9 April 1030-12 Lego Animation workshop– Suitable for ages 7-12. Booking essential in the library.

Tuesday 10 April 10-12-Drop in Springtime Crafts-FREE-Suitable for all ages.

Wednesday 11 April 2-4pm North Devon Animal Ambulance visit. Booking essential in the library

Thursday 12 April 10.30-12.30 FabLab Workshop. Book on fablabdevon.org

Friday 13 April 10-12-Drop in Springtime Crafts–FREE-Suitable for all ages.

Saturday 21 April 10-12 Barnstaple Library Friends Group Coffee morning & crafts

Monday 26 March—Saturday 14 April BIG Easter Egg Hunt-Spot all the hidden eggs & you could win a prize!

Anyone for Cricket?????

NEWTON TRACEY CRICKET CLUB ARE SEEKING NEW YOUNG FOR 2018

We run outdoor practice and junior league matches during the season, sessions are led by ECB level 2 coaches and the club welcomes anyone who wants to play cricket. All necessary kit can be provided.

Pre-season sessions are being held at The Park Community School Barnstaple on Saturdays at 3 pm on the following dates:

24th February, 3rd, 17th & 24th March.

We are a thriving club with a friendly atmosphere and welcome anyone who wants to try the game.

If you would like more information please contact either:-

Graham Moore – 07760 197550 or Peter Newby – 07747 792006

Grosvenor Church
Easter Holiday Club 2018

Wednesday 4th April to Friday 6th April 10 am – 1 pm
(Doors Open 9.45 am)

School Years: Reception to Year 6.

Each day will include:

Bouncy castles, face painting, crafts, sports, team games and a Bible talk.

We will be having a Special Family Lunch on Friday 6th at 1 pm.

Only 150 places available, so please ACT NOW!

The cost will be either £5 per day or £12 for all 3 days.

Special family lunch on: Friday 6th at 1 pm.

This will include hot dogs, fish fingers and ice-cream for only £2 per head. Please indicate on the form how many wish to join us and include the payment.

(Please make cheques payable to Grosvenor Church).

Please either post or drop the registration form and money into the church.

This will be the only way to guarantee a place.

Any questions please ring Paula or Susie on 01271 323725

Grosvenor Church, Eastern Avenue, Barnstaple, Devon, EX32 8PB

North Devon Taiko Drum Project

Do you have rhythm?

Do you have stamina?

Do you like performing?

Would you like to be part of an exciting project?

A Taiko club will be starting on Friday 2nd March in Barnstaple for Yr5/6 and Secondary pupils

4.15 – 5.15pm

£2 per session

Email: ndtaiko@gmail.com

for more details if you would like to come along

Places on a first come, first served basis.

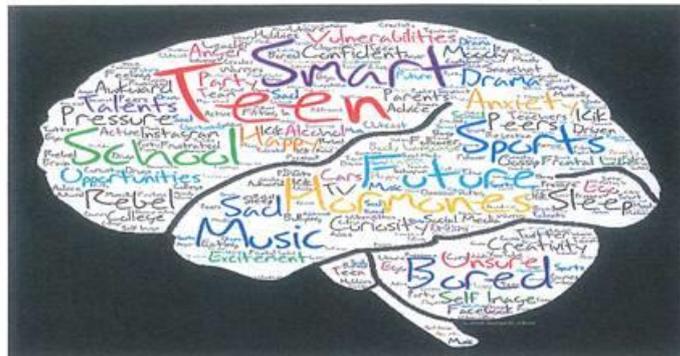
U9 GIRLS FOOTBALL



**Does your daughter like football?
Is she in school years 3 or 4?
We at SAS F.C. are looking for you!**

Whether your daughter would like to give it a go, or she thinks she has talent.

**Please contact Steve t: 01271 267728
e: stephenkeen77@hotmail.co.uk**



Parent Talks

Fascinating topics for parents.
Great Torrington School
5pm-6pm
Mondays

- 19th Feb - Simon De'ath - Y-Smart Young People's Drugs Service
- 26th Feb - Steve West - [Early Help 4 Mental Help](#)
- 5th March - Dave Atkinson - [Online safety](#)
- 12th March - Andy Branston - [Youth Service](#)
- 19th March - Helen Whiterod - [Individual Needs](#)
- 26th March - John Stanier - [The adolescent Brain](#)

Contact Clancy Stephens 01805 623531 Cstephens@gts.devon.sch.uk