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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

## A message from Mrs. Denham

### **COVID-19 update**

As you may have seen in the news, cases of COVID-19 are rising again. Here in Devon we still have lower rates than many parts of the country, but it is expected that Devon's rates will continue to rise as we all start to socialise more. This is starting to be reflected in the rise in positive cases among school age children in the county and many local schools.

We want to thank parents and carers for all you are doing to help keep our school community safe – and ask everyone to keep going with the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' measures when you and your family are out and about, as well as at school. Please can we ask you to:

- Use face coverings when picking up and dropping off and keep socially distanced.

Regular testing can also help to stop the spread of the virus.

### **LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)**

- LFD tests can identify people with lots of the virus and who are very infectious. 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the virus to other people without knowing. **These tests are for people who do not have any symptoms of coronavirus.** They provide quick results within half an hour, so that you can get on with your day if you test negative, remembering to keep following public health guidance. If you test positive, you'll need to arrange a follow-up PCR test (see below). LFD tests are available for all adults and secondary aged pupils to test twice weekly. You can pick them up for free from your local pharmacy, and they are available to [order online for home delivery](#). Assistance with the test is available at any of our Community Testing sites. You can [find details about where our sites are across Devon](#).

### **PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)**

- PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm if someone has COVID-19. The result takes longer as it is processed in a lab. PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature, new and continuous cough, change to usual sense of taste or smell – or for follow up after a positive LFD result. Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case can also get a PCR test.

Please remember to report test results on the [national website](#) as well as to the school, this helps us monitor cases and support quick and appropriate action to keep schools operating as normal.

[You can keep up to date with the latest coronavirus news from Devon County Council.](#)

Please find below a link to a Ventrus parent/carer survey. We would be very grateful if you could please complete this by noon on Monday 5th July. This survey is anonymous. Thank you for your time and support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/G87yctZeni>

### **Breakfast Club.**

We are now pleased to inform you that we will be able to provide a Breakfast Club from September. We will be able to take up to 8 children per session and the cost will be £4.00 per child which will include breakfast. You will be able to drop your child off at 8 am.

### **After School Club.**

St Michael's are definitely not continuing there after school provision so we are now currently looking into this but staffing maybe an issue on some nights.

## School News

### **Tempest Photo's – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

A proof of this year's class photos were sent home this week. If you would like to order any of these photos could you, please return your order to school no later than Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Thank you.

## [Free sessions for parents: Demystifying SEND and Education Health and Care Plan \(EHCP\) Review Myth busting](#)

Please see below free courses for parents/carers.

### **Demystifying SEND**

This session is aimed at parent/carers new to the journey of supporting their child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

[Read more in the course flyer.](#)

Dates:

- Monday 12th July (10.30 – 12.30)

[Book your place here.](#)

### **Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Review Myth busting:**

Breaking through some of the misconceptions around the Education, Health and Care Plan review processes.

[Read more in the course flyer.](#)

Dates:

- Wednesday 14th July (10.30-12.30)
- Wednesday 21st July (10.30-12.00)
- Thursday 23rd Sept (10.30- 12.30)

[Book your place here.](#)

### **Are your children eligible for Free School Transport?**

All children between 5 and 16 qualify for free school transport **if they go to their nearest suitable school** and live at least:

- 2 miles from the school if they're under 8
- 3 miles from the school if they're 8 or older

Find details on [free school transport](#) from your local council.

This is the DDC link

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/guide/primary-school-transport/applications>

#### [Applications - Education and Families - Devon](#)

Applications. If you have read the introduction along with the other sections above and you would like to apply for free school transport for your child, complete the online primary school transport application form. A transport application form must be completed for each child who requires transport.

[www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

### **National Book Tokens**

National Book Tokens are holding a free prize draw, giving schools the chance to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for their library!

All adults have to do is fill in their name, email address, postcode, and the name of our school, so please have a go. It only takes a few minutes to complete and the more entries that the school receive the better chance we will have of winning the prize.

If your entry is picked, you will also receive £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

If you would like to place a free entry for Holywell school, please follow the link below:

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)

### ***We would like to hear your experiences of receiving equipment for children and young people with SEND***

***If your child has been prescribed and received equipment to support them, then we want to hear about your experiences. Examples of this would be where perhaps an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist has prescribed some equipment to support your child. This could include, for example, specialist seating, equipment to support bathing and personal care, hoists, or maybe adaptations to support independence in your home.***

*We're hosting an engagement session on Zoom on Tuesday 22 June, and we'd love for you to join and give your feedback about your experiences.*

*The event will take place from 10.30am to 11.30am. [To book your place, please complete this form](#). Alternatively, if you can't or don't want to join the session, but do still want to share your experiences, thoughts and ideas, you can also use the above form to do so.*

*We will use the feedback to inform improvements going forwards.*

#### **DIARY DATES:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – New intake visit - 09:00 to 12:00 – Parents meeting now to be held on-line. Will notify you soon.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – New intake visit - 09:00 to 13:00

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – New intake visit - 09:00 to 15:00

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y6. Leavers service – Tawstock village hall. 2 to 3pm.

#### **Next Academic Year**

**11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021** – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

# **Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## **Summer Term**

**Last day of the Summer term will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

### **News from the PTA**



#### **Summer Raffle**

Remember to buy your tickets for our first online raffle this summer before the 20th of July! We have a variety of wonderful prizes to win and can help us spread the word online so we can sell many more 'ticketless' tickets this year. Please be sure to email or social message the link below to as many people as you can... friends, family and work colleagues! Thank you.

<https://raffall.com/243342/enter-raffle-to-win-holywell-school-summer-raffle-hosted-by-friends-of-holywell-school-tawstock>

#### **Ice lolly sale**

We will continue to sell ice lollies on **Fridays after school** (50p each). **Please dispose of the wrapper responsibly:** use the bag provided or take it to a bin.

#### **Online fundraising**

Easyfundraising: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=s-n4](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4)

Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>, and Amazon donates to Friends Of Holywell School, Tawstock, at no cost to you.

#### **Your School Lottery**

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school>

## **Second hand uniform**

If you need to buy or wish to donate pre-loved uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. We have lots of lovely items, including **shorts** and **summer dresses**. Prices range from **£1 to £2**, grab a bargain!