

## A message from Mrs. Denham

### Year 1 & 2 Falcons Gymnastics

Due to some confusion last week, we would just like to clarify that the new procedure from now on for collecting your child from their Gymnastics sessions is as follows:

Please remain in the Tarka Tennis Foyer at 3 pm.

The children will be brought out to you.

As they have their school uniforms in their bags we will not be asking them to change out of their Gym kit at the end of the session.

Other siblings at school will be looked after until you arrive back to collect them.

St Michael's after school club children will be collected from Tarka Tennis by St Michael's staff and transport.

### Free School Meals

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals we advise you to do so. Not only does your child benefit from receiving a meal, the school has additional funding for your child. Some of you may be unaware that this is in addition to the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & 2 we ask you please to still apply.

### Email details

Please confirm the important information mentioned below, as we do not have a text system in place currently.

If you have not received this newsletter via your Email can you please email [Holywell@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:Holywell@ventrus.org.uk) so that we can collect your correct email details. Can you also confirm your contact telephone number and address if you have moved since September, 2017.

You can always view the newsletter on our school website.

### Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out an email to all parents ASAP.

2. We will update the school Facebook page.

3. You can register with Devon County Council Connectme. The email link is:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1c4ff62> they will then alert you if the school is closed.

4. Listen to Heart Radio

5. [news.devon@heart.co.uk](mailto:news.devon@heart.co.uk)

6. If you are unsure, telephone school on 01271 345908. We will always have staff, if at all possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements. Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter.

### PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on **Weds 23rd Jan at 7pm at Cedars**. We would like to invite anyone who interested in joining our team to come along and find out, first hand, who we are and what we are planning for the future. You are all very welcome.

# Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

## School News

### Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to **Bella Ayres** on achieving Distinctions in her recent IDTA ballet and lyrical dance exams with Unlimited Dance Company.

Congratulations to **Emily Clarke** on achieving Distinction in her recent lyrical dance exam.

### North Devon Cross Country League - Northam Burrows, Results

A huge well done; to the Holywell cross country runners who participated in the penultimate race in this year's league on Sunday. The burrows were their usual windy and exposed selves making the second half of the course was a battle against the elements. As always the Holywell children let their lights shine and were super stars yet again - I am very proud of you all. Thank you to the parents for also braving the cold and windy conditions, your support for these events is very much appreciated.

Results were:

U9 girls - Lottie 17th, Olivia 54th, Matilda 56th, Flossie 63rd

U9 boys - Riley 5th, Ethan 63rd, William 69th, Ollie 82nd, Archie 83rd

U11 girls - Maddie 15th, Holly 56th

### Y4 Tennis Festival

A big well done; to the year 4 children who attended the tennis festival at Tarka on Wednesday. The festival was made up of a range of activities to support multi-skill development for tennis. The children were a superb representation of the school and were a delight throughout. A big thank you: to Mrs. Garland, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Barstow for supporting with transport and supervision throughout the event.

### CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG - Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, Thursday 24 - Sunday 27 January.

This fun and vibrant production by Barnstaple Musical Comedy and Dramatic Society features past Holywell student; Sonny Worsley as Jeremy, and Year 3's Gracie Bearman as one of the company of children. (Both are performing on different occasions unfortunately, as there are two teams!) Bella Ayres' mum, Claire, is also playing Truly Scrumptious. Tickets are selling fast. Come along if you can!

### Lost hat-scarf & mitten set (all in one)

If anyone finds a 'dinosaur camouflage' hat, scarf and mitten – all in one, can you please return to the office so that it can be reunited with its owner.

Thank you.

### Cool Milk

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> "

If you have already registered your under 5s using our bulk registration process, **parents are still able to register using the form/website**. This provides them with the opportunity to make payment for milk when their child turns 5, in line with School Food Plan legislation.

More promotional material is available on our website - <https://www.coolmilk.com/promote/>

If you need any help with any aspect of your school milk scheme, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're here to help!

### Cheques

If you have paid any money to the school this week by cheque made payable to Devon County Council, please can you call in and see Elaine, as we now need cheques to be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Cheques will only be accepted for a short period as new procedures will be in place shortly.

### Guitar Lessons

Alex Rogozinski has a space for either a group of 2 or 3 children or an individual lesson. If your child is interested please call into the office to collect the relevant letter. As there are few spaces available they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## News from the PTA



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### Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

### Clubs

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Tag rugby	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>No Club Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.</b>
Thursday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6.	<b>No Club Until Further Notice</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>No Club Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>

### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

#### Term Dates

Spring half term starts, - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019.

End of the Spring term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Easter holiday starts, - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019.

Start of the Summer term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019

May Bank holiday, - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

Summer half term starts; - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.

Non Pupil Day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.

Last day of the Summer term, – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

#### Diary Dates

### Community News

#### St Michael's Nursery

St Michael's Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6pm. We still have a limited number of spaces available so please phone us 01271 327074. [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

#### 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 Sue on 07890 046033.

#### 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

## Links you may be interested in?

### West Buckland School Activity Day

<https://www.westbuckland.com/prospective-parents>

### Early Help for Mental Health

<http://eh4mh.co.uk>

### Early Help

<http://devon.cc/earlyhelp>

### Courses for Parents and Children

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

These above events are constantly being updated and there are many new courses available which may be of interest.

### The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

### Devon Library Services (including Barnstaple)

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/events>

### Royal Albert Memorial Museum - (Exeter)

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UK ECC/bulletins/20a0199>

### Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

### On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website 'Think you know' has produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

### Some good sources of information and advice for parents:

- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is available Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

Call 0344 381 4772 or email [enquires@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:enquires@saferinternet.org.uk)

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Parent Info is a free web service providing information to parents and carers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ShareAware>

Advice from NSPCC on social networks, apps and games.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

A non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.