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## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### A message from Mrs. Hammond

This week I have managed to get out and about into the classrooms and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged and enjoying their learning. I particularly enjoyed a visit to Robins class where they were designing and making castles of their very own. I was very much taken with a beautiful pink and rainbow design – the children's creativity and enthusiasm for this task was contagious and I wished I could have stayed longer to make one of my own. I certainly left the room feeling some castle envy. In Hedgehogs class, I enjoyed listening to the children sharing their learning about WWII, it is clearly a topic they are enthralled by. The level of vocabulary and description being used was absolutely amazing. In Foxes class, the children were deep diving into the role the Ancient Greeks played in the creation of the Olympic games. Some surprise was had when they discovered how much the games have changed over the years. In Squirrel's class we have had a busy week of testing – so not quite as exciting as other classes. However, as their teacher I have been really proud of how they have tackled the assessments and couldn't be more proud of the resilience, determination and focus that has been apparent in all of the children.

The school is a hive of activity and it would be lovely if some of our parents would like to be a part of this. The governing body at the school are looking for some enthusiastic people to join the team! If you are interested and would like to be involved with the school in a slightly different capacity, please leave your name and contact details in the office, or alternatively please come and let me know. It would be fantastic to have you on board. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

### Reminders

#### Start time and the morning gate

In light of some changes to safeguarding we will be making some alterations to the way we manage the gate at the start of the day.

Your child's start of the day time will remain the same: KS2 children (years 3,4,5,6) who do not have any KS1 siblings in the school are to arrive at 8:30am. KS1 (reception, years 1 & 2) and KS2 siblings are to arrive at 8:40am and those children in KS1 who do not have any other siblings in the school are to arrive at 8:50am.

**However, the gate will now be locked and class registration will be closed at 9am. If you arrive after this time you will have to ring the bell at the gate. Mrs. Palmer will then buzz you and your child onto the school site, where you will have to come to the office, sign them in and provide their lunch choice.**

#### Absence Requests

Just a reminder that any absence requests from school during term time will be unauthorised unless evidence suggests that the absence required is due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

#### New Education Mental Health Programme in School

We are delighted to be supporting a new Educational Mental Health programme for our children and families in school.

Miss. Williamson will be the lead worker for the school and is busy working alongside Debbie, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, planning the best way the programme can support the school, its pupils and their families. Below is an introduction from Debbie and a link to a survey that we would like you to complete so we can better plan how Miss. Williamson can be used within this role.

I am Debbie Newman, an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP for short!) working with Holywell. I am part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for schools in Child & Family Health Devon. MHST deliver evidence based individual and group interventions for young people who need extra support for mild to moderate anxiety or low mood. We also work with staff and whole classes delivering workshops and training around mental health and promoting positive emotional wellbeing at your child's school. In order for our team to help the school develop targets for the coming year in regards to mental health provision, it's really important that we get the views of everyone involved in school life – staff, governors, pupils and parents. If you could take the time (around 5 minutes) to fill in this online survey, it would be really useful in helping us develop Holywell's provision for your child. This is an anonymous survey and no personally identifiable information about you or the school is gathered or shared. In adherence to this, please do not add anything in the optional text boxes that may identify you or anyone else.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CSI180/>

The closing date for this survey is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Your time and opinions are very much appreciated.

Miss. Wiliamson and Debbie will be running a coffee afternoon to meet and chat with parents on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm – 3pm/3:15pm (**PLEASE NOT THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME**). We hope you will be able to join them.

If you are able to attend the coffee afternoon, please can you click the link below and let us know.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk\\_cPDDMNBUxhFGhvrBO\\_j9K7xURDNZMEY5RTJYSTZHTORWOffJVzBITFBMSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cPDDMNBUxhFGhvrBO_j9K7xURDNZMEY5RTJYSTZHTORWOffJVzBITFBMSS4u)

## School News

### Hedgehogs Stunning Start

Hedgehogs class will be doing their Stunning Start on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any World War 2 artefacts, it would be great if you could bring them in to show the class.

### Author Visit

Author Leisa Stewart-Sharpe will be visiting Holywell on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Appledore book festival. She will be working with the children across the school in the morning.

If you would like to buy a book for your child to purchase for the event Leisa has made the following recommendations. She will be happy to sign your child's book if they bring it to the event.

There is no obligation for you to buy a book for your child and the links below are simply to help direct you to the books suggested, you can obviously buy the books from other suppliers other than Amazon!

KS1

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Beastly-Bunch-Leisa-Stewart-Sharpe/dp/0241476860/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=the+beastly+bunch+book&qid=1663925604&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Beastly-Bunch-Leisa-Stewart-Sharpe/dp/0241476860/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=the+beastly+bunch+book&qid=1663925604&sr=8-1)

KS2

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wild-Life-Extraordinary-Adventures-Attenborough/dp/1526364174/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=178Z0ZU8DD42&keywords=wild+life+the+extraordinary+adventures+of+sir+david+attenborough&qid=1663925650&sprefix=wild+lfe+the+extra%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wild-Life-Extraordinary-Adventures-Attenborough/dp/1526364174/ref=sr_1_1?crd=178Z0ZU8DD42&keywords=wild+life+the+extraordinary+adventures+of+sir+david+attenborough&qid=1663925650&sprefix=wild+lfe+the+extra%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1)

### North Devon Cross Country League

This is a call out to any of our children who enjoy cross country running. The North Devon Cross Country League starts again next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. While a member of staff is unable to attend the events with the children we hope some of you will be able to still go along. If you are interested, then you will need to follow the link below and register your child. You will also find a list of all of the dates and venues for all of the races this season. Please let Mrs. Hammond know if you are intending to run so that she can look at the results and ensure your children are celebrated for their efforts.

<https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/>

### After-School and Breakfast Clubs

We are running both Breakfast and ASC Clubs this term but would ask that **if you require places at the ASC on Monday for Fridays that you please give a one weeks' notice.** The clubs are being run by various members of staff including Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Bartlett-Mobbs.

The cost for Breakfast club is £4.50 per child - can drop off from 8am.  
After School Club starts - pick-up 4.15pm (£4.50) or 5.15pm (£9.00).

If you are going to be late collecting or if you need to collect at an alternative time, please can you phone to school by the end of the school day (3.15pm).

After 3.15pm, please email [myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk) & [jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk) & [carole.Bartlett-Mobbs@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:carole.Bartlett-Mobbs@ventrus.org.uk)

### PE days this term

Tuesdays – Robins & Hedgehogs (AM)

Tuesdays – Squirrels & Foxes – Gymnastics and Swimming (PM)

Fridays – PE for all years through the day.



**ParentPay**

### Parent Pay Debts.

**ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared.** We have **19 parents with debts** for School Meals and **6 parents with debts for the ASC.** If this applies to you can we please ask that these debts are cleared as soon as possible.

If payments aren't kept up to date, we may have to inform you that your child will need to bring a packed lunch or can't attend Breakfast or ASC.

On your ParentPay account you can check all payments made and see any monies outstanding.

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

**School Meals – £2.30 per day**

**Breakfast & ASC –**

**Current Year 5 & 6 – London Residential**

**Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming and Gymnastics. This will be available in the next couple of weeks.**

**Year 3 & 4 – Park Cross Country. This will be available very soon.**

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Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family

### Diary Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> November (excluding 11<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October) – Year 4, 5 & 6 children - Gymnastics and Swimming**

**11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 & 6 - London residential

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – All year 3 & 4 children – Park School Cross Country event – parental contribution of £3.

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – All year 5 & 6 children – Park School Cross Country event – parental contribution of £3.

**7<sup>th</sup> October** – Author visit as part of the Appledore Book Festival – Funded by the school.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival – Please drop your child at the church for 8:50am.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Days.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle, 2pm at the church. Children to be collected from the church at 3pm.

**Spring Term** - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3

### Term Dates

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – Non-Pupil Day**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of the Autumn term

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** - Non-Pupil Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - First day of the Spring term

### **Ventrus Job Vacancies**

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

**BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play** – Wednesdays 8:45-11am (term-time)  
Come and join in the fun. All ages welcome. No membership, just pay as you go.  
Children £2 – Adults £1  
Tawstock Village Hall (EX31 3HZ)  
Messy Play, arts and crafts, music and dancing, outdoor toys and story time.  
For details call Emma on 07368 422791

### **Free School Meals**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please go to the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

### **School Transport**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport –  
Education and Families](#)

School transport information,  
including free school transport  
[www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

### **Privacy Notices**

#### **Important information**

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/> and the privacy notice for pupils can be viewed <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

### **News from the PTA**



#### **Uniform and Cake Sale Thursday 29th September**

We will be selling pre-loved uniform and cakes after school on Thursday 29th September. Please bring donations of cakes to school in the morning!

#### **AGM**

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm** in school. Everyone is welcome to attend and we need to elect a new chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. No experience necessary, just the willingness to get actively involved in supporting your child's school!

#### **Bag2School**

There will be a collection of unwanted clothes and accessories in good condition on **Thursday 10th November**. Please leave items inside closed plastic bags outside school before **9 am**.

#### **Your School Lottery**

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, there is also a prize draw. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

### **Online fundraising**

When shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

#### **Easyfundraising**

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_source=rtwsharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox)

**AmazonSmile** <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>



### **Other News**

#### **EXPERIENCE WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL**

#### **ACTIVITIES AND OPEN DAY**

Saturday 24th September 2022, 9:30am

We're very excited to be hosting another Activities and Open Day at West Buckland School. We've put together a day of opportunity for children aged 3-15 to take part in exciting school activities whilst parents can tour our school and meet the teachers. Please register below and come and join us!

<https://westbuckland.com/activities-open-day-registration-fb/>

#### **BUSY BEE?**

If you can't make it for that particular date, don't worry! We like to think that every day is an open day so please contact our Admissions Department if you need to arrange an alternate date to visit or download our prospectus for more insight into West Buckland School.

#### **The Park Community School**

Our **Open Evening** is on Thursday 22nd September and our **Open Mornings** run from 26th September to 30th September, 08.50 - 10:40.

#### **Great Torrington School**

Choosing your Secondary School, please join us for one of our Open events at Great Torrington School. Please book using the links below or if you require any further information, please contact our school office: 01805 623531 Email [admin@gts.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gts.devon.sch.uk)

#### **Monday 26th September**

Open evening: 6pm-8pm

On this evening we offer a presentation where we introduce GTS and explain the transition process, then you have free reign of the school. Every subject area will be represented by staff and pupils, you are free to roam wherever you wish and ask as many questions as you like.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-evening-tickets-412922411047>