

# Newsletter



# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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# Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

This week, we have begun to relax and it has been fantastic to see some glorious sunshine! It always creates a lovely atmosphere in school and the children have enjoyed being outside and have had a wonderful sports day! Thank you everyone who was able to make it on Tuesday and I am delighted it went ahead following the earlier rain. I did hear it was a great success!

We have been so pleased to welcome Park School Year 10 work experience students with us this week and they did themselves proud. They got stuck in and were very reliable helpers with all of our children. Likewise, I pass on my thanks to the Sports helpers from Park School on Tuesday for their help in the running of the day. All students worked as excellent role models and ambassadors for their schools. In a similar way, I was incredibly proud of all of our children on Teacher Take Over Day on Thursday. Our Year 6 children were highly organised teachers for the day and had planned lessons and activities that were enjoyed by all. I was particularly proud of those who came in early to set up and by the way that you supported the rest of the school. I did hear a few cups of tea were had through the day by our "teachers". Fantastic effort children, I am so proud and of our younger children who really listened well to their friends.

Rehearsals continue for our leavers' service on Monday at 9.30am. Year 6 parents are invited to join us and celebrate their children as they move on to new adventures. This is such an exciting time, but please do remember your tissues!

Next Tuesday, it will be the last day of term for the Holywell children. We would like to invite all children to bring in board games from home (I would pop in a named bag). We will be having a relaxed day in school and this will give us opportunities to have fun both inside and out, whatever the weather! In regard to the siteworks, you will have seen a more detailed letter yesterday containing information surrounding progress, however I have now also received more photographs of the most recent work for your information.







I hope that you enjoy sharing these and watching the work progress.
I will be sending out a brief letter on Tuesday with information for September return to make sure that you are fully informed about our return to school. In the meantime, please do

have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

The PTFA have organised a Holywell Junglarov takeover this summer holiday! This is a private session just for Holywell children and their siblings on Thursday  $22^{nd}$  August from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Tickets are offered at the reduced rate of £5 per child and £3 an adult. Parents are asked to stay and supervise, but you could organise for another parent to look after your child(ren) for you, if they are happy to do so! There will be crisps and squash. Here is the sign up link (best accessed on a laptop)



Payment must be made to the PTA bank account in order to secure tickets (100 available). Please use children's names as reference

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# <u>Instrumental Music Lessons - Guitar/Piano/Ukulele</u>

There is now space available for your child to begin music lessons at school, starting in the new September term.

Lessons are available from complete beginner to advanced, and take place during school hours.

Instruments available are: Piano, Guitar and Ukulele.

These lessons are available weekly, as either group or 1:1 sessions.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please enquire at school office, or feel free to contact our peripatetic music tutor Mr Rogozinski directly for more details.

Email: alexroqo@hotmail.co.uk

Phone: 07565951786

## **ParentPay**

Please can ALL outstanding debts on your child's ParentPay account/s be paid off by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, the last day of term.

The trips available for any outstanding balances to be cleared are:

Years 3 and 4 Swimming –
Years R, 1 and 2 Swimming –
Rosemoor Trip –
School Lunches –
Breakfast and After-School Clubs –
Pre-School Fees –

#### Links you may find useful.

HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon

## **Online Safety**

https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos/

# **Diary Dates**

**22**<sup>nd</sup> **July** – Leavers Service – At Roundswell – starts 9:30am Report to the reception at Roundswell at 9:20am Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, and leavers service.

## **Term Dates**

Last day of term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 First day of the Autumn tern 2024-2025 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### **School Uniform**

https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e

**PE T-shirts** will still be available to purchase from school. We will be having a delivery during the holidays and will be distributed by payment dates on ParentPay, except for new parents who are awaiting login details for ParentPay.

#### **Ventrus Job Vacancies**

https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers Including vacancies at local schools



#### **Free School Meals**

# Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

#### How to apply

Apply through the <u>Devon Citizens Portal</u>. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

# **School Transport**

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

<u>School and college transport –</u> Education and Families School transport information, including free school transport. www.devon.gov.uk

# **NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023**

## **Important information**

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be forum at <a href="https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf">https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf</a>

# **Tawstock and Barnstaple Community News**



**VENUE: Sticklepath Community Primary Academy** 

DATES: 25th July- 16th August

TIME: 8.30AM-3.30PM

Head to our website to book your child on, or click the link below:

https://outlook.office.com/mail/inbox/id/AAQkADRiZGI1OTA3LWFhMDQtNDdkNC1iYjAwLWU5MjZiZWQwZGM2MAAQAO5ZI2%2BEom1IqEPx0nBHxrM%3D#:~:text=https%3A//eur02.safelinks.protection,BkmZoZ3shvHVHcYJTSF8F7KRhNvlsZu8R4qfyoFgask%253D%26reserved%3D0

# What's on at the Barnstaple Museum

We have a lot going on in the next few months and would like to share some of these events with you now (see also key dates at the end of the piece)

## Devonian Monsters Apr 27, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Step back 400 million years ago to a time long before the dinosaurs. Encounter a world filled with curious creatures that lived in the geological period named after Devon – the Devonian.

## Katy Lee - Going on Taw May 18, 2024 - Jul 6, 2024

Since January 2023 Katy Lee, lead artist and Creative Producer, has swum, walked and canoed the River Taw speaking to experts, gathering stories and working with seven different community groups who use/depend on the River or are geographically linked to it. Going on Taw is an 18-month storytelling & poetry project that travelled the length of the River Taw from Source to Sea – culminating in the exhibition at the Museum

# Turner in Barnstaple Jul 20, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024

With items on loan from the Tate, there will be watercolour paintings, sketchbooks and prints from engravings by JMW Turner, all inspired by his visit to the area around 1813-14

**Summer Holiday events** and family friendly activities will be available throughout the school holidays, please check the website for the latest info

We also have a fantastic range of permanent displays, which are open to all, FREE of charge, during our normal opening hours: Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

# Beaford Art Centre – See Flyer

Aimed at students aged 8-14 for summer holiday enrichment, especially those with a talent and interest in the arts. Specialisms include visual art, storytelling, photography, and film. They can book 'Summer School Creatives' with Beaford Arts, located in Barnstaple via the QR code. Each day offers expertise from four artist-educators featuring teaching and learning techniques developed from a three-year project with over 300 children in ten local schools. This will introduce and extend knowledge and skills in a fun and engaging way for every child whatever their level of experience, including those who have already worked with us. A report on this project will be presented at the British Education Research Association this year, and it has been nominated for an award. Examples of outcomes can be found here and ways to work with us can be found on our website: Beaford

We have up to 40 places p/day with bursaries and discounts available.