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31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020

### A message from Mrs. Denham

Just before Christmas, Mandy, lovely mum to Tom and Cameron Greening in Y6 very sadly passed away. The boys are doing brilliantly and have amazing support from friends, the children and school staff. Many parents have asked if we are making a collection for the family. We would like to make a collection for the boys to buy them a star that they can call after Mandy and we would like to buy them a memory box each.

If you would like to contribute, please send any monies into school. With many thanks

We would like to say a big thanks you to Mr & Mrs Arnold for purchasing a copy of 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom,' for each class. You hopefully read in last week's newsletter that their own children had thoroughly enjoyed learning about the world and reading this book at home which inspired them to write to the companies of Oreo and Mars bars. Thank you.

### Skern Lodge – Parents Meeting

Mr. Day will be holding a meeting for the parents of children in years 3 & 4 who are going on the Skern Lodge residential. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30 pm in Foxes class.

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### School News

#### Spring Term

The last day of the Spring term will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

The half term will be from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 (inclusive).

#### Summer term

The first day of the Summer term will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

**Please remember that the May Bank Holiday will now be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

The half term will be from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 (inclusive)

The last day of the Summer term will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

# Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Opt Out Option

Today your child will have brought home a letter regarding a visit we will be having from +Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service in the near future. The visit is to educate the children in safe practices and highlight the consequences of unsafe behavior at home, in the school and within the community. If you do not wish your child to take part in this visit you can opt-out by signing and returning to school, the slip at the bottom of the letter.

### Dates of this year's Yr. 2 & Yr. 6 SAT's, the new multiplications check for yr. 4 pupils and the phonics check for yr. 1 pupils.

Please can we ask that if you are considering an exceptional absence request, that you speak with Mrs. Denham before you book anything and please avoid the dates below and the lead up to these.

Yr. 6– 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive).

Yr. 2 – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May (inclusive).

Yr. 1 Phonics check - 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June (inclusive)

Yr. 4 Multiplication check - 8<sup>th</sup> June for 3 weeks (until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June).

### **Church News and current Christian Value**

**Value:** The current Christian Value for this month is; **Wisdom, Truthfulness and Honesty**

We would like to invite you to join us for a school prayer meeting on **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note the time has changed to 2.45 pm. This will be interactive and younger siblings are welcome. We will be joined by Rev. Gary.

**Our Easter service will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's Church, Tawstock, starting at 9 am.** We will be asking you to drop your children at the church on this morning at from 8:50 am. If you don't have to rush off please stay and join us for the service. All welcome.

### **Parent Pay.**

If you have not yet logged on and you have mislaid your username and password, please speak to Mrs. Palmer. This system has been very well received and it has been great to hear the positive comments from those of you who already signed up and have used it. Thank you.

### **Items on Parent Pay**

**Skern Lodge Residential – Yrs. 3 & 4** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final instalment of £42.00 is due on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

**Swim & Gym – Years 1 & 2**

**Gymnastics Competition** - If you have not yet paid and given permission can you please do so by Monday close of day. You are able to pay by Parent Pay or cash into the office.

**North Devon Ability Games**

**Uniform** – When you purchase items on parent pay please remember to email [elaine.palmer@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:elaine.palmer@ventrus.org.uk) with the size/s you require.

### **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.

### **Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute Lessons**



Clarinet, saxophone, flute and toot lessons are available for your child and take place during the school day. If you would like your child to take lessons on these instruments please can you contact the IMS office on 07974 849303 or email [imsnorthdevon@gmail.com](mailto:imsnorthdevon@gmail.com)

A letter giving full details of these lessons have been attached to the email with this newsletter.

### **News from the PTA**



### **HOLYWELL ROCKS NEEDS YOU!!!**

Following on the success of our festival over the past three years, we are excited about planning this year's event for Saturday 4th July. But to make it happen we need more volunteers! We are having a first planning meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 7 pm at the Cedars and we would love to see some new faces! If you can't make it to the meeting but still want to get involved please speak to a member of the PTA or email [friendsofholywell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofholywell@gmail.com)

### **EasyFundRaising**

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at:

1. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s>
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. . After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of Holywell School - Tawstock at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Holywell School, Tawstock will be really grateful for your donations.

**PTA Diary Dates:**

7th February 3.15 pm - Film Night: There will be popcorn and sweets for sale on the night. Please pick up at 5.15

9th March - Coffee morning: 9-11 am Tawstock Village Hall

March 26th - Easter Egg Hunt. – After school 3 & 315 pm

**Op Shop**

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Hazel Malin on 07974 208835 Thank you for your support.

**Club**

Please see the information above.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond Miss Ryder-Green	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Singing Club	Miss Shapland	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Goal Getters	Goal Getters	Yrs., R, 1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	Football	Mr. Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>No club until notified</b>
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	X County	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, & 6	<b>Cancelled for the rest of the spring term due to year 2 booster classes.</b>
Friday	Indoor Football	Mr. Day	Yrs., 3, 4, 5, % 6	<b>Cancelled due to Cinema Night.</b>

**Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Gymnastics Competition children will be going to Falcon’s. Please collect your child from the Tarka Tennis Centre at 3 pm. If you have not yet paid for this event can you, please do so by the close of day on Monday. Thank you.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – PTA Film Night. £3.50 to include a picnic. There will be pop-corn and sweets for sale on the night.

**Parent Conference week 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March. Times and dates to be confirm.**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – Yrs. 1 & 2 Gymnastics.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – Skern Lodge Residential for Yrs. 3 & 4

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – Easter Service at St Peters Church, Tawstock. On this morning can you please drop of at the church from 8.45 pm. Everyone is welcome to stay and join us for our school family Easter Service.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020** – PTA Easter Egg Hunt. – After school 3 & 315 pm.

**Community News**

The cost of hiring the village hall for a 3 hour children’s birthday party is now £45.00.

**St Michael’s Nursery**

St Michael’s Nursery operates a breakfast club open from 8am, and after school club 3.15 - 6.pm. 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 53366

### **Links you may be interested in?**

#### **The Plough Theatre – Great Torrington**

<https://www.theploughartscentre.org.uk/whats-on/diary>

#### **Romarsport**

A letter was sent home attached to the newsletter today from this company if you would like to find out more this is there website and the parent booking link.

[www.romarsports.com](http://www.romarsports.com) link for parents to book is <https://www.romarsports.com/Holiday-Camps>

#### **HappyMaps**

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

New website for parents on children's mental health problems now launched. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children – from babies to young adults. It is hoped that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the South West. Take a look at the website.

#### **Outdoors Group**

<https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/forestschoollactivities/>

#### **Riverdart.co.uk – event 30<sup>th</sup> March**

<http://riverdart.co.uk/news-and-events>

#### **Easter Holiday Club – Tawstock Court**

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/school-holiday-science-club/>

#### **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>

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 the NSPCC: on social networks, app and games.

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

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

#### **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/>

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

**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>