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30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### A message from Mrs. Hammond

A very big thank you to our amazing PTFA for the cake and uniform sale that was held this week. Without your dedicated contribution to fundraising for the school, our children we would not be able to afford those wonderful extras that make a big difference to the learning opportunities that we are able to offer the children. This week, we took delivery of a brand-new mud kitchen for our early years outside area:



THANK YOU PTFA and our families YOU ARE ALL SUPERSTARS!

This week saw the return of the Park School inclusive cross-country event for years 3 and 4. This event is an opportunity for children to engage in a fun event, where running with your friends is the theme. When talking to many children, on their return to school, they had a great morning and were very appreciative that the sun had been shining. Mrs. Boundy, Mrs., Williamson, Mrs. Bartlett-Mobbs, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Anderson (who also drove the mini-bus) accompanied the children to the event and commented on the positive attitude and camaraderie that they spotted throughout the trip. Thank you to all of the children for being such great representatives of the school.

Next Friday **7<sup>th</sup> October** each class will be holding their class elections for School Council. I would like to invite all of those children who would like to be a member of the School Council this year to create a poster about themselves and why they want to be elected.

The following positions need to be filled:

**Robin's class:** Two representatives

**Hedgehog's class:** Two representatives

**Fox's class:** Two representatives

**Squirrel's class:** Two representatives

Year 6 positions only:

**Chairperson**

**Vice Chairperson**

**Two Secretaries**

**Two Events Organisers**

I look forward to seeing the children's posters and chatting with them about School Council and the importance of pupil voice.

## **New Education Mental Health Programme in School**

We continue to work with Debbie from the Educational Mental Health Programme and are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the up and coming coffee afternoon on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm – 3pm/3:15pm.

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\\_j9K7xURDNZMEY5RTJYSTZHTORWOFJvzBITFBMSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cPDDMNBUxhFGhvrBO_j9K7xURDNZMEY5RTJYSTZHTORWOFJvzBITFBMSS4u)

### **A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A FREE RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR WORRIES:**

Our Mental Health Support Team are able to offer a new digital therapeutic intervention “Lumi-Nova -Tales of Courage”, available free until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

This is an app aimed at Children aged between 7-12 years old and uses a Low Intensity -Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) graded exposure model to help children overcome their worries.

There is more information on the BFB-Labs website below.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminova>

You can gain Open Access to the app by clicking on the link below:

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

**Our MHST clinicians are also offering a “practitioner sign-up” model across North Devon, offering supportive calls throughout the intervention. Contact your school (Mrs Hammond – [samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk)) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service**

As a school we are passionate about making our children’s mental health and wellbeing a top priority, feeling very much that it should be something we all recognise and talk about with each other. As a way of introducing positive mental health to our children the school will be supporting the ‘Hello Yellow’ charity

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/> on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. A wide range of activities that model to our children that their feelings really matter will take place across this day. We will also be inviting children to donate and wear as much yellow as they can. Further details will be in next week’s newsletter.

## **Reminders**

### **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.

### **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!

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[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)

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[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&prefix=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&prefix=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/>

### School News

#### **Year 3 and 4 Park School X-Country Results**

Our Year 3 and 4's went to Park School on Thursday to take part in the cross country. Every single one of them ran so well and should be very proud of themselves. They loved running the track and cheering on their friends at the finish line. Well done to all that took part.



#### **Hedgehog's Class Stunning Start**

Hedgehog's class had their Stunning Start for World War 2 on Tuesday. The children enjoyed exploring the WW2 loan box from the museum and tried on all the replica uniforms. We heard amazing stories from Mrs Huckstep and some stories from the children's families. Thank you so much for all the homework you have created and for sharing your stories with us.



#### **Church Service**

This Sunday there is an all-age harvest festival in church at 11.00am, followed by a bring and share finger buffet. All are welcome. There will be a collection of non-perishable food and toiletries for the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple.

#### **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)

### 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.**

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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

**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.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 9:20am – 10:20am.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm – 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.

### **Governor Position at Holywell**

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 speak directly to Mrs. Hammond. It would be fantastic to have you on board.

**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**



**Thank you** for supporting the bake and uniform sale this week! Please join us on Wednesday, we need at least 8 people to attend the AGM!

#### **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>