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2nd February 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Now that February is here, it does feel that spring is approaching fast, although some cold weather is due to return next week! I cannot believe that my first half term will be complete next week and look forward to assessing the progress of the children in their reading next week. The children have worked extremely hard on this and I can see that it is really paying off.

We are currently developing the school both inside and out! If you do have any seeds or bulbs at home that you think we may be able to use in school, we would be delighted to use them in the children's learning.

As half term also approaches, I also would kindly ask our families to use the school email address as a first point of contact should you need to raise a matter with our teaching staff. We will forward these during working hours to the appropriate member of staff and will ensure a response within working hours. Many of our staff also do have commitments that may take them off site of school, but we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible. Thank you!

Well done to those children who continue to work so hard in their SATs boosters, again, I am so delighted with the progress. Have a wonderful weekend!

School News

Pokémon cards

Due to several incidents in school this week the decision has been made for Pokémon cards to be banned from school. Please can you help by making sure your child/ren are aware of this and that they don't bring them into school again. Thank you.

School Uniform

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

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

PTA Events

A huge thank you to our PTA who have come up with some fantastic events in order to raise funds for school projects. The PTA are currently supporting the development of The Hollow and will be raising funds to purchase new equipment in the future. The planned events include:

Cinema night – (film to be chosen by school council) – Friday 10th February

School Disco – possibly 31st March – TBC



ParentPay

Parent Pay Debts.

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 – See below

Swimming and Gymnastics – Reception & yrs. 1, 2, & 3.

Residential – Calvert Trust – Yrs. 3 & 4

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

Reminders

Tax Free Childcare

If your child attends or may attend at some time our Breakfast or After-School Club may be entitled to tax free childcare. The link below will take you to the site where you can check if you are entitled and also register with the scheme.

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Search+&utm_medium=RSA&utm_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjrQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD_BwE

Diary Dates

10th January – 21st March inclusive. - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3 – **Please remember to collect your child from the Tarka Leisure centre at 3:00pm.**

10th February – Cinema Night

28th February to 2nd March – Calvert Trust Residential – Years 3 & 4.

28th March – Easter service at St Peter's Church – further details to follow.

31st March – Disco – depending on the number of volunteers.

9th – 12th May – KS2 STAT's week

Term Dates

Spring Half Term – 13th – 17th February 2023 - inclusive.

Easter Holidays – 3rd – 14th April 2023 - inclusive

Non-Pupil Day – Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

Summer Half Term – 29th – 2nd June 2023 – inclusive.

End of Term – last day Friday 21st July 2023.

<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) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

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/>

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including free school
transport

www.devon.gov.uk

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Important information

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

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