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1st April 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Well, after 2 years of restrictions in attendance at school the government have now issued the following guidance.

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Our Easter Service at St Peter's Church, Tawstock will be taking place next Tuesday 5th April at 9am.

Please drop off at the church at 8:45am when some members of staff will be present. Please **DO NOT** drop off and leave your child before this time. All parents are welcome to stay and we hope that the service will end by 10am at the latest. The children will then be walked back to school. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate coat etc. for the weather on the day.

Skern Lodge

Year 3 & 4 children have had a fantastic few days at Skern Lodge this week. Although chilly, the sun was shining & the activities have kept them busy & warm. The activities included rafting, climbing, tunnels, archery, swimming, assault course & high ropes. To fuel them for the action packed days, they have been spoilt for choice, with meals including: continental & cooked breakfasts, carvery & salad bars. We are very proud of the children's resilience, perseverance & effort when approaching all of the challenges they have encountered & overcome. Safe to say, they will all sleep well tonight!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Recently we welcomed two STEM ambassadors to Holywell. Katie Smith, a former pupil of Great Torrington School is an animal nutritionist and she spoke to the children about her career path to date and perhaps opened up some more animal based career ideas beyond vets or vet nursing.

On Tuesday, Maria Vincent joined us to enthuse the children with some practical demonstrations using household chemicals. They learned about the periodic table, acids and alkalis and invisible paint! A commercial pharmacist, who recently retired from Accord she shared her passion for science with the children so brilliantly. Many thanks to them both for rounding off British Science Week.



Walk to The Moon

A reminder that the Walk to The Moon challenge is running until the 4th April. Thank you to everyone who has so far returned their form or paid the sponsorship or made a donation on ParentPay. All money raised will support Morish in his education.

Year 5's

On Tuesday 5th April, year 5 children will have the opportunity to work with a teacher from Pilton School on forensic science activities. This exciting opportunity is part of the transition process offer by Pilton that helps year 5 pupils begin to think about their transfer to secondary school.

Goal Getters – missed session – Yrs. R, 1 and 2

With Owen testing positive for Covid the session this week had to be cancelled therefore this owed session will now take place on Wednesday 26th April. Attached to the newsletter email you will find the new booking form for the next block of sessions

Romar Sports – Football – Yrs. 3,4,5 and 6

Please find attached to the newsletter email the booking form for the sessions for after the Easter break.



Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

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, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)



ParentPay

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

School Meals – £2.30 per day

Skern Lodge – Residential – the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.

Breakfast & ASC –

Walk to the Moon – donations of sponsorship money raised

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

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

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.

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>

DIARY DATES:

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Did you know it is World Autism Acceptance Week? More info here:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2022>

End of Spring term – last day Friday 8th April 2022.

First day of the Summer term Monday 25th April 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone who attended this week's meeting and thanks to those who bought uniform last week. We raised over £40 to support the school and helped the environment by saving clothes from going to landfill and precious natural resources used to produce them. We still have lots of uniform left, especially KS1, so if you need any items or know someone who is starting school in September please ask them to contact Hazel on 07974208835.

Easter Trail and cake sale

Thursday **7th April** after school. There will be an easier trail for the younger children in the Hollow and a more challenging trail for the older children in the woods near the school. After completing the trail, children will receive a chocolate egg. £2.50 per child, please see poster attached. Please could we have **volunteers** to help with this event and **donations of cakes**.

National Anthem sponsored challenge

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, we would like to challenge all the children (and adults!) to learn to sing the National Anthem and collect sponsorship. A letter and sponsorship form will be provided soon.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, each ticket is entered into 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

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