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14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### A Message from Mrs. Hammond

Although I have not really been at Holywell this week, as I've been on some great adventures around London, it has been lovely to check in each day to hear about the wonderful things that the children have been doing back at school. Messages have been passed through Mrs. Palmer and it has been nice to feel that despite being 207 miles away I'm still very much part of the school.

It has been a very busy week for 19 of Holywell's year 5 and 6 children, visiting our London. They have seen so many historic sights, watched a debate in the House of Commons, visited three museum's made it to the top of the shard and watched Frozen the musical at the theatre. While we had some very weary children reunited with their families back in Devon they have certainly made memories with friends that will be remembered for many years to come. The daily write-ups and photos can be found by using the following link: <http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/squirrels/268408>

A big thank you to Mrs. Scott for joining us for the week and making sure that the children (and Mrs. Hammond) were kept safe and had a great time.

In last week's newsletter I announced that we had a brand new PTFA committee. A big welcome to:

Lauren Clarke – Chairperson

Hayley Dymond – Vice Chairperson

Katie Woolacott – Treasurer

Phillipa Carrington-Smith – Secretary



Lauren

Hayley

Katie

Phillipa

Look out for them at the gate as they settle into their new roles.

### New School News

#### **Harvest Festival Update**

This year's harvest celebration is taking place at the church on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** (Not Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October), where the children will share some of their learning and you will get to hear and join in with their beautiful singing. Please drop your children at the church at 8:50am. On the day, if you would like to send in biscuits or dry goods - not fresh, we would be very grateful. These donations will then be passed to the Freedom Centre.

## #HelloYellow

A big thank you to all of the children for dressing up in their bright yellow clothes and accessories on Monday to support the Mental Health Charity #HelloYellow on Monday. So far Parent Pay contributions total £55.50. If you haven't yet made your contribution and would still like to the Parent Pay account will not close until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## Reminders

### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents RWI reading workshop

Dear parents,

We are holding a meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm in the village hall, to share further information about our Read write Inc Phonics programme. This will inform you of some of the processes involved in the learning of phonics and give you advice as to how you can help support your child at home. Please could you let us know by using this link

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk\\_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO\\_j9K7xUNOs5SjhRWERLRFNjMjdHTkw5T1JUWEPNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO_j9K7xUNOs5SjhRWERLRFNjMjdHTkw5T1JUWEPNS4u) if you are hoping to attend and we look forward to seeing you. Mrs. Coulam, Miss. Boundy and Mrs. Hammond.

### Parent Conferences

Parent conference week will be the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> November. This first conference will be online with the Spring one being face to face. Your child's class teacher will post a sign-up sheet on their Teams page by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### Mini London Marathon Update:

We have re-arranged the Mini London Marathon to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 9.15 - 9.45. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day.

### Exciting New Lunchtime Clubs

We are very excited to be starting some new lunchtime clubs at the school after half term.

On Tuesdays from 12:30 – 12:50pm we will be running a Lego club in Squirrel's class for year Reception, 1, 2 and 3. We have 10 spaces available. If your child would like to be a part of this club please indicate this by using the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk\\_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO\\_j9K7xUN0w1QVRFROdBVDRBNDhaRDYOSzBLFRSRy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO_j9K7xUN0w1QVRFROdBVDRBNDhaRDYOSzBLFRSRy4u) – please write your child's name and class in the answer box.

On Fridays from 12pm – 12:20pm we will be running a Top Trumps club in Squirrel's class for Years 4, 5 and 6. We have 16 spaces available. If your child would like to be a part of this club please indicate this by using the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk\\_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO\\_j9K7xURTY3U1NQRUszNldJMDdUVzZYOUFZVVVNNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLdk_cPDDMNBUxhFGHvrBO_j9K7xURTY3U1NQRUszNldJMDdUVzZYOUFZVVVNNC4u) – please write your child's name and class in the answer box.

### Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – URGENT for those of you who have not yet registered.

If you have not yet made an application for secondary transfer, **YOU MUST** do so before the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The easiest way to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

If families don't wish to or can't apply online, please complete a hard copy of the application form which can be obtained from the school office.

Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is essential to make an on time application to give the best chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

## **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

### **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.

### **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)



**ParentPay**

### **Parent Pay Debts.**

**ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared.** We have **20 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 – See above**

**Current Year 5 & 6 – London Residential – 6 final payments still outstanding.**

**Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming and Gymnastics. This will be available in the next couple of weeks.**

**Year 3 & 4 – Park Cross Country. This will be available very soon.**

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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**

**We Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival – Please drop your child at the church for 8:50am.**

**Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Conferences**

**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=VENTRUMUL&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>



### **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>

## **Community News**

Devon's Public Health Nursing team has launched three websites dedicated to providing help and advice for young people and their parents and carers, from pre-natal right through to teenage years.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eyps/online-support-and-guidance-for-young-people-and-parents/>

### **Cold days, Warm libraries**

We know it's going to be a tough few months ahead with the cost-of-living crisis and heating bills rising. So, Barnstaple library is launching a 'Libraries for Life' campaign to remind everyone that we're not just about books!

You can sit in the warmth and use our free WiFi or book a computer. And there are groups ranging from Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers to our Wednesday Wanderers walking group for 55s and over. Why not come to our new Tea and Chat on Fridays 1.30-3.30pm? It's free!

If you're a new parent or carer, you can bring your baby and use our free weighing facilities to chart their growth.

Our free coat rails have been running for several years and will again be offering a chance to both donate and take a warm winter coat. You can just help yourself, no questions asked.

If you're job hunting, our Work Clubs will help you with one-to-one support in CV writing, developing your skills and applying for jobs online.

Starting or developing a business? Our Business & Intellectual Property Centre is right here with courses, webinars, one-to-one coaching and advice [bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:bipc@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

There are free IT sessions on offer – just ask at the desk. And don't forget if you're housebound or struggle to get to the library, our Home Library Service can deliver not just books but a friendly chat too! Contact your local library or [home.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:home.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk) for details.

To sign up and join for free, pop into Barnstaple or your local library. We can't wait to see you.

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