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24th June 2022

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

Sports Day

Well done to all the children who participated in yesterday's sports day! Although, a little wet to finish, it came as a welcome relief after a warm start & there were still lots of smiles come the end! 😊

There were some great performances & lots of examples of sportsmanship, perseverance & determination.



A special mention goes to the 'St George' ♥ house group who were crowned champions! 🏆
Medals & certificates were given out in celebration assembly worship.

Finally, thank you to the family & friends who attended this afternoon, cheering the children on; it was great to have everyone back after a few years absent. 🙌

As Mrs Bellew is going on maternity leave and Mrs Hathway is leaving at the end of term, we are delighted to welcome Mr Phil Platt to the Holywell teaching team in September 2022. He will be coming in to school to meet the children and the staff in the next few weeks.

200th anniversary of Holywell School

We will spend the week of July 4th to 8th celebrating the 200th birthday of Holywell.

On Monday July 4th we would love the children to come into **school dressed up** from any time period in the last 200 years. We would like re-enact some of the old photos and take photos of modern day life at Holywell if we can.

The children will spend the week leaning all about the history of the school.

We hope we can get a couple of past pupils and staff in to be interviewed during the week.

Each class will contribute items for a time capsule which we will bury in the Hollow.

The PTA are very kindly providing a commemorative tree and plaque to be planted in the Holywell Hollow and a small key ring memento for each child.

On the morning of the 8th, we will be holding a fun celebration morning playing "old fashioned" games such as coconut shy, splat the rat, skittles, hook a duck etc. in the hall and outside the hall and the PTA are very kindly providing a bouncy castle to be in the hall. If anyone has any suitable games we could borrow, please let us know asap.

At 12pm, weather permitting, parents and families are very welcome to join us for a picnic on the school field. The children will be able to order a bag meal from the kitchen – fish and chips – which will be taken up to the field to eat. Children can sit with parents if they can join us or they will sit in their class groups.

We would like to have a big 200 celebration cake to share and eat whilst up on the field. Would any parent be interested in making one for us?

At 2pm the Y6 will perform their play in the hall where the children will travel through various periods in history with a focus on life in the school at the appropriate time. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Finally, we are going to make a book of 200 reasons to love Holywell –each child and staff member are going to write a reason (about A5 size per person) and we would love parents to contribute too. We will put all these reasons together in a celebratory book. If any parents would like to write a reason for us, please send it in to school asap.

Thank you for your support with this special week – we want it to be a memory making week

Ventrus Parent Survey

Please find below a link to a parent/carer survey. We appreciate your views and would be grateful if you could take the time to respond. This survey is anonymous and is open until Friday 8th July.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Cns9DXn99s>

School News

Tempest Photos

This week you should have received copies of the group photos which were taken last week. If you would like to place and order through the school can you, please return your order form in the envelope provided by Wednesday 29th June.

Places now available for free holiday activities with meals this summer

Places are now available for children from across Devon, aged five to 16 years old, who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday activities with meals this summer.

It's our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#), providing free physical activities as well as healthy, nutritional, hot meals, for four weeks over the summer break.

This time, we've got 40,000 places available for a range of activities including sports and coaching opportunities; indoor and outdoor play activities; outings to local parks and beaches; magic and circus skills; film making, arts and crafts; music; cooking; theatre workshops; yoga and mindfulness, and a lot more.

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, our Cabinet Member with responsibility for children's services, said:

"School holidays can be difficult for some families, with added costs of food for example – especially now with rising food prices. For some, it can lead to a holiday experience gap, with children possibly more likely to feel social isolation and less likely to enjoy healthy exercise.

"We know young people value this time, and we're delighted once again to be working with even more providers this summer to arrange an even fuller programme."

You can read the full story, with details about how to book, [on the news page of our website](#).

Saunton Sands

We are thrilled that we can once again plan our annual trip to Saunton Sands this year with our partner school Bratton Fleming. We have not been able to go on this beach trip for the last 2 years due to COVID so children and staff are really looking forward to this fantastic day. We will send out a letter with more details shortly but we wanted to be able to share the good news with you asap. We aim to go on **Monday July 11th**. Our wonderful PTA have offered to help subsidise the trip and pay half the costs of the coaches. Therefore, we are pleased to say the trip will work out at £3.50 per child, with an ice cream included in the cost.

We are looking forward to a day of digging sand castles, sunshine, games and fun.



ParentPay

All items, including school meals, breakfast club and after-school club should be paid for in advance.

None of these accounts should have a debt balance. As we are approaching the end of our Financial Year it is important that all debts are cleared. If this applies to you can we please ask that you clear these debts as soon as possible and keep further payments up to date.

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 –

Squirrels class – Gymnastics

Squirrels class – Swimming

All Year Groups – Saunton Sands

Current Year 4 & 5 – London Residential

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



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 mornings) beatrice.hutchinson@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri afterschool).

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

Ventrus website : <https://holywell.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/2721135>

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 5th July 2022. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play – Wednesdays 9-11am (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 or Philly on 07799 543781

School Holidays

We meet up every Wednesday at Tawstock Village Hall and throughout the school holidays too. All ages and abilities are welcome. No pre-booking required. Snacks and Drinks provided. All staff are fully D.B.S checked.

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.

Diary Dates:

June 27th (Monday) – Year 5's **Cricket Festival** –

July 1st (Friday) – **Torrington Aquathlon** – open to any children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

July 8th (Friday) – **Holuwell 200 years' celebration.**

July 11th (Monday) – **Saunton sands beach trip.**

July 15th (Friday) – **Year 6 leavers service** – Tawstock Village Hall at 2pm.

Survey for parents, carers and guardians

How would you rate the current experience for children, young people and families growing up in Devon? The thoughts and opinions you share are really important to us and will have a direct impact on the way we shape and develop the vision and visual identity for a Child Friendly Devon.

[What is important to you and your family](#)

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>

Chulmleigh College Year 5 Taster Day Wednesday June 29th 2022

Chulmleigh College are delighted to invite prospective pupils to join them for a fun day experiencing life at the College. For parents/carers there will be a presentation from senior leadership at the end of the day. To book a place please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/CCYear-5-Taster-Day-2022> and complete their booking form **before 15th June 2022**.

Out of catchment?

SCHOOL TRANSPORT is available from Barnstaple, Crediton, Rackenford and Torrington areas. Please contact us for more information. (Transport is not available for the Year 5 Taster Day.)

They can't wait to meet you!

Barnstaple Library

Attached to this newsletter is a poster and some information regarding Summer events with the Barnstaple Librarian. Also below is a link to the Reading Aaencu Summer Reading Challenge website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Family survey

The Children's Commissioner has been asked to undertake an Independent Review into family life. This Review is a chance to really understand what family means to the nation, what they feel about family, what support is already in place and what more we can do. If you would like to have a say, please complete the survey. [Family survey](#)

SEND training for parents and carers

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eyscs/send-training-for-parents-and-carers>

Child Safety Week

For some useful fact sheets on child safety week visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/Pages/Category/child-safety-week>

For more information on button and coin cell safety please visit - <https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>.

More information on the Harper Lee Foundation can be found here

- <https://harperleefoundation.org.uk/>.

Last day of the Summer term Friday 22nd July 2022.

First day of the Autumn term Monday 5th September 2022.

Non-Pupil Days on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

News from the PTA



Thank you so much for supporting the Sports Day bar and Crazy Hair day, we love seeing such creativity! Your donations help us fund great experiences for the children.

Pre-loved uniform - Tuesday 25th June 3pm

We are having a sale of sizes 3-6 on Tuesday after school. If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform in a different size at another time, please contact Hazel on 07974208835.

We temporarily accept donations of unsaleable items that we can recycle into bunting!

Ice Lolly sale

Every Friday after school, weather permitting, 50p a lolly. Please dispose of the wrapper responsibly! If you are early for pick up, you are welcome to help set up the table.

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. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time

at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school>

[Your School Lottery](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

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Good luck!