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27th May 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Hopefully if the next part of the Government road map is successful, we will be able to organise and confirm future bookings on trips/residential/school events -

- Our Sports Day is scheduled for 9th July.
We have already secured a booking for our residential, Year 5 & 6 to St. George's House, 11th to 15th October.
The cost per child will be in the region of £210. A letter will be sent after half term; we will also arrange a meeting for parents.
- KSI are hoping to visit RHS Rosemoor on Monday 28th June.
- KS2 are hoping to visit RHS Rosemoor on Tuesday 29th June. We are hoping that the cost for these trips will be approximately £5.00 to £6.00 per child. Letters will be coming out about these trips and they will be added to ParentPay.

We really hope that these events can take place and will confirm with you as soon as we are able.

We have recently appointed Lily Derges and Jo-Anne Webber to the post of Teaching Assistant. Lily and Jo-Anne are working across the school.

After-School Club

We have been approached by a few parents asking if we would be willing to consider offering a breakfast club and potentially an after school club again.

We obviously have to make this cost effective for the school but we are willing to look into this again, especially breakfast club. St Michaels Nursery are also considering running their after school care again.

Would you please email the school **asap** if you would be interested in your child attending either or both breakfast club or after school club and on what days?

We cannot promise it will go ahead but we are willing to explore the possibilities.

Wearing of PE kit.

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be wearing PE Kit to school unless it is their class PE day. These days are as follows:

Robins: Thursday

Hedgehogs: Thursday & Friday

Foxes: Thursday & Friday

Squirrels: Friday

Outdoor Learning

Foxes class – half the class at a time they are alternate weeks – your child should know which week they are on.

Hedgehogs – Every Friday.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

With some COVID restrictions having already been lifted and further lifting of restrictions planned, we have provisionally booked our year 5/6 residential to St George's House, Georgeham. This will be from Monday 11th Oct to Friday 15th Oct and the cost per child will be in the region of £210. A letter will be coming out after half term and there will be a meeting for parents to raise any concerns or ask any questions

Foxes – a busy half term

What a busy half term it has been! We began the term with a visit from Ranger Russ and we are very much enjoying learning about animals in topic and English. We are making good use of our new Surface Pros for research and to present our work.

In maths we have learned a lot about fractions and the year 4s are working very hard preparing for their multiplication checks next half term. The children have really enjoyed using The Hollow at playtime and for a weekly Outdoor Learning lesson; where they have had the opportunity to make animal homes, clay faces, write limericks and develop their memory and observation skills.

Mr Day's PE lessons are always a hit and this half term he has focused on striking and fielding game skills as well as the occasional dodge ball match! We are all very much looking forward to participating in Sports' Day in July. We had a visit from Reverend Gary who came to help us learn about Pentecost and what receiving the Holy Spirit as a Christian means to him. Our art theme is animals and so far we have had the opportunity to learn about Megan Coyle; a collagist and stone age art. Our current class novel is Little Foxes by Michael Murpurgo. Listening to a story to end the school day is enjoyed by all.

Next half term we are planning a DT themed week, which we will invite parents and carers to participate in, a trip to RHS Rosemoor to consolidate our topic work and prepare to move up a year group!

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Squirrels Class Year 5's

This term in Squirrels Class the Yr. 5's has been Mini Police!

They have designed signs to remind drivers to SLOW DOWN near our school. A real police officer visited today and chose the designs he thought were best for the job, although he did say he had trouble choosing as they were all so good!

It's been great to see some crazy hairstyles today.

Have a great half term.

Mislaid Sweatshirt -

We have had a couple of mislaid uniform reported to school therefore, we are asking that over the half term break if you could check to see if your child has brought home in error:

- a size 7/8 school sweatshirts named Daniel M. The jumper has been lost for a couple of weeks.
- a Hoodie, has also been lost for a couple of weeks with the name IA on the label.

Thank you.

New intake

Pupils will start their transition into Primary school on Monday 5th July, when they will stay from 9.00am to 12 noon. The following dates have then been arranged for visits on Monday 12th July, 9.00am to 1.00pm and all day on Monday 19th July, 9.00am to 3.00pm.

On the 12th and 19th July we would like children to stay for lunch. If you would your child to have a school meal.

Free School Meal Easter Holiday Scheme

Devon County Council have contacted us to encourage those families who have not yet redeemed their Easter Holiday Vouchers to do so by Sunday 6th June. This is the date that the voucher will expire. parents who have yet to redeem vouchers.

National Book Tokens

National Book Tokens are holding a free prize draw, giving schools the chance to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for their library!

All adults have to do is fill in their name, email address, postcode, and the name of our school, so please have a go. It only takes a few minutes to complete and the more entries that the school receive the better chance we will have of winning the prize.

If your entry is picked, you will also receive £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!
The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

If you would like to place a free entry for Holywell school, please follow the link below:

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)

We would like to hear your experiences of receiving equipment for children and young people with SEND
If your child has been prescribed and received equipment to support them, then we want to hear about your experiences. Examples of this would be where perhaps an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist has prescribed some equipment to support your child. This could include, for example, specialist seating, equipment to support bathing and personal care, hoists, or maybe adaptations to support independence in your home.

We're hosting an engagement session on Zoom on Tuesday 22 June, and we'd love for you to join and give your feedback about your experiences.

The event will take place from 10.30am to 11.30am. [To book your place, please complete this form.](#) Alternatively, if you can't or don't want to join the session, but do still want to share your experiences, thoughts and ideas, you can also use the above form to do so.

We will use the feedback to inform improvements going forwards.

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 9th June – Tempest Group photos

Monday 5th July – New intake visit - 09:00 to 12:00

Friday 9th July – Sports Day. We are hoping that this will be an open event for parents to attend. We will update you nearer the time.

Monday 12th July – New intake visit - 09:00 to 13:00

Monday 19th July – New intake visit - 09:00 to 15:00

Thursday 22nd July – Y6. Leavers service – Tawstock village hall. 2 to 3pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Summer Term

Last day of the Summer term will be Friday 23rd July

Non-Pupil Day Friday 28th May

Half term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June inclusive

News from the PTA



Thank you very much for all your support this half term. We hope your children enjoyed the crazy hair day, we loved seeing their creativity!

Summer Fete Tuesday 13th June 3-5pm

A special thanks to those who have already offered to help at the Summer Fete. If you still haven't volunteered, it's not too late! We are looking for a few more people to lead games such as "hook a duck" or "splat the rat" please!

We would also be very grateful for **donations** of the following items for the fete stalls, more details will follow after half term but if you are having a clear out please save: **empty jam jars** for the "lucky jars" stall, **teddy bears** for "adopt a teddy", **bric a brac** and **full bottles** for the "bottle tombola". Thank you!

Summer Raffle

We are planning to host a raffle this summer and would be most grateful for any donations of prizes.

Bag2School collection **Monday 14th June 9am** - Half term is the perfect time to have a sort out as we hopefully change our wardrobes to summer! If you have clothes and accessories you no longer need, please

place them **in plastic bags** and leave outside the school before 9am on the second Monday after the holiday. **Any items not in plastic bags will not be collected!**

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate pre-loved uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. We have lots of lovely items, including **shorts** and **summer dresses**. Prices range from **£1 to £2**, grab a bargain!

Ice lolly sale

We will continue to sell ice lollies on **Fridays after school** after half term, weather permitting. If you are happy for your children to buy them, please remember to bring some money (50p each). **Please dispose of the wrapper responsibly!** Use the bag provided or take it to a bin.

Online fundraising

Easyfundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>, and Amazon donates to Friends Of Holywell School, Tawstock, at no cost to you.

Your School Lottery

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

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