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10th February 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

I cannot believe how quickly the half term has gone by! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all and become a part of the Holywell school community.

This week, we have seen some incredible learning around the school and the atmosphere has been tremendous. The North American celebration day was a huge hit and there was a real buzz around school. Particularly when it came to the baseball tournament – what excellent sports our children are!

I was also incredibly proud of the behaviour and attitudes of the children during the Mental Health Awareness assembly held today to mark the end of the awareness week. The children have engaged in various activities through the week, focusing on talking about connecting with others. The attitudes and kindness shown by the children was excellent.

Another thank you to the PTA for their continued fundraising efforts. The book sale was a huge success and I am delighted with the offer of funds to support the development of our reading/well-being room. They will also be holding future events to raise further funds for the development of our forest school.

World Book Day

We will be holding our celebration of World Book Day on Friday March 3rd. We would like to invite all children to dress up as their favourite book characters and to bring in their chosen book (if they wish). We will be organizing the children into groups to do story-based activities through the day and intend to invite parents in to watch at the end of the day! More information will follow after half term.

Clubs

Apologies in the delay in getting clubs started – this has just been due to myself making sure all new processes have been followed. Please follow the link below and register your child for the clubs you wish to register for. Please follow the link each time you wish to register a child and repeat the process for a sibling or different club.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3RWFZvuneEGMNLPLDk_cBxm7KP7e-ZMpJ57Dd1bWcdUNVv5TjUyTE5CUTBFROFCVE1BWU1GQVJJCQi4u

Comic Relief

We will be holding a Non-uniform day on Comic Relief – **Friday March 17th** – and will be selling red noses nearer the time. The theme for this year's Comic Relief is to "Dress for Joy!" We are encouraging children to choose things that make them feel good, make them smile or simply is their favourite item of clothing. More information to follow nearer the time.

Easter Disco

Our amazing PTA are holding an Easter Disco on **Friday March 31st**. Again, more information to follow regarding tickets, however, children will be invited to wear non-uniform on this day that they would like to wear to the disco. This will not be a fundraising non-uniform day, but will be a day focused on Easter activities. I know some competitions are being planned and perhaps a few surprises!

Thank you again for all the fantastic support through the term – the children are making excellent progress and I am being brought some excellent pieces of work. Keep it up and have a fantastic break!

School News

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>

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

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:

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.**

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.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

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<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

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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>