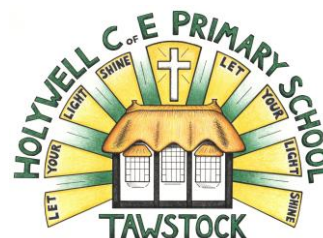


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Dear Parents

A Message from Mrs Denham

Summertime performance at the Queens Theatre.

On Monday evening I attended the Queen's Theatre where 16 children from year 1, 2 and 5 were performing alongside other schools and colleges in the area at the Northern Devon Music Celebration. They sang two songs, performed two dances and joined with all the other children and the Devon Teacher's Rock Choir to sing some collaborative songs. They were absolute superstars and we were proud of them both on and off stage, shining their light for Holywell.

A big thanks to; Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Ashcroft for organising this event and giving the children the opportunity to perform on a big stage and to Mrs. Carlyon for her help and support throughout the afternoon and evening.

Well done to Tabitha, Sienna, Sonny and Ethan from year 5, Rhys, Harvey, Danny, Maddie and Bella from year 2 and Daisy Doyle, Katie-Jayne, Lottie, Ruby Coram, Harry, Jacob and Harry from year 1 - you have made us very proud!

We received this email from a Grandparent who attended the performance.

A huge; congratulations and thank you to all those involved in last night's performance at the Queen's Theatre. We do realise what a huge amount of work it must have been for everybody but we were delighted to see our grandson up on stage and performing - we were surprised when he said he wanted to take part but it has boosted his confidence considerably.

Residential

It was wonderful to spend Wednesday night with the Y3/4 on residential. Both schools were mixing together and the children had had a fun filled challenging themselves on high ropes, surfing, assault courses and roasting and eating marshmallows around a fire pit! We are sure they are going to come back today tired but having had a great time. Many, many thanks to Mrs Hammond, Mrs Garland and Miss Purchase for all their support and dedication – I am sure the staff will sleep well tonight!

Queen's Birthday Celebration

We hope as many families and children as possible will join us for the "Queen's Birthday Celebrations" in the Village Hall on Sunday June 19th from 2pm to 4pm.

Summer Holiday Club

For the last few years we have been able to offer a two week summer club in Bratton Fleming School, which has been heavily subsidised by the Barnstaple Learning Community. Several Holywell families have been able to make use of the Club. Unfortunately due to Government cutbacks this subsidy has now been stopped. However, we wanted to find out if parents would still like us to organise a Summer Club in the school for two weeks from 9am to 4pm. If we had 20 children each day, we think we could run it for £12.50 per child per day. Obviously though, if less children attended prices would have to go up. If you think you would use this Club, please could you let the office know asap so we can start a provisional list. We can't take more than 20 children per day so places will be limited.

Emails

Mrs. Palmer would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who have answered the request regarding your emails. This will now give us another route of communication which is so important for us all with our busy lives. Remember you can also email us at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk to get any information to school and to specific members of staff.

Instow Cricket

Wow! What a fabulous effort on a cold, wet and windy afternoon at Instow Cricket Ground for our Year 5 and 6 cricket team. They represented the school brilliantly in the Kwik Cricket Festival on Thursday. Their spirits were not dampened by the weather or that they didn't win their matches despite playing great games; bowling well and taking many wickets. They played well as a team, supported one another, were respectful and friendly with other schools and showed great sportsmanship. Well done to Charlie, Nathan, Jack, Freddie, Max, Jaydon, Ethan, Macy and Ella. It was a delight to accompany you and see your light shine for Holywell! Mrs. Ashcroft

Letters/emails sent out this week:

Year 6 – letter regarding permission for the 'Growing Up' presentation by the School Nurse. Please return as soon as possible.

Years 5 & 6 – letter sent by hand and email regarding various summer trips – please return slip with payment as soon as possible.

Pre-School – email regarding 2 trips for next half term.

PTA - end of half term tuck shop and cake sale.

On Friday 27th May (last day of this half term) we are organising a 'Tuck, Cake and Op Shop sale' at the end of the school day. To help us with this we would be please to receive donations of 'Homemade' cakes, if you have the time, or any other donation would be gratefully received.

PTA - School Fete

This year we are planning to organise a 'School Fayre', on date to be confirmed. If you think that you can help us with this please contact Hayley Cook (Chair) or the school office. All the funds that the PTA raises come into school which help with various events that the children participate in: Coach costs to the annual whole federation Saunton Sands, beach trip. Books, I pads and many other items.

Sapper 300

At the Chivenor Open Day on Saturday 21st The Military Wives Choir will be performing 'Sing' which the children have learnt and could join in with.

Cool Milk

If your child is over 5 years and you would like them to have milk at morning break, then you may purchase it from Cool Milk. A leaflet can be found in the office or you can contact them direct. Their contact details are: Email registrations@coolmilk.com , website: www.coolmilk.com or telephone enquires 0844 854 2913.

After school clubs – All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Computer club will start again after half term.

Monday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No Tag Rugby Club on 23rd May
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Nature Club In the Hollow.	Miss Lee & Mrs Carlyon	Y 1 and 2	Have appropriate clothing in school to change into including wellies and waterproofs. NO CLUB Tues 26th April.
Tuesday	Rounders	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y6	AFTER HALF TERM
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3, 4, 5 & 6.	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	YR, 1 & 2.	(£4.50 per session)
Thursday	Tri Golf	Andy Pye	Y3,4,5&6	(£2.00 per session).

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

End of the Summer Term – Friday 22nd July, 2016.

Tuesday 24th May (last session); – Reception and Year 5's at Falcon Gymnastics.

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June, 2016.

Thursday 30th June – New intake visit and parents meeting, 9 am in the village hall.

Wednesday 6th July – Sports day, starting at 1:30pm.

PTA School Fayre, date to be arranged, starts at 3pm onwards.

Friday 19th July – Gateway Federation Beach Trip.

Thursday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Service – Tawstock Village Hall (time to be confirmed).

Community News

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome
Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.
Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall
For more details contact Mel:
07866783740

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have limited places available in our breakfast club; please enquire for availability (rather than every day). We still have Tuesday's after school club available. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org

SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB 2 HOURS HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES & LEARNING!

Saturday 21st May @ Barnstaple Library

Electric Science

In this session kids will make series & parallel circuits, investigate insulators & conductors, split water by electrolysis & make their own buzz-wire game to take home

Suitable for ages 7-12 approx. £15 per child.
Choose between morning (10-12) or afternoon (1-3) session.
Email: sciencedipity@outlook.com or call/text 07847 006048.

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We are going to be running monthly Saturday Clubs over the summer term and our first ones are next Saturday on 30th April.

We are running a morning session from 10-12 and an afternoon session from 1-3. There are only a few spaces left in the morning session and quite a few left in the afternoon.

If you would like to book a place please follow this link to complete the booking and put through the payment.

Forest School Saturday Club

Bug Hunting, natural crafts, den building, tree climbing, fire building, campfire cooking, using and making tools and much more.

Ages 5-12
10am-12pm
or
1pm-3pm
£10 per child

April 30th, May 21st, June 11th, July 9th

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Please make sure that you include your children's names either in the name fields or other information. If you are booking spaces for more than one child please follow the instructions at the bottom of the booking page. If you'd like any more information or have any difficulties with the bookings please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Paws on the Beach Hosted by Dogs Helping Kids, Paws on the Beach is an exciting new event for dogs and their owners, taking place on Saunton Beach in North Devon on 22nd May 2016.

Throughout the day there will be a huge selection of paw-some activities to entertain both dogs and their owners, including a family fun [dog show](#), 'The Big Sit' world record attempt, and the [K9 Factor](#) dog talent contest. Plus, we're very excited to announce that we'll be bringing [doggy surfing](#) to the UK with a very special demo from specially trained dogs!

Organised by Dogs Helping Kids as their main annual fundraising event, Paws on the Beach hopes to raise money to help train a new intake of Certified School Dogs.