

## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Matthew Harding and the non-food team from Tesco's who came to Holywell last Saturday to paint the fence that runs around the perimeter of the school. The team of 5 turned up on a boiling hot day and worked through the scorching sun to complete the painting of the fence. Thank you again your work is very much appreciated by us all.



### Wow what an amazing Sports Day we all had today

Thank you to all the parents, families and friends of families who joined us for the afternoon. There are many thank yous to say. The Sports Leaders from Pilton and Park, who are past pupils returning to help their old primary School, were just superb and worked hard all day and really encouraged the children to do their best. Thank you to our superb PTA for the lovely refreshments and their great support of the school. And lastly a huge thank you to Mrs. Hammond and all the staff team for putting the day together and organising it so well. It ran like clockwork. Thank you to so many parents for all the lovely positive comments about the organization, they were much appreciated especially after all the hard work staff put into organising the day.

### Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

**We still have places available in Pre-school on all days.** Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at [adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk](mailto:adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk) or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

### Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I just remind parents driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce their speed accordingly. - We have several families who live in these villages who walk their children to and from school. All routes to the school have narrow lanes and we have heard of a few near misses involving families from are school. Please keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

**Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.**

## How to keep children safe



Children are at a higher risk during hot weather and may be more affected by the heat.

The best ways to keep cool are to wear loose, cotton clothes and to drink plenty of water.

Prams shouldn't be covered with heavy blankets as these will raise the temperature too much.

Make sure children have sunscreen on. The label should have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 and be at least four-star UVA protection.

For more information on how to stay safe in the heat, visit the [NHS website](#)

## Save the date – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 2 pm – 8 pm - Holywell Rocks

The PTA is busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event.

It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

**If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.**

## St Michael's Nursery GDPR

St Michael's would like to thank those of you who have returned the GDPR consent form sent home a few weeks ago and would be very grateful if those who haven't could please remember to return it next week. Thank you.

## Plastic waste wanted!

Squirrels Class will be doing an art project using plastic waste in the next couple of weeks. Please could you send into school plastic bottle lids, tubs, bottles, bags/carrier bags and any other clean plastic waste that you accumulate. We would like this before July 5th please.

## Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

## Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

## Preschool

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

### Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

## News from the PTA



### Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

### After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	<b>No Pottery Club 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018</b>
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

### Diary Dates – forthcoming events

#### Term Dates

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

**Autumn term 2018** - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

**Spring term 2019** – 8th January

#### Diary Dates

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 – The **year 6 assembly** will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

### Community News

#### Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

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

#### Circuits

Every Tuesday

9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.

£4 pay as you go

All fitness levels welcome!

Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.

Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.

07973 533668



**St. Michael's**  
NURSERY

St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

### **Links you may be interested in?**

#### **Health information from Public Health England**

For further information about measles, please visit  
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found by visiting  
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx>

#### **The Voice Kids 2019**

[www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply](http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply)

#### **Kingsley School, Bideford**

[www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk)

#### **Courses**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

#### **The Plough Torrington**

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

#### **Barnstaple Library**

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

**Hay fever information from the met office.** This may be helpful if you or a family member is suffering.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/2018/pollen-survey>

#### **On-line Safety**

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>