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16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### A message from Mrs. Hammond

Wow, where did that week go!

The children have been very busy this week with the years 3, 4 and 5 going to the Leisure Centre and Gymnastics academy on Tuesday. The children have reported how much they enjoyed the opportunity to attend these two venues and the staff who were supporting were very positive about the children's enthusiasm and engagement. Thank you for bearing with us while we have been setting up Parent Pay in order to pay for the sessions. The Reception and year 1 children in Robins class have had a lovely 'Stunning Start' today and it has been wonderful to see them all dressed up as knights and different forms for Royalty. They have had an amazing afternoon of making castles. Photographs of the day will be shared shortly on your child's Tapestry and also the Robins page of the school website – so keep an eye out for these.

On Thursday this week we had a visit from Rev. Gary who led a collective worship around the celebration of the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The children have each drawn a picture or written a thought about her passing which has been included in the Tawstock Church book of condolences. We really do have remarkable children who were just wonderful in their contributions. On this note I'm sure you are aware that the school will be closed this forthcoming Monday 19th September, as it is a national bank holiday to honour the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

### Start time and the morning gate

In light of some changes to safeguarding we will be making some alterations to the way we manage the gate at the start of the day.

Your child's start of the day time will remain the same: KS2 children (years 3,4,5,6) who do not have any KS1 siblings in the school are to arrive at 8:30am. KS1 (reception, years 1 & 2) and KS2 siblings are to arrive at 8:40am and those children in KS1 who do not have any other siblings in the school are to arrive at 8:50am.

**However, the gate will now be locked and class registration will be closed at 9am. If you arrive after this time you will have to ring the bell at the gate. Mrs. Palmer will then buzz you and your child onto the school site, where you will have to come to the office, sign them in and provide their lunch choice.**

### New Education Mental Health Programme in School

We are delighted to be supporting a new Educational Mental Health programme for our children and families in school.

Miss. Williamson will be the lead worker for the school and is busy working alongside Debbie, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, planning the best way the programme can support the school, its pupils and their families. Below is an introduction from Debbie and a link to a survey that we would like you to complete so we can better plan how Miss. Williamson can be used within this role.

I am Debbie Newman, an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP for short!) working with Holywell. I am part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for schools in Child & Family Health Devon.

MHST deliver evidence based individual and group interventions for young people who need extra support for mild to moderate anxiety or low mood. We also work with staff and whole classes delivering workshops and training around mental health and promoting positive emotional wellbeing at your child's school. In order for our team to help the school develop targets for the coming year in regards to mental health provision, it's really important that we get the views of everyone involved in school life – staff, governors, pupils and parents. If you could take the time (around 5 minutes) to fill in this online survey, it would be really useful in helping us develop Holywell's provision for your child.

This is an anonymous survey and no personally identifiable information about you or the school is gathered or shared. In adherence to this, please do not add anything in the optional text boxes that may identify you or anyone else.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CSI180/>

The closing date for this survey is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Your time and opinions are very much appreciated.

Miss. Williamson and Debbie will be running a coffee morning to meet and chat with parents on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9 – 10am. We hope you will be able to join them.

### **Absence Requests**

Just a reminder that any absence requests from school during term time will be unauthorised unless evidence suggests that the absence required is due to exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

## **School News**

### **After-School and Breakfast Clubs**

We are running both Breakfast and ASC Clubs this term but would ask that **if you require places at the ASC on Monday for Fridays that you please give a one weeks' notice.** The clubs are being run by various members of staff including Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Bartlett-Mobbs.

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, please email [myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk) & [jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk) & [carole.Bartlett-Mobbs@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:carole.Bartlett-Mobbs@ventrus.org.uk)

### **PE days this term**

Tuesdays – Robins & Hedgehogs (AM)

Tuesdays – Squirrels & Foxes – Gymnastics and Swimming (PM)

Fridays – PE for all years through the day.



**ParentPay**

### **Parent Pay Debts.**

**ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared.** We have 5 parents with debts for School Meals and 10 parents with debts for the ASC. If this applies to you can we please ask that these debts are cleared as soon as possible.

If payments aren't kept up to date, we may have to inform you that your child will need to bring a packed lunch or can't attend Breakfast or ASC.

On your ParentPay account you can check all payments made and see any monies outstanding.

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 –**

**Current Year 5 & 6 – London Residential**

**Year 4, 5 & 6 – Swimming and Gymnastics. This will be available in the next couple of weeks.**

**Year 3 & 4 – Park Cross Country. This will be available very soon.**

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

### Diary Dates

11<sup>th</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> November (excluding 11<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October) – Year 4, 5 & 6 children - Gymnastics and Swimming

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 & 6 - London residential

29<sup>th</sup> September – All year 3 & 4 children – Park School Cross Country event – parental contribution of £3.

6<sup>th</sup> October – All year 5 & 6 children – Park School Cross Country event – parental contribution of £3.

Harvest Festival: date tbc

Gymnastics and Swimming years R, 1, 2 & 3 – Spring Term

### Term Dates

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – Non-Pupil Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of the Autumn term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - First day of the Spring term

### Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

**BIZZY BEEZ Coffee and Play** – Wednesdays 8:45-11am (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

### 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.

### School Transport

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

[School and college transport – Education and Families](#)

School transport information, including free school transport  
[www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

### Found

This bracelet has been found in the pocket of some uniform from the PTA uniform shop.



### 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>

## News from the PTA



### Other News

#### Great Torrington School

RE: Open morning tours – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

During the weekend, following the death of our sovereign Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the date of the official State Funeral was confirmed as 19th September. This day will be a bank holiday.

In line with guidance from the DfE, and as a mark of respect, we can confirm GTS will be closed on this day.

If any parents have booked on our Open Morning Tour for the 19th September, please contact the school to move your booking to a later date that week.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-mornings-tickets-412941839157>

[Open Mornings  
Tickets, Multiple  
Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Eventbrite - Louise Leonard  
presents Open Mornings -  
Monday, 19 September 2022 |  
Friday, 23 September 2022 at  
Great Torrington School, Great  
Torrington, England. Find  
event and ticket information.  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

#### **Open Evening and Open Morning Events 2022**

Choosing your Secondary School, please join us for one of our Open events at Great Torrington School. Please book using the links below or if you require any further information, please contact our school office: 01805 623531 Email [admin@gts.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gts.devon.sch.uk)

#### **Monday 19th September - Friday 23rd September**

Every morning from 9am-10.50am.

We are holding 'Open Morning Tours'. This is an opportunity to take a tour of the school with a member of our leadership team. You will be a part of a small group of other parents/ cares and their children seeing our school as a full working school. We will offer an opportunity at the end of each tour for refreshments and a chance to speak to members of staff.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-mornings-tickets-412941839157>

#### **Monday 26th September**

Open evening: 6pm-8pm

On this evening we offer a presentation where we introduce GTS and explain the transition process, then you have free reign of the school. Every subject area will be represented by staff and pupils, you are free to roam wherever you wish and ask as many questions as you like.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-evening-tickets-412922411047>

### **Chulmleigh College September Open Events for Year 6 Families**

We very much look forward to meeting you at our Open Events this year.

These events include tours of the school and presentations from senior leaders, as well as the opportunity to meet with our teaching staff. Please note that booking for these events is essential, via the links below.

If you're outside of our catchment area and don't qualify for free Devon County Council transport, then please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CCTransportService> to find out about our transport service from Barnstaple, Crediton, Rackenford and Torrington areas.

If you would like a look inside the College from the comfort of your own home, please do visit the virtual tours on our new website <https://tinyurl.com/CCVirtualTour22> you can have a good look around all departments, as well as seeing the school site on our drone film on the website's home page.

### **Welcome Evening Tuesday 20th September Tours 5-6pm & Meet the Teachers 6-7pm**

We are delighted to invite prospective families to join us for a tour of the school and afterwards to meet with teaching staff across all subjects. Our PTA will be on hand to provide refreshments and our Senior Leadership Team will also be available for any queries you may have. Please book

here <https://tinyurl.com/CCWelcomeEveSep22>

### **Kingsley School – Bideford**

**Welcome Mornings Monday 19th September; Wednesday 21st September; Thursday 22nd September & Friday 23rd September Tours 9.30am-10.15am, Presentation 10.15-10.45am**

Join us for a tour of the school 'in action' and afterwards for a presentation from our Executive Headteacher Michael Johnson and SENDCo Kelly Dighton. Children are also welcome at these events. Please book here <https://tinyurl.com/CCWelcomeMornings2022>

The Year 7 Working Open Day will be held on Tuesday 27th September, with private bookings throughout the day at times which best suit your family. Please do join us to meet with the staff and children, to see at first-hand all that Kingsley School has to offer its students and to experience the warm and welcoming Kingsley family for yourself. Kingsley School offers a wide range of Scholarships for children joining Year 7, as well as a generous bursary programme. Please do book your time slot via this [Link](#)

### **The Park Community School**

Our **Open Evening** is on Thursday 22nd September and our **Open Mornings** run from 26th September to 30th September, 08.50 - 10:40.