

A message from Mrs. Denham

We were all so proud of all the children who took part in the Arlington Cross country this week. The children who won medals and helped the school achieve third place were superb runners and did so well, and those who ran their socks off and managed to complete the course even though they found it hard were also wonderful. Every child ran so well and we were proud of each one. WELL DONE!

Several parents have been asking about classes for next year. We cannot say yet exactly what will happen because so much can change in the next few weeks. We will let you know when the school reports go out in early July what the classes for September will be.

We have sent a separate letter to parents of Y4/5 children about the forthcoming trip in November to London. Please make an appointment to have a chat with me if you would like to discuss the letter further.

We hope to run our annual trip to Saunton Sands on Tuesday July 18th. We are very very grateful to our PTA who have traditionally covered the costs of the coaches. However, the cost of the coaches has increased so very much this year that we are trying to find the cheapest costs.

Temporary Cleaner required.

We have a vacancy for a part-time temporary cleaner. The hours are 2.5 hours a day, 12.5 hours a week. If you are interested or know of someone else who may be interested, can you please contact the office on (01271)345908 or email – adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Ethos Committee

Next week we will be voting for children to join our Ethos committee. If the children would like to be part of this, they will need to make a poster and tell their class why they think they would be good for the job.

Sports Day

Our sports day this year will be taking place on Monday 19th June (weather permitting). Please see the letter which is part of this newsletter.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

School News

Arlington Cross Country

Well, despite the very wet and windy conditions of the last week the weather fell right for our final cross country event of the academic year. On Wednesday all of the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Arlington Court for the small school cross country event. I personally love this event as it is not about a race, it's about personal achievement and I was so proud to see every single child complete the (quite challenging) course at their own pace and with a smile on their face. A big thank you to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Beasley, Mrs. Barrow and Lannah's/Summah's Nan for supporting with the supervision of the children at the event, your support and encouragement made a huge difference to all of our children. Finally, it is important to recognise what special, kind and caring children we have at Holywell. It was commented to Mrs. Vine by a member of staff from another school, how team spirited and supportive the children of Holywell were, not only

to each other, but also other children from other schools who were maybe finding the course a real struggle. We maybe a small school, but we most certainly have a very big heart.

Results were as follows:

Year 3 Girls: Lannah Barrow 2nd, Madison Wilson 3rd, Bella Ayres 4th, Yasmin Lewis-Gifford 47th

Year 3 Boys: Harvey Barrow 18th, Danny Coram 23rd, Rufus Dymond 35th, Rhys Gordon 40th, Lucas Dingley 42nd, Gabriel 48th

Year 4 Girls: Tiana Comer 2nd, Katy Pullen 12th, Isabelle Westaway 19th, Kodie Harmer 23rd, Anastasia Evans 24th, Summer Harris-Glessing 25th, Holly Perfect 26th

Year 4 Boys: Fred Cockbain 19th, Cooper Vine 22nd, Charlie Wileman 25th, Monty Andrews 26th

Year 5 Girls: Leah Smith 10th, Francesca Lewis 16th, Jacey Cook 19th, Libby Carlyon 21st, Amelie 26th

Year 5 Boys: Charlie Marshall 2nd, Findlay Lloyd 7th, Adam Rashid 11th, Billy Dudden 24th, Aidan Milton 25th, Jared Green 30th, Reegan Fowler 31st, Archie Mathews 32nd, Tyler Cook 33rd, Kyle Smith 34th, Fin Ellis 35th

Year 6 Girls: Summah Barrow 15th, Tabitha Andrews 24th, Emily Easterbrook 26th. Sienna Ritzen 32nd

Year 6 boys: Nathan Pullen 8th, Jayden Comer 21st, Freddie Tanton 27th, Sonny Worsley 31st

Rounders' competition

The Monday before half term 12 children from years 4, 5 & 6 took part in a rounders' tournament at Park Community School, where they came 2nd which has taken them into the final at Torrington on Tuesday 13th June. The children played amazingly well, working as a team, with some great comments from other school. Mrs. Purchase was very proud of them all and we would like to wish them all the best at the finals.

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.

Lost Uniform

Please can you check your child's cardigan to night to see if they have picked up Evangeline Ingle's by mistake. Evangeline lost her cardigan earlier this week, it is named. Also, can you please check the label of your child's sweatshirt to see if they have picked up a sized 9-10 which belongs to Adam Rashid.

News from the PTA



50/50 CLUB

This week's winner is

ROB BRAUD

Congratulations on winning £15.50!

THE MORE MEMBERS THERE ARE,

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!!!

If you would like to join, please pick up a form in the office or speak to

Lucy Rosser or Jane Gaytan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PTA Events

Saturday 8th July: Holywell Rocks, summer festival.

Op-Shop

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

HELP THE HOLLOW – SATURDAY 10 JUNE – 9.00AM – 5.00PM

(The wooded play area behind the school)

The PTA would like your help – the money that we have raised so far with the Christmas Fayre, cinema nights, cake sales and all our other activities has paid for the rent of the school I-pads for this year (£1839.00), the coaches for the summer school trip to Saunton Sands (£500) and for new gravel outside the school gates (£120.00) but we do not have sufficient funds to Help the Hollow.

The Hollow needs some work to make it a more useable space for all the children to enjoy.

It requires new fencing, so the children can run freely and safely within the school grounds.

There are areas that need clearing of ivy and brambles.

Foliage needs to be cut back along the existing pathways and new pathways made.

An outdoor learning hut would be very much appreciated for the wet weather days.

What we need:

If anyone has any spare –

Tarpaulin

Roofing materials

Corrugated Iron

Fencing timbers

Wood

If you have any other items that you think may be useful for building fences and building an Outdoor learning space, please contact Kevin Dymond (Rufus and Felix's Dad) 07803 005647 to arrange bringing them to school.

We also need manpower!! If you could spend an hour, or the whole day, please come and help.

Parent's help is needed to facilitate all of the above! Help is needed with clearing and digging, fence and hut building. **No experience needed but willing to lend a hand to help make this a fabulous place for our children to use.** Bacon sarnies and beverages will be provided. Good fun and a friendly atmosphere. Children welcome to pitch in and help (supervised by you).

If you are happy to help, please contact Emma Barstow 07976 269525 or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the school office.

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Monday	Science	Fizz Pop Science	All Years	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Rounders'	Miss Purchase	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Cricket	Mr Anderson	Y3,4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Rugby Tots	John Hudson	Yr1,2 & 3	
Friday	Athletics	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	

Rugby Tots has started back on Thursday's in the hall on after school. If your child has not yet been to this club and would like to start please just turn up with your child on Thursday after school and speak with John who runs the club.

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

End of summer term – Friday 21st July, 2017.

Start of autumn term – Thursday 7th September, 2017.

Non-Pupil day – Friday 20th October, 2017.

Half term – Monday 23rd October, 2017 to Friday 17th October, 2017 (inclusive).

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th June to Tuesday 11th July (inclusive) the year 5 & 6's will be at the Gym/Tennis etc.

Thursday 15th June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 23rd June, 2017 - New intake day, 9 am to 3pm.

Friday 16th June – Oceanfest – Year 5 & 6
Monday 19th June - Sports Day
Saturday 8th July, the PTA are planning a Music Event at Holywell School.
Tuesday 18th July – Saunton Sands Trip.
Thursday 20th July - Year 6 service in the village hall.
End of Summer Term (Last Day) – Friday 21st July.



Holywell Sports Day 2016
Monday 19th June at 1:30pm

Sports Day: Action packed and fun, with a strong element of competition and teamwork

The afternoon will be split into two parts

1. Team competitions
2. Year group flat races/mini marathons

Team Competitions

The whole school will be divided into six teams. Family groups will be kept together.
Each team will participate in the six events listed below, in rotation:

1. Egg and Spoon
2. Shuttle run
3. Speed bounce
4. Farmer Hay's dash
5. Caterpillar jump
6. Obstacle race

Each event will be timed for 5 minutes. The number of laps run (or the distance jumped in the caterpillar jump), will count as the score for each event. The team with the most points at the end will be the winners.

Year Group Mini Marathons and Flat Races

Children in each class will be invited to take part in a year group (boy/girl) flat race and whole year group (mixed boy/girl) mini marathon event.

If you are a parent who is happy to hold a finishing tape for these races please can you see Mrs Hammond.

Wristbands will be awarded to those in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. All other children will receive well done wrist bands for the competitive events they participate in. We have staff to identify and give the 1st, 2nd, 3rd wristbands, but would like two parents to give the participation wristbands to the other finishers. If you are happy to do this please see Mrs Hammond.

A Pre-school flat race, followed by a Parents race will be run after the mini marathons.

Presentation

Team cups will be presented on the field at the end of the afternoon.

As parents will follow their children around to observe each team event, we will not be taking chairs up to the field, but please feel free to bring a portable stool or deck chair. Also be aware that during the mini marathon parents will need to stand either at the top of the field by the gate or in the middle of the marked track so that the children are able to do laps of the field without being obstructed. Once the marathons are over parents will then need to move to the left hand side of the field (your left as you come through the gate) to clear the running tracks for the flat races.

Please ensure that your child/children wear(s) sun cream and a sun hat.



Community News

St Michaels Nursery

'We are pleased to be able to offer spaces Monday to Friday inclusive at St. Michael's Nursery after-school club, collecting your children from Holywell and offering fun activities and tea until 6pm. We also have spaces in our breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, running from 8am when breakfast is served, leaving Sticklepath at 8.20am to reach Tawstock in time for school.

Katie runs a fantastic service and you only need to ask the families who use the service to find out just how much the children enjoy their time after school!

Please contact us office@stmichaels-nursery.org or ring us 01271 327074 to find out more, places are limited so please hurry to avoid disappointment!

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

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

Newton Tracy Cricket Club

Are holding Junior Cricket Session

Starting on Wednesday 26th April, 2017

At the Newton Tracey pitch

5.30 – 6.15 for Under 9's/beginners

6.15 – 7.45 Under 10's and over

Contact Pete Newby 07747 792006

Nearly New Sale

at the Freedom Centre

1 Howard Avenue, Barnstaple, 01271 321171

Saturday 8th July

10am to 1pm

Good quality clothes, shoes, bags, books all at BARGAIN prices

Tea, coffee and cake

Free admission & parking

All proceeds to Freedom Community Alliance (charity number 1125960) to provide help and support to vulnerable adults in our community

ART *meets* science

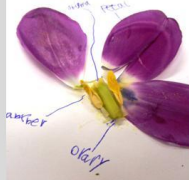


Saturday 17th June @ Barnstaple Library

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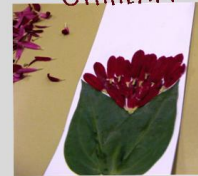


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FRACTALS

NATURE'S SYMMETRY



Choose a session: 10-12.....6-11 years £10 *drop off*
12.30-1.15.....2-5 years £3 *must bring adult*
1.30-3.30.....6-11 years £10 *drop off*

To book visit www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/ or scan here 
or call/text 07847006048



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