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10th March 2023

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Just a brief note from me this week to thank you all for your continued patience with the amount of illness that is going around. There does seem to be a range of bugs going around, so if I could please ask you to continue to be mindful of keeping your child off if they are poorly. Thank you!

It seems to have been a very busy week this week and I am very impressed with amount of work that I am seeing on a daily basis. Year 6 children are doing a remarkable job concentrating on that final push before SATs and the hard work is really paying off for them.



I did promise some photos from last week's World Book Day – a huge thank you again to our PTA for their efforts with the book sale. I was also so pleased to have such positive feedback from parents and children about the day – thank you for this. The PTA have very kindly donated funds to develop a reading and well-being space for the children, which is

already nearly complete! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We were also delighted with all of the entries into the competition to read in the most unusual space! Congratulations to all children that took part and to the three winners: Jessica, Poppy and Ethan!



Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can we remind everyone driving to school through the lanes and villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce your speed accordingly. We have received several complaints from the local community regarding the inconsiderate speed at which some cars are travelling. We also 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 our school. We all leave and arrive at different time, so please respect other road users including pedestrians and keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that our children's safety is paramount.

Comic relief

Dear parents/carers, It is soon red nose day, once again. School Council are holding the following events: For donation of £1, we would like to invite children to dress up in the colours of the Ugandan flag (red, yellow, black and white). We are going to be holding a red nose day colouring competition: Friday 17th March, it is 50p to enter. Your child should have received a blank red nose for their own creation. All they

have to do is complete their design, write their name and class on the back and hand this and their 50p to the class teacher. We will be judging a winner per year group across the school. We will also be doing a cake sale after school on the same day. The money we raise from this will be donated to Morish, the child we sponsor in Uganda. If you are able to make any cake donations for the sale, please send them into school on the morning of the 17th March. Lots of thanks in advance for your support School Council

School News

30 hour codes for the Summer Term

In order to access 30hour funding for the Summer Term 2023 (which for funding purposes starts on 1st April 2023) parents need to have applied to HMRC through their Government Gateway Account and received a code by 31st March 2023. Any codes with an eligible date of 1st April onwards will not be funded in Summer 2023 term. We encourage parents to apply in plenty of time incase HMRC require any additional information.

Sadly, a number of families across Devon did not reconfirm their details and missed the 31st of December deadline for Spring Term, moved settings in the Grace Period or had a gap in eligibility meaning they could not claim 30 hours funding in the Spring. Please make sure this doesn't happen to you.

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.



ParentPay

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

Swimming and Gymnastics – Reception & yrs. 1, 2, & 3.

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

Parent Pay Debts.

We currently have **26 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account. Can we please ask that you check your accounts over the weekend and pay these off as soon as possible?

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 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.

School Transport

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

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School transport information,
including free school
transport
www.devon.gov.uk

NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023

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>

Community News

West Buckland School is holding an Open Day on Monday 1st May. Click on the link for more details or to register your interest: <https://westbuckland.com/open-day-registration-2023/>