



# NEWSLETTER

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13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

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Dear Parents

A big well done; to all the children who took part in the 'Sports Hall Athletics' competition this week. It makes me really proud when I hear back that you all work so amazingly as a team supporting each other and behaving so well.

The children today have looked lovely in their various 'Spots' and the School Council would like to thank you all for supporting this event.

Next week they will be able to report on the event and tell you how much they raised.

I would also like to thank you for attending the 'Parent Conferences' this week and hope that you found them useful.

Finally the PTA have a 'Holywell Big Build' Facebook page. So if you would like to keep up to date with the all the news regarding this please Like and Share.

## Pupils Achievements

**Congratulation and well done to:**

**Ethan Liepa:** who has passed his 20 metre swimming badge.

## School Photos

We are sending the school photo's home today and hope you are pleased with them. If you would like to place an order please send the order with money in the envelope provide by next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## Intake for September, 2016

If you have a child which was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 it is now time to think about where you would like them to attend school. Even if they already have siblings at the school you must apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) from 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

If you can't apply online you can get a copy of the First Step Booklet by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or email [primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk).

Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

## Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics

A big well done to: Charlie Marshall, Adam Rashid, Kyle Smith, Billy Dudden, Finley Ellis, Aidan Milton, Leah Smith, Amelie Masters, Libby Carlyon, Francesca Lewis, Jacey Cook and Felicity Ayres for representing the school at the year 4 indoor athletics competition on Thursday. Mrs. Garland reported that you were all amazing and that by far you were also the best behaved team with the most team spirit. Well done on coming 7<sup>th</sup> in this learning community event. Thank you to Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Cook (Jacey's mum) for driving and supervising at the event as well as Miss Purchase for driving.

## North Devon Cross Country League

The next North Devon Cross Country league race is this Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> November) at Shebbear College. Mrs. Hammond will be walking the course at 9am, if you would like to join her.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

On the last 4 Fridays of term (27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec) your child/children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school for a one off donation of £1.00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> week. The total of money donated for **Save The Children** will be doubled by the Government.

### **Swap Shop**

We are keen for our annual pupil Swap Shop to go ahead on Friday December 11th as every year the children love to be able to choose Christmas presents to bring home to you that have cost nothing, which in today's present financial climate we hope will be a help!

So here's how it works - we would be very grateful, if you are able to send in on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** any small donations of presents suitable for a mum, dad, and brothers and sisters, such as small bubble bath, talc, soap, pens, pencils, chocolates, sweets, gloves, socks etc.. This 'Swap Shop' will hopefully be a way for you to be able to 'recycle' some of the small presents you do not need, that you have at home! Any donations of wrapping paper and tags/labels will also be useful. On the day the children are able to choose and wrap at least a couple of presents to bring home for Christmas Day. There will be no charge on the Swap Shop day so you do not have to send in money!

### **Letters sent home this week:**

Reception – Cool Milk

Eldest child – PTA, cinema night – tonight 13<sup>th</sup> November

Eldest child – PTA, poster about the Christmas Bazaar.

Hedgehogs – Trip to Appledore

**After school clubs** - All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Tag Rugby – Cancelled until further notice due to water logged field.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled

### **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

End of Autumn Term (Last Day) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Start of Spring Term – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Bazaar, 3.15pm. Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime, Queens Theatre.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas meal.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service at St Peter's Church 2pm. The PTFA will be serving mine pies and teas after the service so please stay and join them.

### **Term dates 2016/2017**

#### **Autumn Term**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Training Day (non-pupil day) Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016

Half Term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Back to School – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016

Last day of term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

#### **Spring Term**

Starts Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

Half Term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Back to School – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Last day of term – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017

Easter Holidays – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

#### **Summer Term**

Back to School – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017  
Half Term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May, to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017  
End of Term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017



### **PTFA**

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

### **Raffle Tickets – Christmas Bazaar**

These will be on sale for the raffle at the 'Christmas Bazaar' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall from 2.30pm. We need donations for the raffle please which can be left in a box in the school office. Thank you.

### **Community News**

#### **Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child – Your Shoebox gift.**

If your child or your family would like to get involved with this event please read the leaflet sent home last week. The date that the shoeboxes need to be returned to school so as they can be collected and delivered in time for Christmas is:

#### **St Michaels Nursery Tawstock**

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email [office@stmichaels-nursery.org](mailto:office@stmichaels-nursery.org)

### **The Military Wives & The Hartland Orchestra Charity Concert**

#### **In aid of Northern Lodge**

Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.00pm

(Doors open 6.00 pm)

The Methodist Church

Bideford High Street

Tickets £15 each and available from:

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

Email; [tickets@northamlodge.co.uk](mailto:tickets@northamlodge.co.uk)

Telephone: 01237 477238

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**SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB**

# Space Science

## 2hr Hands-on Workshop

**Saturday 14th November**  
**Barnstaple Library**

- Analyse Martian soil samples
- Astrobiology & extraterrestrial life
- Design & test a shuttle parachute
- Effects of **GRAVITY** on the body

Choose either am or pm session: **10am-12pm** or **1pm-3pm**  
**£15** for 2 hour workshop  
includes activities listed, take homes & refreshments.  
Suitable for ages 7-12 approx.

To book email: [sciencedipity@outlook.com](mailto:sciencedipity@outlook.com)  
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