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4th February 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

We again thank you all for your support in what has been another very unusual week for school as we have had several staff off school. We thank you all for your support, kind words and understanding. We are hoping things will start to settle down a little next week.

Some members of our School Council had a lovely Zoom meeting this week with our friends from the Edukids Charity who are visiting the pupils and school we are supporting in Uganda. We were able to meet some of the pupils and see their school room and ask them lots of questions. It was very exciting. There was even a poster saying "Please use hand sanitiser"

I have had the pleasure of attending Falcons gym sessions these last two weeks. The support, teaching and facilities really are excellent and the children get so much from each session. You can see them growing in confidence and ability. We are very lucky to have such an amazing gym in our locality.

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School News

Walk to the Moon

Hopefully, your child brought home some information and a record sheet yesterday regarding Walk to The Moon (if not they are attached again with the newsletter). We are taking part in a challenge organised by Edukids to raise money for Morish and other children whom the charity work with. We are asking your child walks a mile a day (although it can be any form of exercise - gym, cycling, Park Run, football matches etc.). Once you have collected any sponsorship or donations from family and friends could you please pay via PARENTPAY. There are prizes for the children in each class who travel the furthest and who raise the most money so please keep a record of your child's daily activity.

Sportsperson of the Week

Well done to Evan in KS2 & Darcy P in KS1 for receiving this week's Sportsperson of the Week Awards. Every week Mr Day will pick a child from both KS1 & KS2 who has particularly stood out or 'let their light shine' during PE lessons. If your child receives the award, please ensure it is returned by Friday the following week. Thank you.

ParentPay Payments

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

ParentPay

These trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

School Meals – payments must be made in advance of meals being taken.

Skern Lodge – Residential – the 2nd instalment if due by the 28th January.

Breakfast & ASC – payment should be made in advance of attending these clubs.

Uniform -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5 – If you haven't yet paid for this activity could you please do so as soon as possible. If you have any issues making this payment can you, please contact the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week – 7th to 13th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week! The theme for this year is 'growing together', which is all about growing emotionally, trying new things, moving beyond our comfort zones, and recognising that challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt. Further details can be found:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Junior Bake Off

My name is Conor and I'm an Assistant Casting Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say that we have recently opened applications for the 8th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

We are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Please do feel free to contact us on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions.

Parents Childcare Survey - Spring 2022

We have been asked by DCC to share this short [survey](#) with all school staff, friends and family and all the parents and carers in our school.

Breakfast & After-school club (Spaces available).

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, or in an emergency **only** please email myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk (Wed & Thurs) or lily.derges@ventrus.org.uk (Mon, Tues & Fri)

Stop Abuse Together

The Government's new Stop Abuse Together website can help you learn to spot the signs, and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

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.

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>

DIARY DATES:

January 18th (Tuesday) – to Tuesday 22nd March (9 weeks) – Years 4 & 5 Gymnastics (1st, 8th 15th February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March). Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.

March 7th – Parent conference week -

March 30th to April 1st - Skern Lodge Residential – Years 3 & 4.

April 5th (Tuesday) – Easter Service at Tawstock Parish Church – 9am. Please drop off at the church at (details to follow).

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Spring half term - Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 (inclusive)

News from the PTA



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts by voting in the Asda Green Token scheme. We managed to close the gap but finished in second place, meaning we are receiving a £200 donation. Like all PTA funds, this will be used to enrich the children's experience at school.

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, each ticket is entered into a **prize draw** which this term is a **forest getaway**. Please see attached poster for details. Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school> Good luck!

Book Swap - World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

Please donate any unwanted books in good condition by bringing them to school from **Tuesday 1st**. These will be available to purchase after school on the Thursday.

Film Night - Friday 4th March

We have teamed up with the school council and teachers to offer a film night straight after school. Proceeds will be split between PTA funds and the school's sponsorship of Morish in Uganda through the charity Edukids. Please look out for the letter that will be sent soon.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 8th March 7.30 pm, venue tbc.

Online fundraising

If you are doing any shopping online, please remember you can raise money for the school at no cost to you on:

Easyfundraising

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=HP2SQV&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

AmazonSmile <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the current school logo please.