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25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Hammond

This week has most definitely been a rather wet one! I'm sure many of you heard about the river bursting its banks on Tuesday morning, causing significant flooding into the school carpark. The children were totally enthralled by what was happening, where as Mrs. Williamson was not as excited, having to take her shoes and socks off to wade in and rescue her car! Thankfully everybody was safe and no real damage was done.



I was lucky enough to join Squirrels class at Falcon's gymnastics this week, where it was lovely to see them making good use of the wonderful facilities there. The children were enthusiastic and eager to complete all that was asked of them. They are now using all of the skills they have been learning over the weeks to create their own routines. I saw the start of many of these and can't wait to see how they are finished off next week (which is their final session).



### New School News

#### Robin's and Hedgehog's Christmas Performances

These will be taking place on:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 9:20am – 10:20am.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm – 3pm.  
Letters on how to get your tickets will come out on Monday (28<sup>th</sup> November).

### **Next Week's PTFA Christmas Fair**

Next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, will be the PTFA run Christmas Fair. The Fair will be in the hall and will begin at 2:30pm. All children will be taken across to the hall at this time. Please can you come to the hall to collect your child, this can be from 2:30pm onwards – please ensure they are collected at their usual end of day time and no later if you do not wish to arrive early. A member of staff will be on the door with registers, to hand your child over to you as you arrive into the hall. Your child will need to return to the school when you are ready to get their things. Staff will be on the gate to help supervise this part too. If children are after school club, they will stay at the fair with the leader supervising the club on this day.

The PTFA have been very busy organising lots of stalls and treats for the children so we hope you will support them by either sending your child in with money to spend or joining them and spending it together! Remember all monies raised will be going directly back into the school to provide resources and opportunities for all of the Holywell children.

### **Rising Stars PE Event**

A big well done to Bobby, Aston and Ruby who were invited to attend a PE day within the Barnstaple Learning Community this week. Mrs. Farr commented on your great attitudes to sport and how she looks forward to seeing you continue to excel in the sports you enjoy when you move on to Secondary school.

### **Tax Free Childcare**

If your child attends or may attend at some time our Breakfast or After-School Club may be entitled to tax free childcare. The link below will take you to the site where you can check if you are entitled and also register with the scheme.

[https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm\\_source=Search&utm\\_medium=RSA&utm\\_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZlOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Search&utm_medium=RSA&utm_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZlOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD_BwE)

## **Reminders**

### **September 2023 intake**

Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 are entitled to start full time Primary Education in September 2023. The application facility opens on 15th November 2022 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2023.

### **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 times, 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.

### **Christmas Swap Shop**

Our annual pupil SWAP SHOP will go ahead on the afternoon of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We would be very grateful, if you are able to send in a donation 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 so you do not have to send in money!

Please send your donations into the office on the morning of the **9<sup>th</sup> December** (not before as we don't have space!)

### **Christmas Jumper Days**

We have had our first one today and they will continue every Friday until the end of term. Please remember to make your one off £1 donation via parent pay. Thank you.

## **Admissions Policy consultation 2024-2025**

The consultation period for the 2024 – 2025 - Holywell C of E Primary School admissions policy began on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 The consultation period ends on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2024-25

[http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/admissions\\_policies/627029](http://www.primaryschoolsbarstaple.co.uk/website/admissions_policies/627029)

We are consulting on this between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish.

### **A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A FREE RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR WORRIES:**

Our Mental Health Support Team are able to offer a new digital therapeutic intervention “Lumi-Nova - Tales of Courage”, available free until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

This is an app aimed at Children aged between 7-12 years old and uses a Low Intensity -Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) graded exposure model to help children overcome their worries.

There is more information on the BFB-Labs website below.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminova>

You can gain Open Access to the app by clicking on the link below:

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

**Our MHST clinicians are also offering a “practitioner sign-up” model across North Devon, offering supportive calls throughout the intervention. Contact your school (Mrs Hammond - [samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk)) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service**

## **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.

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

We are able to run both Breakfast and ASC Clubs every day this term, and although we no longer require a weeks’ notice for Monday Breakfast and Friday after-school clubs we still ask that you book in advance as the places are limited to 8 per session. If we are over this number, we require an extra member of staff which we may not be able to provide at short notice. The clubs are now being run by Ms. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Mullen

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) [charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk)



**ParentPay**

## **Parent Pay Debts.**

**ALL DEBT balances MUST be cleared.** We have **20 parents with debts** for School Meals **and 6 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 – See above**

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

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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Fair – 2:30pm – 4:30pm

**25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Days.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 9:20am – 10:20am.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Nativity performance 2pm – 3pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Swap Shop

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle, 2pm at the church. Children to be collected from the church at 3pm.

**15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Spring Term** - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3

### **Term Dates**

**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 –**

This as closed temporarily but will be opening up again in the new year.

### **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)

### **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>



## News from the PTA

A big thank you to everyone that came to the Festive Movie Night! We managed to raise an amazing £94 for the PTA pot! The children had a brilliant time, and we look forward to hosting the next one! We would like to thank ASDA for helping us sort the food.

We have the School Christmas Fair coming up next week which will be held in the Village hall. There will be stalls, games, face paints and refreshments on offer. We look forward to welcoming you and your families, neighbours and friends – everyone is welcome – 2:30pm – 4:30pm.

In the PTA Black box this week we are collecting

- Toys, soft toys, books, games, complete puzzles and raffle prizes
- Unwanted Christmas Decorations
- Hamper donations – biscuits, mince pies, bubble bath, shower gel, Christmas crackers, party poppers, biscuits for cheese, chocolates etc.

### Lucky Jars

Your child has been given a lucky jar to fill with trinkets! This will help us to make a stall at the Christmas fair. Please return these into the Black Box by  
WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Thanks as always for your support!

A reminder of 2 things to sign up to before you do your online Christmas Shopping...  
(you earn us free money!!)

#### Easyfundraising

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,300 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=2RQAJ0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)

#### Amazon Smile

Don't forget to use our unique charity link (<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045040-0>) to help us earn money each time you purchase through Amazon!