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17th February 2022

A message from Mrs. Denham

This has been sent today as the school is closed tomorrow.

I am sure you are aware from media reports that Storm Eunice is anticipated to hit Devon, unfortunately, the storm is due to hit our area. This storm has a "red weather warning" which is noted as a danger to life. Therefore, our school will be closed tomorrow. We will not be delivering remote lessons, as many of our staff will also have their own children at home, due to the school closures. If you feel you would like to access some online learning, please visit Oak Academy <https://www.thenational.academy> and BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.com/education>. Look for your child's year group and the appropriate work for that age group.

We obviously encourage all children to read at home too – having a love of reading really is the gateway to the world. It makes such a difference when a child is heard regularly at home.

It was wonderful for me to be able to meet our chair of governors Mr Tim Baker last week. As the covid restrictions are lifted our lovely members of the governing body will begin to visit the school in person. We are so grateful to have such a supportive and dedicated body of governors who willingly volunteer in this very important role.

We wish you all a very happy half term and hope you all stay safe and well.

Parking in the village hall car park and blocking the farm track.

Can we please ask that we are all considerate of other car drivers? We try and get all the children out on time but on occasions this may not happen. We ask that parents just wait patiently for the cars in the middle to move and not try a squeeze past while children are loading. If you need to get away at the end of the day can you, please park in the road. Also, can parents please not block the farm track as Devon school transport have requested that the school taxi park be able to park.

Help required

After the half term break we will be getting some gravel delivered to spread outside the gate which will hopefully stop the build-up of mud and mud being trampled into school. We are hoping that a few parents will be able to help Mr Anderson spread the gravel once it has been delivered. If you feel you would be able to help can you, please let Mrs. Palmer know in the school office.

Thank you.

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School News

Parent Conferences

These will be taking place between 7th and 11th March, appointments will be available for you to book online via teams, within the next few days.

ParentPay Payments

If you have run up any debts on your child's ParentPay account for school meals, breakfast club or after-school club can you please make sure these have been paid off by the 28th February (after half term).

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

Romar Sports

All parents were sent an email about the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 after school football club. We have noticed that Romar Sports have sent an incorrect link, please use this link info@romarsports.com to book your child's place.

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)

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 with the final payment of £40.00 being due by the 3rd April.

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

Uniform -

Gymnastic Year 4 & Year 5

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 (15th February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March). **Please collect your child from Falcons Gymnastics at 3pm.**

March 7th – Parent conference week – between 7th and 11th March

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



Book Swap - Thursday 3rd March

We are organising a book swap to celebrate **World Book Day**. Please donate any unwanted books **in good condition** by putting them in the box which will be placed by the school gate on **Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March**. These will be available to purchase after school on the Thursday. We would also like have a second hand uniform stall and refreshments but to do this **we need more volunteers please**.

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 Edukid. Please look out for the letter that will be sent soon.

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

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! In addition to the cash prize, you can also enter 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!

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.