

School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Welcome to; Cameron and Thomas who have this week joined Foxes class in Year 4 moving from Bratton Fleming.

Preschool vacancies and free taster sessions

We still have places available in Pre-school on all days. Pre-school is a valued part of our school community and is an important link to the success of the school which we are very keen to keep as a thriving asset to the school. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place please ask them to contact Mrs. Denham or Elaine Palmer at adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk or (01271) 345908 who will be very happy to show them around.

Robins Class

As the practice of the year 1 children lining up in the playground in the morning has worked so well in preparing them for the day and settling down to their learning, Mrs. Coulam would now like to extend this practice to the current reception children as well. She would like them all to line up by the front door to the classroom when the bell goes where you will be able to say good-bye to your children

Driving Through the Villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe:

Please can I just remind parents driving to school through the villages of Tawstock & Eastacombe to reduce their speed accordingly. - We 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 are school. Please keep your speed down; I am sure you will all agree that their safety is paramount.

Save the date – Saturday 7th July – 2 pm – 8 pm - Holywell Rocks

The PTA is busy organising another Holywell Rocks for us all to enjoy after the success of last year's event. It will be held behind the village hall from 2 pm – 8 pm with various music and activities taking place throughout the day. It is a truly family event for your family and friends.

If you know of anyone who would possibly like to run a stall at this event please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525. The cost of a stall will be £10 and they will be located in the village hall.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Pupils Achievements:

Congratulations and well done to: **Amelie Masters.**

Amelie entered Kingsley School Jnr MasterChef competition. Attending heats on 07/06 and cooking risotto. The finals held on 21/06, entrants were challenged to devise their own menu at a maximum cost of £5. **Amelie** chose to cook:

Cheesy Carbonara Pasta and Pavlova with: strawberries and cream. She was awarded the runner up place at what was described by Head of Kingsley school as, "a very close competition with very little in the final scores, well done **Amelie**, she showed great confidence and ability with an ambitious and tasty menu"



The Mix Trip

Squirrels had a brilliant trip to The Mix (a Devon school's music festival) this week. Children in year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in different music workshops that included making music using technology as well as more traditional instruments. A film clip and photos are now on our Facebook page. Thank you to Mrs. Andrews for very kindly giving up her time to drive and support us.

Rounders Team

A huge well done to: the Rounders team who represented the Park Learning Community at the North Devon schools competition last Tuesday. Some very, very tight games were played and the team made up of:

Fred Cockbain, Monty Andrews, Adam Rashid, Billy Dudden, Isabelle Westaway, Finley Ellis, Madison Wilson, Leah Smith, Holly Perfect, Rufus Dymond, Charlie Marshall, Katy Pullen

Did amazingly well finishing a great 6th place overall. Big thanks to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cockbain for driving and for Mrs. Garand for supervising throughout the event.

Arlington Cross Country - Wednesday

A huge congratulation to all of the year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children who attended this event. It was a pleasure to spend the day with you all. Your support and encouragement to each other throughout was very heart warming and so true to the Holywell way.

Results were:

Y3 Girls: Lara Heywood 2nd, Lottie Perfect 3rd, Imogen Evans 9th, Ruby Lockhart 10th, Emilia Farr 20th, Katie-Jayne Ellis 26th, Ruby Coram 30th, Daisy Hooper 31st, Bella Farr 32nd

Y3 Boys: Riley Lloyd 2nd, William Matthews 17th, Louie Isaac 18th, Felix Dymond 27th, Ethan Liepa 29th, Sonny Ellis 30th, Archie Barstow 35th

Y4 Girls: Madison Wilson 5th, Bella Ayres 10th, Yasmin Lewis-Gifford 44th

Y4 Boys: Harvey Reeves 27th, Rhys Gordon 33rd, Rufus Dymond 40th, Danny Coram 41st, Lucas Dingley 43rd, Archie Owens 45th

Y5 Girls: Katy Pullen 5th, Isabelle Westaway 7th, Anastasia Evans 13th, Summer Harris-Glessing 14th, Holly Perfect 16th,

Y5 Boys: Cooper Vine 15th, Charlie Wileman 16th, Monty Andrews 20th, Fred Cockbain 25th

Y6 Girls: Felicity Ayres 1st, Leah Smith 6th, Francesca Lewis 10th, Amelie Masters 16th, Jacey Cook 17th, Libby Carlyon 18th

Y6 Boys: Charlie Marshall 5th, Findlay Lloyd 6th, Adam Rashid 7th, Aidan Milton 12th, Reegan Fowler 15th, Billy Dudden 16th, Finley Ellis 18th, Archie Matthews 19th, Kyle Smith 20th

Massive, massive thanks to all of the parents who supported with transport: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cockbain, Mrs. Barstow, Mrs. Andrews, Miss. Andrew (Archie and William's mum), Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Perfect and Mrs. Smith.

Without your help we would not have been able to have attended this lovely event.

Torrington Aquathon - Thursday

Despite the very long waiting times and damp start to the day our children once again let their determination and enjoyment of sport shine through. We had some great finishes in this event where there were fields of 70 children taking part!

Results were:

Y3 boys: Riley Lloyd 30th, Ethan Liepa 34th, Archie Barstow 52nd

Y3 girls: Lottie Perfect 10th, Imogen Evans 13th

Y4 girls: Madison Wilson 4th

Y5 boys: Fred Cockbain 49th, Charlie Wileman 53rd, Cooper Vine 60th

Y5 girls: Holly Perfect 39th, Katy Pullen 53rd

Y6 boys: Findlay Lloyd 14th, Charlie Marshall 15th, Adam Rashid 33rd, Billy Dudden 54th

Y6 girls: Leah Smith 21st, Francesca Lewis 27th

A big thank you to Mrs. Liepa and Mrs. Barstow for supporting with transport of this event and the parents that came to support and supervise the children during the event - it was quite a hectic day!

Plastic waste wanted!

Squirrels Class will be doing an art project using plastic waste in the next couple of weeks. Please could you send into school plastic bottle lids, tubs, bottles, bags/carrier bags and any other clean plastic waste that you accumulate. We would like this before July 5th please.



Holywell Sports Day 2018

Friday 29th June at 1:20pm

Please arrive by 1:15pm

Sports Day: Action packed and fun, with a strong element of competition and teamwork

The afternoon will be split into two parts

1. Team competitions
2. Year group flat races/mini marathon

Team Competitions

The whole school will be divided into six teams. Family groups will be kept together.

Each team will participate in the six events listed below, in rotation:

1. Egg and Spoon
2. Shuttle run
3. Speed bounce
4. Farmer Hay's dash
5. Caterpillar jump
6. Obstacle race

Each event will be timed for 5 minutes. The number of laps run (or the distance jumped in the caterpillar jump), will count as the score for each event. The team with the most points at the end will be the winners.

Year Group Mini Marathons and Flat Races

Children in each class will be invited to take part in a year group (boy/girl) flat race and whole year group (mixed boy/girl) mini marathon event.

If you are a parent who is happy to hold a finishing tape for these races please can you see Mrs Hammond.

Wristbands will be awarded to those in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. All other children will receive well done wrist bands for the competitive events they participate in. We have staff to identify and give the 1st, 2nd, 3rd wristbands and Sports Leaders from Park School to give the participation wristbands to the other finishers.

A Pre-school flat race, followed by a Parents race will be run after the mini marathons.

Presentation

Team cups will be presented on the field at the end of the afternoon.

As parents will follow their children around to observe each team event, we will not be taking chairs up to the field, but please feel free to bring a portable stool or deck chair. Also be aware that during the mini marathon parents will need to stand either at the top of the field by the gate or in the middle of the marked track so that the children are able to do laps of the field without being obstructed. Once the marathons are over parents will then need to move to the left hand side of the field (your left as you come through the gate) to clear the running tracks for the flat races.

Please ensure that your child/children wear(s) sun cream and a sun hat.

Sun cream and sun hats

We are at the time of year when (hopefully) the sun will be shining regularly and the children will be able to use the school field and work outside in the playground. However, this means that we need all children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school, for their protection. You may wish to apply sun cream at home before they come in the morning, especially the Pre-School.

Music Lessons

On Thursdays we have a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher come into school to run private lessons during school time. They have been coming into school for many years now and have taught many of our talented musicians in these instruments which you may have heard play at various times including the Christmas performances and Christingle service.

They now have vacant slots, so if your child is interested in starting to learn to play one of these instruments, please give your details to Mrs. Palmer

Preschool

Further information regarding funding can be found here

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

NEW LINK

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/the-parent-customer-journey-tax-free-childcare-and-30-hours-free-childcare/>

You can apply for your 11 digit code from the HMRC at

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service

Website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/devoneycs>

News from the PTA



Op Shop

If you have or require any good quality, secondhand school uniform please contact Emma Barstow on 07976 269525

After school clubs

All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Netball club has now finished.

Monday	Football	Mr Dymond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Tuesday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, R, 1 & 2	
Wednesdays	Athletics	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3, 4, 5 & 6	
Thursday	Cricket	Mr. Anderson	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Friday	Rounder's	Mrs. Hammond	Yrs., 3,4,5 & 6	

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Term Dates

End of Summer term - Thursday 26th July

Autumn term 2018 - 5th September

Half term first day Friday 19th October

Return Monday 29th October

End of Autumn term Thursday 20th December.

Spring term 2019 – 8th January

Diary Dates

Friday 6th July, 2018 – **Sports Day** – Take 2.

Wednesday 25th July, 2018 – The **year 6 assembly** will start at 2.15pm in the village hall.

Community News

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers (has been cancelled until September)

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome
Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play.
Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall
For more details contact Mel:
07866783740

Circuits

Every Tuesday
9 – 9.45 am, in the village hall.
£4 pay as you go
All fitness levels welcome!
Children welcome to come along and play whilst mum/dad get fit.
Contact Estelle Liepa for more info or just turn up.
07973 533668



St. Michael's Nursery **Wrap around service; Breakfast Club and After School Club.** For many years we have offered wrap around care exclusive to Holywell and we are proud to have strong links with your fantastic school. To ensure the service is viable we need to be sure of high level of demand to meet increasing costs of running the nursery and additional services.

Many families at other primary schools have asked us to consider drop/collection at their schools and, should numbers remain low at Holywell we are looking at the logistics of their requests.

We are offering our breakfast and afterschool to Holywell parents before other schools and these places are on a first come first served basis. Katie loves her daily trips to Tawstock!

Links you may be interested in?

www.kingsleyschoolbideford.co.uk

Courses

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--bideford/family-and-education--classes/>

The Plough Torrington

<https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesArtsCommunityCentre/>

Barnstaple Library

<http://devonlibraries.org.uk>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Hay fever information from the met office. This may be helpful if you or a family member is suffering.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/2018/pollen-survey>

On-line Safety

Online safety is an ever expanding area and you can find further valuable information on the CEOP website

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> and the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>