

24th May 2024

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Today has been such a celebration of so many aspects of school life, I do feel incredibly proud of the children and how well they have managed this year. On such a beautiful day, it has firstly been amazing to take a group of 12 children to the Torrington Aquathon. Mr Day has informed me that he was so proud of the children who took part and we are thankful for the support of Mrs Jones, who helped the children on the day. The attitudes and behaviour of the children was excellent, very well done everyone!



Also, I was delighted to hear from Exeter Chiefs community team earlier in the week who had heard about the fire at Holywell during the tag rugby festival. I was able to meet up with Olly Hale today at Holywell school and receive a very generous donation of PE equipment from Exeter Chiefs, including tag rugby belts, tags and bibs. I am very grateful to the team for their thoughtful offer and we will make good use of the equipment on our return to school.

After half term

Please note, I am aware that many parents are able to see that the work at Holywell is progressing, albeit a delayed start. I am sure that many of you have already made the assumption that the return to school will not take place after half term. I can now confirm that we will **continue at Roundswell** after half term. I was hoping to have more information to share with you in regard to a

more precise date today, however, I am waiting for further confirmation from the builders completing the work. At this point in time, I am aware that asbestos concrete was found underneath the building, however this has not delayed matters too much. They are currently removing the roof in order to make sure that it is still usable. Once this is determined, I will be able to share more. Please do take note that for our teaching purposes, we **will not be returning to Holywell immediately after half term, we will remain at Roundswell**. Bus travel and current routines will stay the same for the first weeks.

Thank you to everyone, you have continued to be incredibly supportive of the school and I have appreciated all of the feedback. I do wish you all a fantastic half term break, let's hope the sunshine continues! Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey.

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Now that the warmer weather is with us if anyone would like to purchase any pre-loved uniform, they can contact Aneka Gold on 07817573189. She will then check the size/s you require. Non-logo items are £1, logo items are £2.

Driving and parking at Roundswell:

Please can I remind everyone driving their children to school to be extra careful when reversing. We have received a couple of complaints this week of parents reversing and pulling out without looking when children are crossing the road. We also have had several residents who live near the school complaining about the inconsiderate parking when dropping and collecting children from school. Can you please make sure that you are not parking in or blocking a driveway. Thank you for your co-operation with this as I am sure you will all agree that our children's safety is paramount.

Mislaid coat

Please could you check you child's bag in case they have brought home a coat in error.

ParentPay

Please can you check you ParentPay account and pay off any outstanding balances.

The trips available for any outstanding balances to be cleared are:

Years 3 and 4 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Years R, 1 and 2 Swimming – a few payments still outstanding.

Rosemoor Trip – taking place on Tuesday 7th May – a few payments still outstanding.

School Lunches – please can you clear your outstanding balance during the half term.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – please can you clear your outstanding balance during half term.

Pre-School Fees

Year 3 & 4 - Exeter Trip – must be paid by the Monday 17th June. If we do not receive enough payments to cover the cost of this trip, which is already being subsidised by the PTA, we may have to be cancelled.

Wimbledon Trip – A REMINDER THAT THIS PAYMENT MUST BE PAID BY SUNDAY 2ND JUNE. IF THIS IS NOT PAID BY MIDNIGHT ON THIS DATE THEN YOUR CHILD'S NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM PARENTPAY AND THE CHILD/REN ON THE RESERVE LIST WILL BE OFFERED THE PLACE.

Links you may find useful.

[HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon](#)

Diary Dates

11th – 13th June – Parent conferences – details to follow.

13th June – **Olympic legacy** – selected children only.

24th June – Tempest Class/Group Photos

27th June – Year 3 & 4 - trip to Exeter – details have been sent out.

25th June – Year 6 – Air Extreme.

1st & 2nd July – Year 6 - Taster days Pilton

11th & 12th July – Year 6 Taster days Park

16th July – Sports Day – details to follow.

Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, and leavers service.

Term Dates

Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 inclusive.

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the Autumn tern 2024-2025 – Thursday 5th September 2024

School Uniform

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.



Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals.

However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).

- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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

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>

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