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23rd July 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear parents and carers

Wow – we’ve done it – we have all finally made it to the end of another very unusual school year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous help and support for our school over this year. We are so very grateful to all of our parents and carers for working in partnership with us and we are incredibly proud of all of the children who are a real credit to the school and to you all.

Thank you all so much for all that you have done for the school and the community and how much this has helped us all cope and manage throughout the school being open and through lockdown 3.0!

I also want to thank the tremendous teaching and support staff team at Holywell. They have worked tirelessly throughout the whole of the year and have done everything they can to support the children in their care. I wish each and every one a wonderful summer break They most definitely need to recharge their batteries ready for a new term. They have been so dedicated and the effort and care they have put into ensuring that your children had the best of what we could offer, despite the circumstances has humbled me. Together we really are all a “community” school.

We also have to say a very sad goodbye to 2 members of staff. Mrs. Curtis has worked with pupils, staff and parents for over 18 years at Holywell and is now going onto pastures new and Mr. Buckton who has been a TA for the last 3 years. We are so grateful to these amazing staff – they have both made a huge difference to the lives of children at Holywell and will be very sadly missed. We wish them both the very best and know we’ll keep in touch

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest best wishes and good luck to the whole of our year 6. We all so regret that they were unable to complete the school year as planned. Their leavers service yesterday was wonderful. I would like to thank them for their hard work, fun and resilience which have made them a credit to you and to our school. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would also like to thank the parents and carers of year 6 pupils for all the support you have shown the school during your child’s time here. Please be assured that even when your child leaves us, you will always be part of the special Holywell community and I hope it will always have a place in your heart. We will miss you Y6. Enjoy all your new adventures.

We also want to thank our wonderful Governing Body for all their time and commitment to the school, children and staff. They go above and beyond supporting us and we are so grateful.

The PTA team have been tremendous this year. They have found brilliant ways to raise money for the school during the pandemic. We thank them so much for all they do and all they raise. Please keep supporting their work.

I wish you all a very safe and wonderful summer holiday. Let’s hope the sun continues to shine. See you back in school on Wednesday September 8th 2021.

School News

Staff Thank you.

All staff members would like to say a very big thank you for their lovely gifts and best wishes which have been sent in over the last few days. It is so very very kind and generous of you. Enjoy the Summer break and those of you who will be returning in September we look forward to hearing about your adventure.

Pupil Achievement

We would all like to say huge congratulations to **Lara Heywood** who has been selected to train and play with the Devon Girls Football squad. Well Done Lara.

We are thrilled that we are able to offer **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club** at Holywell next term. We can only have 8 children so once we have 8 children booked in we will not be able to take any more. Ms Scott and Miss Derges will be running the clubs

Breakfast Club

- To be held in the Phoenix Room (staffroom) with a maximum of 8 children at any time
- Parents to book via email to the office and to pay via ParentPay and children collected from school gate each morning
- Children to be offered a selection of breakfasts and drinks from menu
- Children to be taken to classroom at start of school day
- Cost £4.00 per session

After school Club

- Staff to collect children from school gate at the end of the day and go into the Phoenix Room for drink and a sandwich type of snack
- Maximum of 8 children at any time
- Parents to book via email to office and to pay via ParentPay. Children to be taken down to the school gate for collection.
- Children to be offered a selection of snacks and drinks from menu
- Child can attend clubs run after school by teachers and then attend ASC afterwards
- Cost £4.00 3.15 to 4.15pm and £8.00 from 3.15 to 5.15pm

We hope parents will take us up this fabulous offer as we have organised it as a request directly from many parents.

Holywell 200 years.

Holywell was founded as a School in 1822 which we believe was set up by the church or community, not quite sure but will have to do more research. The government/local authority in those days didn't start funding schools until 1830.

Therefore, it could be our 200th anniversary next year or in 2030?

If you know of anyone who may be able to help us with this research or have stories they would like to share can you please ask them to contact holywell@ventrus.org.uk

Nathaniel Fund raising – Thank you

The cake sale and non-uniform day raised £85.00 to help towards the final years' education of Nathaniel who we have been sponsoring for many years. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

PE Hoodie

Before you start purchasing your child's uniform for the new term we would like to remind you that the hoodie is part of the PE uniform and not the general school uniform.

National Book Tokens

National Book Tokens are holding a free prize draw, giving schools the chance to win £5000 of National Book Tokens for their library!

All adults have to do is fill in their name, email address, postcode, and the name of our school, so please have a go. It only takes a few minutes to complete and the more entries that the school receive the better chance we will have of winning the prize.

If your entry is picked, you will also receive £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

If you would like to place a free entry for Holywell school, please follow the link below:

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)

We would like to hear your experiences of receiving equipment for children and young people with SEND. If your child has been prescribed and received equipment to support them, then we want to hear about your experiences. Examples of this would be where perhaps an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist has prescribed some equipment to support your child. This could include, for example, specialist seating, equipment to support bathing and personal care, hoists, or maybe adaptations to support independence in your home.

We're hosting an engagement session on Zoom on Tuesday 22 June, and we'd love for you to join and give your feedback about your experiences.

The event will take place from 10.30am to 11.30am. [To book your place, please complete this form.](#) Alternatively, if you can't or don't want to join the session, but do still want to share your experiences, thoughts and ideas, you can also use the above form to do so.

We will use the feedback to inform improvements going forwards.

Chulmleigh College is delighted to invite prospective pupils and their parents/carers to meet our teaching staff and take part in activities across a wide range of subjects. Presentations by Executive Headteacher Michael Johnson and the opportunity to meet with SENDCo Laura Mackie. Please pre-register here <https://tinyurl.com/CC-Open-Evening-2021>."

The Plough

The Future Youth Team Present....An August Youth Takeover! Celebrating International Youth Day!
Live workshops but limited places available.

DIARY DATES:

11th and 15th October 2021 – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Autumn Term 2021

Start of the Autumn term (for children) will be Wednesday 8th September.

Non-Pupil day Friday 22nd October 2021

Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021(inclusive).

Last day of the Autumn term Friday 17th December 2021

Start of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January 2022

News from the PTA



Thank you all for supporting our wonderful school throughout this year. With your support we have been able to help purchase new laptops, fund the KS1 play and award grants for each class to buy new equipment. We thank the school staff for their dedication and wish those staff and children who are leaving the very best in their next stage. We wish all families a fantastic summer making memories with the children and hope to welcome the new term with a celebration in September.

Welcome Fair - Thursday 23rd September 3-5pm

We are planning to hold our postponed Summer Fete on Thursday 23rd September after school. More details will follow but please remember to get those jars, bottles and teddies ready. As always, we would love to hear from anyone who can **volunteer** a bit of their time on the day. We are holding a **planning meeting on Thursday 9th September at 7.30 on zoom, all welcome!**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78904050406?pwd=RVIQcEVDaVZyQ2oxZFEyZzNKa1RpQT09>

Meeting ID: 789 0405 0406 Passcode: 8ViB97

Summer raffle

Thank you for buying tickets or donating prizes and congratulations to the winners! We managed to raise about £200.

Online fundraising

Please remember you can continue to help raise fund for the school through:

Easyfundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

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

Your School Lottery <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary-school>

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform, please contact Hazel on 07974208835

Happy holidays and see you in September!