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21st October 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

School News

Autumn Term 2021

Non-Pupil day Friday 22nd October 2021

I wish you all a restful half term and I hope you enjoy family time together. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 1st November.

Holywell School Dinners

We said a sad farewell today to the catering staff from St Michael's who have been providing the children and staff with delicious meals every day for several years. We are sure we will continue to still have a great working relationship with St Michael's and we wish them all the very best.

We are thrilled we have been able to provide a seamless move to Holywell School and Ventrus providing delicious hot meals every day instead. You will find attached a NEW menu and details of how to pay for the meals.

Residential

Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous time at St George's House last week. We have all really enjoyed hearing about their adventures. I am so pleased we have been able to start to resume special trips like this as these events make memories your children will have for years to come. I send a huge thank you to all the staff from Holywell and Bratton Fleming who attended the residential, for willingly giving up their time each day and night to ensure the children had a fabulous time.

Harvest festival

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us at St Peter's Church yesterday for our Harvest Festival. We are so very grateful for the wonderful produce that was kindly donated and given to the Freedom Centre and to our new friends from Edukids who kindly joined us and told us all about Daniel, a child who loves in a village in Uganda. We are sponsoring Morrish to attend school and will be fundraising over the year to cover his education fees.

School Menu

Please find attached to this newsletter the menu which will take effect from 1st November. All children in Reception to Year 2 inclusive are eligible for a free school meal under the Universal Income Free School Meal Scheme. (UIFSM) The cost of a school meal for those children in Year 3 to 6 remains at £2.30, please pay in advance on Parent Pay. Everyone should have already received an email from the school regarding this.

Parent Conferences

By Monday 25th October you should be able to book your child's parent conference via their teams account. You will need to go onto your child's general channel on teams to access the document to book your appointment.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – URGENT for those of you who have not yet registered.

If you have not yet made an application for secondary transfer, please do so before the 31st October. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline

If families don't wish to or can't apply online, please complete a hard copy of the application form which can be obtained from the school office.

Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is essential to make an on time application to give the best chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

Meet Our School Council

A big congratulation to the following children who have been elected on to this years' School Council:

Chloe J – Chair Person

Flossie – Vice Chair Person

George and Matilda – Secretaries

Sophia and Holly – Events Organisers

Ruby and Freya – Squirrel Representatives

Anya and Naomi – Fox Representatives

Jacob and Lola – Hedgehog Representatives

Helena and Ethan – Robin Representatives

ParentPay

These trips are now available for payment and consent to be made:

Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)

Gliddon and Squire North Devon Cross Country League

On Sunday it was the first race of the North Devon Cross Country League at Northam Burrows. Well done to the Holywell Children who braved the mud!

Results are:

Year 3 and 4 Girls – Lola 8th

Year 3 and 4 Boys – Jack 35th

Year 5 and 6 Girls – Freya 43rd

Year 5 and 6 Boys – Aston 27th

The next race is **2. Sunday 7th November at Northam Burrows**

If you would like to enter this next race entries have now

reopened: <https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/>

[Gliddon & Squire North Devon](https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/)

[Cross Country League](https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/)

Gliddon and Squire North Devon Cross
Country League

northdevonxcleague.weebly.com

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>

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).

Breakfast Club – please confirm dates booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

After-School Club (4:15 and 5:15 finish). Please confirm by email the dates and finish times booked and if you have a permanent booking please confirm when you have paid for the following month.

If you are going to be late 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)

St Peter's Church Tawstock invites Holywell children and their families to join them for a family service on Sunday 21st November. These services start at 11am and will be shorter than normal (40 minutes) and will have something for everyone to enjoy. There is an area of church set aside for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks.

DIARY DATES:

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November – Gymnastics at Falcons. **Can parents please collect their child at 3pm.**

School will hold on to siblings until you arrive back to collect them.

November 4th (Thursday) – Tempest photos – individuals and family groups.

November 8th – 12th November (Week) – Parent Conference appointments online. We will publish further details as soon as they are available.

December 15th (Wednesday) – Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 2pm to 3pm

December 15th (Wednesday)– Flu Immunisation

December 16th (Thursday) - Robins and Hedgehogs nativity in the village hall – 9:20am to 10:20am

December 16th (Thursday) – Carol service and Christingle at Tawstock Parish Church – 2pm to 3pm.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

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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



Please can this go in the newsletter. Have a lovely half term break!

Thank you to all who attended the AGM or sent their apologies and ideas. We re-elected the 4 officers, agreed to buy lots of books for the school this year and started planning the Christmas fair.

Christmas cards and gifts

We hope your children will enjoy creating a beautiful art piece that can be printed on Christmas cards or other gifts. In order to have these ready in time we need you to hand these in on the first day back from half term please. See attached letter and template in case you need to print an extra copy!

Your School Lottery

This is a weekly draw and tickets are just £1! Tickets can be bought any time at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holywell-church-of-england-primary->

[school](#) Thanks to your support, we have already raised over £800, the more tickets we sell the more we can raise for the school!

Online fundraising

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.

Christmas card design deadline: Monday 1st November

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th November

Christmas Fayre: Thursday 2nd December