

7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Nearly everyone that I have spoken to this week has commented that this week has really flown by! The children and I keep joking, it is hard to know what to wear at the moment with all of the changes in weather! We have had a really good week once again and there is always much to celebrate.



A great deal of progress has been made with the building works on site. The strip out of the building has been completed and there has been further meetings to assess the next steps for the build. We have now received updated schedules of work, but timelines have not yet been detailed. The exciting steps are that we are now in discussion about layout of the classroom and some more creative aspects of the build.

I have tried to share some photographs sent to me over the last week, which I hope show the extent of the work undertaken so far. Asbestos has been removed, walls stripped and floor and roof damage assessed. I fully appreciate that everyone's main concern is a return date, and I am working closely with Ventrus central team to get a more specific date for all of us to work with. You will see with key dates outlined below that I have tried to simply make key decisions to try to help parents to plan the coming half term to the best knowledge that I have at the moment.



As there are still many unknowns, I thank you hugely for the patience that you have shown. The children have been amazing and this week I noticed the amount of friendships that have been built across the two schools – it is quite remarkable and I am incredibly proud. On Monday, I am meeting with architects and our central team and I may have further news. The work is being overseen by project managers and they will provide me with a reliable source of information. When this has been fully shared, I will communicate everything fully. Thank you again for your patience – I am as keen as you all to return to our beautiful school and remain very grateful to our colleagues at Roundswell.



## **Year 5/6 Rounders**

Today, a team of Year 5/6 pupils attended a rounders tournament at Pilton community college. I have seen the children practicing through the week and now that SATs has finished, it has been great to see the children relax and playing together! Of the 9 schools that attended today, Mr Day and I were immensely proud to see our children come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall! Holywell won all but one of their games and it was a very close call between the top 3 schools. All children represented the school so well and showed great athleticism. Mr Day told me that he was just so proud of the children's ability – fantastic job children!

## **Snacks**

I have noticed that the children are bringing in snacks that are drifting away from the recommended healthy snacks that we would advise, including chocolate biscuits, crisps etc. There is no issue in the children having these in their lunch boxes (the children know that I have crisps in my lunchbox, I am sure!) however, for morning snack, please could you pack either a fruit or cereal snack, cheese or crackers for those who mainly need something to sustain them a little longer. It goes without saying, I am sure, that these do need to be nut free. If you are struggling to find something suitable, please do speak to your teacher, I am a parent and do understand that children go through different phases with their snack choices.

## **Olympic Legacy**

Please note that selected children will be attending the Olympic legacy sporting event at Park School next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. For those children we are asking that parents please **collect their child from Park School** between **3pm and 3.15m**. Please do contact us if you require transport back to school for After School Club or to catch the bus back to Holywell. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! 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.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> May – a few payments still outstanding.**

**School Lunches –**

**Breakfast and After-School Clubs – **please can you clear your outstanding.****

**Pre-School Fees**

**Year 3 & 4 - Exeter Trip – **must be paid by the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 cancel.****

[Links you may find useful.](#)

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

### Diary Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent conferences – details have been on Teams or through the teachers.

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Olympic legacy – selected children only. (please note, we require parents to collect from Park School between 3pm-3.15pm. Should you need your child transported back to Roundswell for ASC or for the bus, please contact us on [holywell@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:holywell@ventrus.org.uk).

**24<sup>th</sup> June** – Tempest Class/Group Photos

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3 & 4 - trip to Exeter – details have been sent out.

**25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 – Air Extreme.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 - Taster days Pilton

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Taster days Park

**11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July** – New Reception starters taster days –at Roundswell

**16<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day – at Roundswell

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – am – Leavers service at Roundswell

### Term Dates

Last day of term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

First day of the Autumn tern 2024-2025 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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](http://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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