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25th September, 2020

Autumn Term

Last day of the Autumn term will be 18th December, 2020.

Training day Friday October 23rd, 2020

Half term Monday 26th October, 2020 – Friday 30th October, 2020 inclusive.

Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

A message from Mrs. Denham

This week we have welcomed a student teacher, Mrs. Murray from the North Devon Teaching School Alliance/Exeter University who will be working with us for most of the school year. Mrs. Murray is working in Hedgehogs Class. We wish her well with her studies and placement at Holywell.

There is a lovely menu for school dinners which includes Pasta Bolognese, Vegetable frittata, Roast ham and Homemade cheese and tomato pizza. They all sound delicious. Thank you St Michaels J

Can we remind all children to bring a NAMED water bottle into school and a NAMED coat as the weather has started to turn chilly. Also, as we are trying to keep windows and doors open where possible during lessons, could we please ask for children to make sure they have a NAMED sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan with them every day.

Holywell PTA held a really supportive meeting this week via Zoom. It was lovely to welcome some new members who already are making an impact. Thank you to everyone for their time, dedication and commitment.

After School Care – Wraparound Care.

We are delighted to say that, due to St Michael's Nursery being unable to running they after school care at present, we are able to offer two days of after school care per week, starting next week. However, both of these sessions are just viable with the minimum number of children attending. If you haven't yet confirmed that you would like a place or in the future realise that this care would be convenient, please phone the office to book a place. The cost will be £8.50 per child, per session which **MUST** be paid for on ParentPay before they start.

Reminder

The only items your children should be bringing into school are:

- PE kits, as directed by their class teacher. Please contact their teacher if you are unsure.
- A drinks bottle to be brought in on Mondays and brought home on Fridays.
- A packed lunch & healthy snack if required.

Please don't send in any toys or games.

COVID 19 - Useful links and phone numbers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Phone NHS on 111, or the Covid kit delivery helpdesk on 119

Safely arriving and leaving school

We have been informed by some very concerned and anxious parents that some parents congregate on or around the school site before and after school. It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time. All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of the transmitting the virus. Please leave a clear and wide pathway for children to safely through to get to their class. Please do not block any of the area near the gate.

Please can we remind that the children in Robins and Hedgehogs start school at 9.00am and Foxes and Squirrels at 8.45am. Please can children in Robins and Hedgehogs wait until 9.00am to enter unless they have a sibling in Squirrels or Foxes. We are trying to desperately avoid all the school being in the car park and at the gate at one time. Please do not arrive too early or too late if possible.

Year 6 message from Pilton Community College

As we are unable to invite Year 6 students and their parents and carers to our usual annual Open Events this year, we will be launching a virtual prospectus on our website from Monday, 28th September.

This will include a presentation from our Headteacher, Mr Hill, along with information regarding our different subject areas, interviews with key staff and students and a dedicated email address through which questions can be asked and answered.

Any enquiries from parents or pupils please visit our website at piltoncollege.org.uk.

Parent Pay (cash free school)

As previously notified, all payments **must** now be made by parent pay and we are **unable** to take cash payments, if you have not yet logged onto parent pay and have lost your username and password can you please email and we will get this sent out to you.

Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Dates for your diary

12th November 2020

30th November 2020

Tempest Photographer (individual school if possible)

Flu Immunisation

News from the PTA



Thank you to everyone who attended our first online meeting and to those who could not attend but continue to help us raise funds for the school! We appointed this year's committee members:

Chair - Lucia Gomar
Vice-Chair - Sue Evans
Secretary - Hazel Malin
Treasurer - Ben Duncan

Look out for our newsletter coming soon with further details and our plans for this term!

In the meantime, do you still need to buy some uniform? Please buy second hand! Unlike with new garments, every penny you spend goes to the school. Not only it helps the school and saves you money, it also saves precious natural resources. Please contact Hazel Malin on **07974 208835**

Remember you can follow us on Facebook Instagram or email friendsofholywell@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

Easyfundraising: Please share this link with friends and family and remember to use it the next time you shop online!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofholywellschool/?invite=qxe9k8&referral-campaign=s2s>