



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

A Message from Mrs Denham

Severe weather conditions and the closure of School

I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.

1. We will send out a text message to all parents ASAP.
2. Listen to Radio Devon 103.4 FM/95.7 FM
3. If you are unsure, telephone school on 01271 345908 or email adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk . We will always have staff, if at all possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements.

Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter

Robins Wow Day

We are planning a wow day for the children on Monday 18th January. The class theme this term is 'The Blue Planet: oceans and space', as part of our whole school geographical focus, Active Planet.

We have been following Tim Peake's launch and his experiences from the International Space Station. We have been looking at the planets in our solar system and how the earth appears from space.

To enhance our learning we have built a space rocket in the classroom; we would like the children to dress in space related clothing, this could include astronauts, aliens, space ships, planets or moon rocks ready to have a day exploring space. Could your child bring in boxes for a rocket making adventure.

Please speak or email Mrs. Coulam if you have any problems adminh@gatewayfed.org.uk

Hedgehogs

On Wednesday all of Hedgehogs class and their explorer 'bears' had a wonderful time exploring the school grounds, where no bear had gone before! A huge thank you to all the parents who gave so much thought and time into turning the much loved cuddliest bears into very creatively dressed explorers for the day!

Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Ashcroft.

We have a pair of unnamed boys school trousers in the classroom that were left behind after gymnastics this week if someone would like to claim them please. There are also a cardigan and jumper still left from last term.

Piano and cello lessons

We are pleased to now be able to offer piano and cello lessons with Mrs. Lara Foot.

On Wednesday she will be doing a short demonstration to the school.

If your child is interested please speak to me (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) or leave a message with Mrs. Palmer in the office.

Cellos can be hired from Devon Music Service. If you are interested I can find out details of this for you.

Mrs. Archer

The cost of lessons is as follows:

For Piano :

£10 per 20 minute lesson

£13.50 per 30 minute lesson

For Cello:

£10 per individual 20 minute lesson

£13.50 per individual 30 minute lesson

£10 per group 30 minute lesson, max 4 students.

North Devon Cross Country - Coxleigh Barton

The biggest well-done of the cross country season so far; goes to our team from Sunday's event. The course was the wettest, boggiest and certainly muddiest challenge we have faced in the history of the league. The underfoot conditions were not helped by the heavy rain and hail bursts! Despite the difficulties many of our runners had their top finishes this year, with special admiration to **Tiana Comer**, **Billy Dudden** and **Ella Swales** who despite finding the going tough didn't give in. Determined not to let the course or elements beat them they pushed on drawing lots admiration and positive comments from the marshals and organisers.

Results were:

U9 girls: Isabelle Westaway 25th (highest finish this season), **Madison Wilson** 28th, **Leah Smith** 35th, **Tiana Comer** 36th

U9 boys: Charlie Marshall 22nd, **Billy Dudden** 59th (highest finish this season)

U11 girls: Macy Barrow 26th (highest finish this season), **Ella Swales** 49th (highest finish this season).

Many, many thanks; to the parents who supported their children and the school at this event.

PE Shirt

We would like to introduce a PE t-shirt throughout the school. It will be bottle green with the school logo. It will be part of the school PE kit and ensure that when we go to competitions or whole year/class events we will all look the same.

The cost of the t-shirt will be £5 and a sample can be found in the school office. We will be placing an order on Friday 5th February. If you would like one please make payment of £5 (cheques made payable to DCC) to Mrs. Palmer along with the size you require.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are now collecting these vouchers. Please post them into the box found in the office.

Children's Hospice South West

Summah Barrow will be swimming one mile (64 lengths) of the Barnstaple Leisure Centre pool in aid of 'Children's Hospice South West. If you would like to sponsor Summah please see her Mum Nadeanne. Thank you for your support.

After school clubs – All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Netball

There will only be netball club on the next 3 Mondays for those children going to the Park school courts. Netball at school will start again after half term. Monday 22nd February.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	No Club Tuesday 19 th January and Tuesday 2 nd February
Wednesday	Computer	Mrs Curtis	Y5 & 6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	

Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Cancelled until further notice

Diary Dates – forthcoming events

Tuesday 12th January for 5 weeks – Hedgehogs class Falcons Gymnastics. Parents will be collecting children from the Gym at Tarka Tennis at 3 pm.

Monday 18th January, - Robins class Wow Day.

Wednesday 27th January – PTA meeting in school at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Feb 29th to March 4th - Parent Conference week, days to be confirmed.

Half Term Monday 15th to Friday 19th February.

End of Term



PTFA

PTFA – Next Meeting – Wednesday 27th January, 6.30pm in school

PTFA Committee:

Chair - Hayley Cook – Telephone 07737193572

Vice Chair - Sue Evans (Imogen's Grandma)

Secretary – Carol Dudden

Treasurer – Sandi Prideaux

Op Shop -Tracey Smith

Community News

Drop off your kids for a couple of hours of fun!

X-site

Trinity Church - the one with the tower near Rock Park

Saturday 30th January

3-5pm

£1.50 per child to include games, craft, snack and fun!

Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome

Snacks provided, Guest speakers and Messy play.

Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall

For more details contact Mel:

07866783740

St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org