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30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

### Last day of the Summer term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Well, what can I say? Holywell school, that was one of the best Sports' Days I have ever had the pleasure to take part in. A huge thank you needs to go out to Mr. Day for the organization of the day, which was just superb! So many thanks need to be given: to our PTA for their kindness and generosity providing refreshments, to our parents and community who attended and even supported taking equipment to the field, to our staff team for their hard work delivering the activities and scoring, to our Park and Pilton representatives and to our amazing children! Children, you were such incredible ambassadors for a school and it was heart-warming to see how you supported one another. Thank you all!

Today, I will be sending out information regarding the class structures for September for your information. As yet, the children have not been informed of their new teachers as we wanted to make sure that you received this information at the same time. Please do feel free to share this information with your child when this is received. A transition afternoon is detailed in the letter to support your child and to allow them to spend time with their teacher.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our parent pay accounts have outstanding charges that may have been forgotten. I do appreciate it is easy to do and that charges can quickly mount up unnoticed. Please could all parents check their parent pay for any outstanding meal charges, extended school services or nursery fees before the summer holiday and ensure that these are cleared. Thank you!

I hope the next few weeks remain an enjoyable, fun-packed time for everyone at school as we begin to relax our way into Summer. Your child's school report will be sent out on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for you to enjoy! The children have worked extremely hard this year and I have been so proud to have been part of their journey since January. Sports day yesterday was the highlight of my year and I am deeply proud to be a part of such a wonderful school community.

Have a wonderful weekend, as always! Mrs. Lowrey

### School News

#### Change to next week's menu.

As you are aware next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July the children are participating in a sponsored walk through the woods to Rock Park, therefore the lunch **next Wednesday** will be – Breaded Fish Fillet or Veggie Sausage and the Roast Chicken, Cauliflower Bites or JP with Tuna will be **served on Thursday**.

## **VERY IMPORTANT - Tempest Photos**

**If you haven't managed to order your Tempest Photos on-line and would like school to send them off, WE MUST have your orders returned to school BY MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY.**

Below are the details of how to order online.

For those parents who are yet to order **online**, they have until **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

The order reference number can be found underneath each of the proof photos – 10-digit number.

## **Diarrhoea and/or Sickness**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>



## **ParentPay**

We currently have **22 children** showing debts on their ParentPay school meals account, **7 children** on the breakfast club account and **7 children** on the after-school club account.

## **Teacher Training Opportunity**

### **SWIFT Teacher Training Classroom Experience and Information Event**

**Who** – people educated to a degree level, recent graduates, career changers, returners to work, teaching assistants, anyone interested in teaching.

**Content** - this is an opportunity to gain classroom experience and find out more about SWIFT Teacher Training, our route into teaching, courses and PGCE.

**Where** – Primary and Secondary School events across Devon, select the one closest to your area

**How to book** - On-line booking form [HERE](#) Or contact: Nicky Sheppard Email: [nicky.sheppard@sw-ift.org.uk](mailto:nicky.sheppard@sw-ift.org.uk).

**PLEASE BOOK BY Monday 3 July 2023**

**See attached flyer.**

## **Diary Dates including all the Y6**

**7<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 sleepover (letter will follow)

**12<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Performance (village hall) 2pm – all welcome

**13<sup>th</sup> July** – Y 4 & 5 Trip to Lundy.

**17<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 teacher takeover (in school time - organised by Y6)

**19<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Trip (letter and details to follow)

**20<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Leavers Service (village hall) 2pm – all welcome

**21<sup>st</sup> July** - Y6 water fight (in school time)

## **Term Dates**

**End of Term – last day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

**Beginning of the Autumn Term - first day back for pupil is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

## **School Uniform**

We are in the process of moving our school uniforms sales from school to Daw's at Daw's Clothing Company Ltd, Unit 2 Affinity Devon, (Atlantic Village) Clovelly Road, Bideford.

As we sell out of items they are taking them on and can be purchased on-line at:

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

**PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.**

## **Ventrus Job Vacancies**

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.

## **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>

## **Community News**

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.<sup>1</sup>

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations. Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with the public library network.

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR Online. Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) · Sign up on the official Challenge website.

- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the summer holidays. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the Library Finder to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Barnstaple Library 01271 318780 or email [barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:barnstaple.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk).

Yours faithfully, Lisa D'Alberty, Senior Supervisor, Barnstaple Library [1] The Reading Agency (2022) Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report

Want to know more? · Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success here. · Visit the official Summer Reading Challenge website for free activities, competitions and videos. · Keep up-to-date! Follow @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook.

What do families think?

"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the courage to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the greatest experience ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."

Girl, aged 12+

"The challenge encouraged my child to read more often, and in turn encouraged myself as well."

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

"Enabled us to have some fun cheap days out and reading together has brought us closer than before."

Parent/carer of 8-9-year-old girl

"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper joy for reading. For a young dyslexic boy, the challenge helps make reading fun."

Parent/carer of 6-7-year-old boy

"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him more confident in himself and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."

Parent/carer of 10-11-year-old boy

**'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Autumn Term 2023):**

[Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.**

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumn term of the new 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers. Full programme details and application process below

**Autism & Us programmes:**

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Thurs 14 Sept - 10 - 12	Tues 31 Oct - 4.30 - 6.30	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Wed 20 Sept - 10 - 12	Tues 7 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura O'Shea + Melissa New
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Thurs 5 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 14 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Laura Matthews
4	Sensory	Thurs 12 Oct - 10 - 12	Tues 21 Nov - 4.30 - 6.30	Kevin Jones

**Apply direct by email to: [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk)**

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time	Trainer
Autism - Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 Nov 10-12	Kevin
Autism and Girls	Wed 8 Nov 9.30-12	Rob
Autism - Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 6 Dec 10-12	Rob
Autism - Communication (verbal - support strategies)	Tues 12 Dec 10-12	Laura O + Melissa
Autism - Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 15 Nov 10-12	Alison

Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 1 Nov 10-12	Paul
Autism – Communication (pre/non-verbal – support strategies	Wed 22 Nov 10-12	Laura M

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 To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

# Chulmleigh College

## Year 5 Taster Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9am - 3.10pm



**We are delighted to invite Year 5 pupils to join us for an exciting day at the College!**

Pupils will experience a wide range of activities, including PE, Design & Technology, Food Technology & Science.

**OUT OF CATCHMENT?** We offer a transport service from Hamstaple, Hatherleigh, Crediton, Wenlockford & Torrington areas. (Transport is not available for the Year 5 Taster Day.)

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** visit [www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](http://www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)



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