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15th October 2021

A message from Mrs. Denham

Residential

Our year 5 & 6 residential to St Georges House at Georgeham has been a huge success and they have had a fabulous time, as those of you who follow are Facebook page and website will have seen and read.

<http://www.primaryschoolsbarntable.co.uk/website/squirrels/268408>

I am sure they will have many memories to share with their families over the weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return to school next week.

This residential would not be possible if it wasn't for the time given by our wonderful staff who I am sure are also looking forward to a restful weekend with their families. A very big thank you to them all.

School News

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Non-Pupil day Friday 22nd October 2021

EDUKIDS

We are thrilled to be able to tell you that both Holywell and Bratton have join up with Edukids a wonderful charity based in Bideford.

Edukid work with children living in extreme poverty in Uganda. They support students through their education, from primary school all the way up to university and vocational training. Edukid believes that all children have the right to attend school, and that it is a long-term solution to enabling communities to break out of the poverty cycle.

Before the Harvest Festival Service Edukids will be introducing themselves to the children in an assembly at school and then the representative will be joining us at the church service.

A picture and write-up by the child Holywell is going to support is attached to the same email as the newsletter.

Harvest Festival

Next **Wednesday 20th October** is our annual **Harvest Festival** at Tawstock Parish Church and it would be lovely if you were able to join the children in this celebration. This year the service is taking place in the afternoon. Please arrive at the church between 2:20pm and 2:30pm which will allow for the children to arrive at the church without too many stops for passing cars.

The service is due to finish at 3:15pm. If you are not attending can you, please collect from the church at 3:15pm **instead of the school.**

If you need ASC that night, we will ensure that children are brought back to school.

As in other years we will be collecting items for the Freedom Centre in Barnstaple. The centre will be grateful of any of the following:

Tins: chopped tomatoes, baked beans, meat and fish

Tinned meals: beef casserole, chicken curry, pot noodles and pasta pots

(with ring pulls if possible as some people may not have access to a tin opener)

Dried herbs and spices, pepper

Fruit

Couscous (not rice or pasta)

Sugar, custard and rice pudding

Coffee, cocoa, instant hot chocolate drink, fruit squash (not tea)

Baking ingredients: dried fruit, baking powder, vanilla essence, chocolate

Sauces: brown sauce, tomato sauce and mayonnaise

Non-bio washing powder, washing up liquid, kitchen rolls

Toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo and hand wash (not bars of soap)

Cereal bars, granola bars and chocolate biscuit bars

These include Dried herbs and spices, coffee, cocoa, instant hot chocolate drink etc. A full list can be seen on the email attachment.

Please can your child's contribution be brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 20th October 2021 Help would be appreciated.

After the service would any parent be able to take the food items and drop them off to the Freedom Centre, 1 Howard Way, Barnstaple the following day? The Freedom Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm and 9am to 1pm on Friday. Could you please contact the school office before the Harvest Festival on Wednesday if you are able to help? Thank you.

Parent Conferences

Your child's class teacher will be contacting you with a time and a date next week for your parents meeting. They will send this via teams, if the appointment you are sent is not convenient for you can you please message the teacher back via teams.

PTA AGM

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm in school. Everyone is welcome and they would love to see some new faces at the meeting. They will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

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.

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.

ParentPay

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

Gymnastics – Falcons (Hedgehogs class)

Gymnastics starts again next Tuesday 19th October so please remember to arrive at Falcons by 3pm to collect your Hedgehog child before driving to school to collect any other siblings.

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 Sundays 17th October and 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:

19th October 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.** –Payment required by 1st October. SOE 3's need to be returned by Monday 20th September.

October 11th and 15th 2021 – Year 5 and 6 Residential to St George's House.

October 20th (Wednesday) – Harvest Festival 2:30pm

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

November 8th – 12th November (Week) – 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) – 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



Annual General Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on **Tuesday 19th October at 19.30 in school.** We would like as many people as possible to attend this meeting where we will elect this year's committee and plan out next events and funding to benefit the children. There will be tea and biscuits!

Christmas cards

We have signed up for the children to make Christmas cards that will help raise funds for the school. The templates will be sent for your child to complete at home, please look out for them in their book bags next week!

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>

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> Good luck! Thank you very much to those winners who have donated their winnings, it is really appreciated!

Second hand uniform

If you need to buy or wish to donate uniform in the meantime, please contact Hazel on 07974208835. At the moment we can only accept donations of items with the school logo please.