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20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

### Message from Mrs. Lowrey

Wow, what a week it has been! The beautiful chilly weather has led many of us outside this week. Around school, children have been so excited, playing with the frost and generally exploring outside. There have been many highlights this week, with children walking through the forest, swim and gym and of course, the exploding volcanoes!



Congratulations to Hedgehog class for all of their efforts in making their volcanoes and I can see that you had an amazing time exploding them. I look forward to hearing more about your learning through the term!



I have seen some excellent examples of home learning this week, so congratulations to you all. I will be handing out some Headteacher awards during our Friday worship this afternoon.

It has also been such a delight to have regular visits from children who have shown me their learning during the day. I am seeing some fantastic efforts, particularly in your reading and writing this week.

I am delighted, also, to see how many children have signed up to the Pop Fizz club! This was such an exciting evening. I am pleased to announce that the following clubs will be running in the school from the **week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> January** for the remainder of the term.

Lunchtime clubs – Lego Club – Mondays  
Sewing club – Thursdays  
School council

After school clubs – (run from 3.15-4.15pm)

Monday – KS1 pottery club – Mrs. Coulam  
Wednesday – Forest welly ramble (depending on numbers)

**More information will follow to sign up to the after school clubs next week.**

## **Commissioning Service – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

St. Peter's Church are hosting a church service for all children, staff and parents to welcome Mrs. Lowrey to her new role as Headteacher next **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm – 3.15pm**. Parents are very welcome to attend and are asked to **please collect children from the church on this day**.

## **PTA Events**

A huge thank you to our PTA who have come up with some fantastic events in order to raise funds for school projects. The PTA are currently supporting the development of The Hollow and will be raising funds to purchase new equipment in the future. The planned events include:

Cinema night – (film to be chosen by school council) – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

School Disco – possibly 31<sup>st</sup> March – TBC

Please see below further information in regard to Tawstock Tiddlers – congratulations to the PTA for such a successful start.

What a wonderful week for our beautiful school! Thank you everyone, wrap up warm!

## **New School News**



### **ParentPay**

#### **Parent Pay Debts.**

The following trips are now available or will be available shortly for payment and consent to be made:

**School Meals – £2.30 per day**

**Breakfast & ASC – See below**

**Swimming and Gymnastics – Reception & yrs. 1, 2, & 3.**

**Residential – Calvert Trust – Yrs. 3 & 4**

Please remember to pay the correct funds into the correct account item, and for the correct child in your family

## **Reminders**

### **After-School and Breakfast Clubs**

We are able to run both Breakfast and ASC Clubs for 8 children only every day this term, but places must be booked in advance by phone or email. If we are over this number, we require an extra member of staff which we may not be able to provide at short notice. **WE ARE NO LONGER PROVIDING ASC ON THE LAST DAY OF EVERY TERM – 31<sup>st</sup> March and the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**. The clubs are now being run by Ms. Scott, Mrs. Lowin and Mrs. Mullen

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).

If you are going to be late collecting 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, please email [myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:myka.scott@ventrus.org.uk) [jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:jemma.lowin@ventrus.org.uk) [charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.mullen@ventrus.org.uk)

### **Tax Free Childcare**

If your child attends or may attend at some time our Breakfast or After-School Club may be entitled to tax free childcare. The link below will take you to the site where you can check if you are entitled and also register with the scheme.

[https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm\\_source=Search+&utm\\_medium=RSA&utm\\_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_source=Search+&utm_medium=RSA&utm_campaign=CC&gclid=CjwKCAiAyfybBhBKEiwAgtB7frB3iIr0Z9xEIGZQa9F68icank8Swoc1RZIOp1kjRQzL18xoapp2hoC2RwQAvD_BwE)

### Diary Dates

**10<sup>th</sup> January – 21<sup>st</sup> March inclusive.** - Gymnastics and Swimming Years R, 1, 2 & 3 – **Please remember to collect your child from the Tarka Leisure centre at 3:00pm.**

**28<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Calvert Trust Residential – Years 3 & 4.

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter service at St Peter's Church – further details to follow.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 STAT's week

### Term Dates

**Spring Half Term – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - inclusive.**

**Easter Holidays – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - inclusive**

**Non-Pupil Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Celebratory Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Summer Half Term – 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 – inclusive.**

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

### **A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A FREE RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR WORRIES:**

Our Mental Health Support Team are able to offer a new digital therapeutic intervention "Lumi-Nova - Tales of Courage", available free until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

This is an app aimed at Children aged between 7-12 years old and uses a Low Intensity -Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LICBT) graded exposure model to help children overcome their worries.

There is more information on the BFB-Labs website below.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/luminova>

You can gain Open Access to the app by clicking on the link below:

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

**Our MHST clinicians are also offering a "practitioner sign-up" model across North Devon, offering supportive calls throughout the intervention. Contact your school (Mrs. Hammond – [samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:samantha.hammond@ventrus.org.uk)) to complete a Request for Help form to access this service**

### Ventrus Job Vacancies

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

Including vacancies at local schools.

### **Tiddlers Toddlers – Tawstock Village Hall -**

**Every Wednesday**

**9am – 11am**

**Term time only**

All ages welcome, fun & messy play, healthy snacks,

Story time and much more.

children 2, adults £1

come and join us

**Contact** Philly 07799 543781

**Email:** tawstocktiddlers@hotmail.com

### 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.

### 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>



**News from the PTA** |

Here is an update on profit made at our Christmas fundraisers. A BIG thank you for your support.

Christmas cards	£47.74
Nativity raffles, tea and coffee	£75.66
Christmas Fair	£248.31
Christmas Cinema night	£95.50
Christmas Jumper & Coat Sale	£53

We are talking to the school about how to best support them this coming year and will discuss further in our next meet up on the 8th February at Hunters inn, Newton Tracey, 7:30pm - hope to see you there.

**Coming up!**

The **PTA Black box** is back out by the benches and we're asking for donations of...

- Books for next week's book sale - kids, adults, audio
- Clothes (grown out of - swish sale coming later in year)
- Any Toys, soft toys, games cleared out over Christmas
- Uniform
- Used magazines, Christmas and birthday Cards (for crafting with)

If anyone has any storage boxes with lids they no longer need - we would love them!

**Can you help us?**

If you can donate an hour or two of your time this year, to help the PTA run fun events for the children then please email [friendsatholywell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatholywell@gmail.com) to arrange a DBS check with the School.

We only have a handful of parents with a valid school DBS (externally organised DBS cannot be used) that we can call upon and this can be restrictive when organising events. The process is FREE but takes a while to complete so we're trying to get organised as we have some big ideas for this year - but need helpers! Please get in touch - and then we will pop you a message when we have a big event coming up to see if you're free to give us a hand. This can be parents/grandparents/friends.