



NEWSLETTER 16

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back for what we hope will be an exciting and successful term! I hope you had a very enjoyable Christmas break.



The week before the Christmas holidays the whole school's attendance was 97.3% which is just below our target of 97.5%.

ASSEMBLY VALUES

Each term we will be focussing on a termly value in assemblies on Wednesdays and Fridays. This term will be Achievement. Each week we will have a different theme :

Week 1 - Introduction to the value.

Week 2 - What do we achieve on a daily basis?

Week 3 - Achievement outside of school (hobbies/clubs)

Week 4 - Achievement within school - individuals/teams/classes

Week 5 - Shrove Tuesday and Lent/ Helen Keller's achievements and sign language

Week 6 - Evaluation of the value

COATS/WINTER WEATHER

As we are now in winter, please can all parents ensure that their child/children come to school with a coat each day. Each day, children spend between 1 hour and 1 hour 15 minutes outside during their 3 play times and we do not have enough spare coats for everyone who forgets. Thank you for your support with this.

MR PANTLING'S BABY NEWS

We would like to inform you that Mr Pantling's wife had the baby on Friday 21st December (the day after we broke up for Christmas.) They have named her Emily Charlotte.

Mr Pantling is now on paternity leave for 2 weeks and will return to school on 21st January.

Miss Spence has kindly offered to teach Class 4 all of this week and next week Ms Donnithorne will be in Class 4 from Monday to Wednesday with Miss Spence as normal on Thursday and Friday.

RUN A MILE CLUB WITH MRS BENNETT

The club will restart on Friday 11th January at 8.30am.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Orchestra restarts on Tuesday 15th January. Potentially they may have space for new members so if anyone would like to join please let the office know as soon as possible.

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Attached are the term dates for 2019/2020. We are sending these out in good time for any parents wishing to book family holidays next academic year. Please remember that pupils are only granted authorised absences from school in 'exceptional circumstances'. As a general rule a family holiday is not considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised. A penalty notice will be issued to a parent(s) of compulsory school age children if their child has at least ten, half-day unauthorised absences recorded against their name within six months.

MUSIC TUITION

VIOLIN LESSONS - These will restart on Monday 14th January 2018.

GUITAR LESSONS - These will restart on Tuesday 15th January 2018.

WOODWIND LESSONS - These restarted on Wednesday 9th January 2018

BRASS LESSONS - These restarted today Thursday 10th January 2018.



FRENCH CLUB



If your child had a place in the Autumn Term they will automatically retain their place for this term. Please let me know if your child will not be attending this term via the office and I can inform parents of children on the waiting list. Merci et bonne année!

Madame Shackleton.

DINNER BALANCES

Please can you make sure your children's accounts are kept in credit at **all** times. Thank you for your co-operation.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Recorder Club - Restarted on Wednesday 9th January.

Sportystars Multisports - Years 2 to 6

10 week club starting on Thursday 17th January and finishing on Thursday 28th March. 3.30-4.30pm. £35. To book your child's place please go to their website and click on your desired club: sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs.

Sportystars Football - Years 2, 3 & 4

10 week club starting on Friday 18th January and finishing on Friday 29th March. 3.30-4.40pm. £35. As above if you would like to book your child a place please visit their website at sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs.

Yoga Club

There are still places at Yoga Club. A small and fantastic group of children started yoga club this week and it was brilliant! So much fun, learning, stretching, strengthening and relaxation. Thank you little yogis for coming along! The good news is that there are still places if your child would like to join us. Classes run every Tuesday from 3.30pm-4.30pm in the Beech Room in the Village Hall and are for KS2 aged children. To find out more please go to www.flourish-yoga.co.uk and you can contact me at hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you. Claire Gunningham

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 17th JANUARY

The government funds the UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) based on the take up on 2 specific days of the year, the first one being on **Thursday 17th January 2019**. The school receives funding for the amount of children having a meal on that day so we hope that you will support us with as many children as possible having a school meal on this day. The menu will be slightly amended as follows:-

Main Menu - Sausage, Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans.
Vegetarian option - Vegetarian Sausage, Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans.
Jacket Potatoes will also be available.
Dessert will be Chocolate Finger and Ice Cream.
Thank you for your support.

PARENTVIEW



West Hill Primary School has such a wonderful reputation which we are very proud of. If you have a spare 5 minutes to share your positive feedback it would be really helpful if you could complete the Parentview online questionnaire. You will be asked 12 questions about the school and it will really help us to evaluate where we are and how we can improve. Parentview is viewed by Ofsted before any inspection. More than one parent can access this so please try your hardest to logon at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> as soon as possible. Thank you.

PFTA UPDATE

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Your child/ren should have brought home a Bag 2 School bag for filling. Please can you make sure these are returned by 9am on **Tuesday 15th January** and placed under the canopy in the small playground. Extra bags are available from the office if you need them. Please note this is the only time the bags can be dropped off as we have no room to store these and they are collected shortly after 9am. Thank you for helping raise money for our PTFA.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

Fun activities, informal worship and share food. Friday - 3.45pm-6.00pm.

January 18th - Light up the Darkness

February 15th - Peak Challenge

March 22nd - Fit for Life

St Michael's Church, West Hill. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher