



NEWSLETTER 36

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.4%. This is slightly below our attendance target of 97.5%.

WOW MOMENT - YEAR 4 DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST - WILDLIFE CHAMPIONS AWARD

On Tuesday 9th, the pupils of Class 4 were visited by Paul Martin from Devon Wildlife Trust. Paul witnessed a final presentation of all of the children's hard work on their hedgehog conservation project. The pupils shared their letter writing (and replies), poetry, information texts, hedgehog houses, fundraising efforts and much more. The pupils have raised £37 for hedgehog conservation. Paul stated that in the 10 years he has been doing the job, having listened to our children and seen all that they have done, he has never been so moved, and actually had tears in his eyes! He has requested that we sample the type of work we carried out to show other schools what can be achieved. The children should be very proud and are deserving recipients of the 2019 DWT Wildlife Champion trophy. Thank you to all members of the community who continue to do things in and around West Hill to make the village and surrounding areas hedgehog-friendly. The pupils continue to write to influential organisations and individuals to promote various environmental issues, and you will no doubt hear more from this class as they move through the school. Well done, Class 4!



REPORTS

Schools have a statutory duty to prepare annual reports for parents before the end of the summer term. The report must cover each pupil's achievements, general progress and attendance record. Reports for pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) must also include the outcomes of national curriculum assessments.

As School Pupil Tracker is closing, we have decided to launch a new format of report this year. We will be reporting in detail on English and maths with foundation subjects having a 1-3 star tick system to show attainment, progress and effort. There will also be a box for teacher comments and Head teacher comments.

Reports will be issued on **Friday 12th July**. For tighter security measures, we would prefer not to send reports home in children's book bags and we are asking parents, relatives or childminders to collect them directly from the class teachers. If this is not possible, then please let us know if you would still like the report sent home in your child's book bag. For Y6 pupils visiting King's and anyone absent that day, reports will also be available for collection from class teachers the following week

(Monday 15th- Friday 19th July). Class 2 parents will be able to use the side gate to access Class 2 in order to collect your reports and children that day.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on the new report format in order to make any amendments for next year. Please e-mail any comments to admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk FAO

Please be aware that our school subscription to School Pupil Tracker expires on 4th September 2019. After this date, parents from Class 1 to Class 6 will no longer be able to log in and view your child's assessments or access any of their school reports. If you wish to keep copies of their school reports, please think about either downloading and saving them as Word documents or alternatively printing them. Thank you.

OUR TEACHERS ROCK YOUTH CHOIR & TEACHERS ROCK CHOIR GREAT HALL GIG



On Sunday our Teachers Rock Youth Choir children and Teachers Rock Choir members, joined 200 other children and 100 teachers from Exeter, Plymouth, Torbay and Somerset in a concert at the Great Hall, Exeter University. They spent their afternoon on stage experiencing sound and lighting checks as well as singing with the house band. In the evening they then performed to an audience of more than a thousand family and friends. Our children also sang as part of the Exeter and Dartington choir. Lead by Anthony Chamberlain they sang We Will Rock You/We Are the Champions.

PARENT END OF YEAR QUESTIONNAIRE

At the end of the year we are keen to gather your views on what you feel West hill Primary School is doing well and to hear of any areas where you think the school could improve. We would appreciate it if you could complete the attached questionnaire (ideally one per child) as this will help us to analyse each individual year group and will also protect your anonymity. We have slimmed this down to only 14 questions in the hope that more parents may be able to complete it.

Please return to school by **Friday 19th July** either by e-mail or directly to the box in the school entrance.

FAMILY PICNIC ON LAST DAY OF TERM

As per our Summer dates for your diaries we will be having a family picnic on the school field from 12.15pm to 1.15pm on the last day of term (Wednesday 24th July). We would like to invite parents and family to join us with their picnics to make it a lovely ending to a wonderful academic year. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets/chairs and picnics for you and your children to enjoy. **If your child is in KS1 and requires a picnic to be prepared for them by the school kitchen, then please let the office know by tomorrow 12th July at the latest** to enable the kitchen to order the relevant food. They will have the option of either a cheese or tuna roll. You will be able to collect your children from the playground after the picnic at 1.30pm as this is the end of term. If you are unable to make the picnic please make sure you have made relevant plans for your child to be collected. I look forward to seeing you all there.

BRINGING BOOKS HOME

Please can we ask all children to bring a large, strong, named carrier bag to school on Monday 22nd July ready to bring their exercise books home. We will be retaining a small sample of books from each class until Christmas (just in case we get a call from Ofsted!)

TROPHIES

Please can all trophies be returned to the office by Monday 15th July at the latest. Thank you.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can we ask that all library books are returned to school by **Friday 19th July** especially if your child is in Y6. Thank you.

DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please see the office for a refund or funds can be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

AUTUMN TERM FRENCH CLUB



Lunchtime French Club will begin again in September 2019 for Years 1 and 2. The cost is £3 per session per child invoiced and payable at the start of each term. If you would like your child to start French Club or continue if they are currently in Year 1, then please fill out the form attached and return to the school office for my attention. Many thanks, Madame Shackleton

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and after this time the side gate near the steps is locked. Any pupils arriving after the gate is locked should instead be escorted by an adult to sign in at the school office. They will not be able to gain access to the school via the side gate in the usual way as the new Stanley Security doors are set to automatically lock. Although Mrs Boulton stands on the gate near the school field, this is only to allow Reception parents to leave the school site and is not to allow late arrivals to sneak in!

AFTER SCHOOL YOGA CLUB

Bookings are now being taken for the KS2 after school yoga club that takes place on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please see the attached leaflet for more information on how to book a place.

CHANGE TO DATE OF EARLY 2020 MAY BANK HOLIDAY

You may have seen the announcement over the weekend that **the Spring Bank Holiday will be moved from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020**. This is related to recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an ever growing collection of lost property with a large amount of plastic pots and jumpers/cardigans. Unfortunately as most items are un-named it is almost impossible to ensure they are returned to their owner. Please can we remind you to label all items of your child's belongings including plastic snack pots and lunch boxes. Thank you.

PTFA UPDATE

CAKE SALE

The final cake sale of the year will be on Thursday 18 July. Years 5 and 6 get to show off their talents. Could we have a couple of volunteers please - both parents and children ?

THE FETE

We are delighted to announce that we have made a profit of approximately £4.7k from our Fete. We are just waiting for the final sponsorship money to come in for the sponsored bounce. Again, our huge thanks to everyone - it was worth the effort!!!! A special thanks to those who helped to set up from 8am and clear away at the end til 6pm. Roll on next year.



ANY MORE

Ideas are always welcome. Old Printer ink cartridges could be a source of income. Could anyone spare some time to investigate?

PTFA MEETING

The final PTFA meeting of the year will be held next Thursday at 7.30pm in the Legion. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL - BROADBAND PROJECT

The Parish Council is exploring how Broadband provision can be improved across the West Hill. In order to see how much interest there is within the village in upgrading to Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) we need to contact households and businesses to get an "Expression of Interest" form. The form is available at www.westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk and can be completed online. Please save the document and email it to Quentin.Tailford@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop it in the West Hill Parish Council box at McColls.

LANDLUBBERS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Graham from the O6 will be running a Pirate themed holiday club called Landlubbers. It will run from 12th - 15th August from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm each day. The club will be held at The Station in Ottery St Mary for the first three days and on the fourth day it will be at The River Dart Country park. It will be a fun morning involving games, challenges, songs, crafts and discussions. Please see the attached poster for more details.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 2019 FRENCH CLUB

My child _____ who will be in Class 1/Class 2 (please circle)

in September 2019 would like to attend a lunchtime French Club.

Name of Parent: _____ Date _____

Email address: _____