



NEWSLETTER 2

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole schools attendance was 98%. Well done to all.

APOLOGIES

We do apologise for the delay in getting last week's newsletter to you. We had major technical issues which are now hopefully resolved! Please find attached the Autumn Term 2018 Dates for your Diaries, which were attached last week, but due to the delay we wanted to make sure you received them again. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO...

The following children who have been selected as House Captains and Sports Leaders this year. Sports Leaders will be running activities during Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for the younger pupils.

House Captains:-

Moorland - Evie S and Jerry M
Elsdon - Libbie B and Millie A
Bendarroch - Lily L'E and Lani W
Warren - Anna F and Louis H

Sports Leaders:-

Harry M, Anna BM, Sam S, Grace H, Evan P,
Naomi B, Karan B, Sophie L, Esme T and Josh L

SATS RESULTS

At West Hill Primary School we are very proud of our results and how well the children achieve at the end of each Key Stage. In July our results were all above 2017 national averages with many higher than last years' results. Well done to everyone at West Hill Primary School!
Below are the main headlines (2017 national figures in brackets as the 2018 national figures are not yet confirmed).

EYFS: **83%** (67%) achieved Good Level of Development.

Y1 Phonics: **80%** (81%) passed the phonics screening check.

Y2 Statutory Teacher Assessment:

Reading: **87%** (76%) met the expected standard or above.

Writing: **83%** (68%) met the expected standard or above.

Maths: **93%** (75%) met the expected standard or above.
Science: **100%** (83%) met the expected standard or above.

Y6 Statutory Test Results:

Reading: **97%** (72%) met the expected standard or above.
Maths: **100%** (75%) met the expected standard or above.
Writing (teacher assessment): **94%** (76%) met the expected standard or above
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: **94%** (77%) met the expected standard or above.
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined: **90%** (61%) met the expected standard.
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined: **16%** (9%) met the high standard.

MENU AMENDMENT - THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Due to the hall being out of action for District Elections we will be having a bagged meal in the classrooms on Thursday 20th September. The menu will be amended as follows:-

Main 1: Sausage Roll
Main 2: Cheese Wheels
Sides: Wedges, Carrot and Cucumber Batons
Dessert: Handmade Biscuit
Drink: Carton of drink

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no jacket potato option on this day.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MRS HUDSON

To all the children who made me lovely cards for my retirement - I enjoyed having a really good read and a look at the amazing pictures.

I would also like to thank all the families who contributed to my leaving presents - I have already started to plan visits from the 'Things to Do in a Year' book, and have packed my Travel Bag ready for my trip to Australia.

Thank you again and best wishes - from Mrs Hudson.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These will be handed out to parents at the Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday 20th September. Due to Data Protection we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags so if you are unable to make the Meet the Teacher Evening please can you collect these from the office on Friday 21st September. These need to be returned as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency.

READER HELPERS



Classes 3 and 4 are looking for reader helpers, preferably in the mornings on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Miss Kemp, Mr Pantling or Miss Spence. Reception Class is also looking for a reader helper on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning after half term. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Powley or Mrs Stevens. With current Safeguarding regulations a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you would be able to start. We also provide some basic safeguarding training before you commence. It is vital that children read in school every day and we really value the volunteers that generously give up their time. All that we ask is that you give a half termly commitment.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 16th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm

Wednesday 17th October for years 5 and 6 from 3.40-6.10pm

Thursday 18th October for years Reception to 4 from 3.40-6.10pm

Parent appointment lists will be out in the small playground in the fenced area from 8.45am and thereafter before and after school from Monday 1st October.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 5 - THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER - 6-7pm

YEAR 6 - THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 5.30-6.30pm

We are having a 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 20th September for all parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 (not reception class as this has already taken place last term). If you are unable to attend, please be kind enough to ask another parent to take notes to feed back to you. We look forward to seeing you all there. We appreciate that some of you have children in more than one class. Please give priority to those children whose teachers you haven't met before OR the classes about which you feel you would like more information. Due to the District Elections taking place on the same day we will open the tennis court for additional parking to hopefully eliminate any parking issues. Thank you.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Each year in September, we celebrate European Day of Languages. On Friday 28th September we would like to invite the children to join in the fun by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This can be European or non-European as we shall extend our celebration to include all languages and cultures. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground and activities throughout the day to raise awareness of our wonderful world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Please can we ask that when you're booking your child/ren in to after school clubs outside of school that you consider the time we finish and the timescale of getting them there. School finishes at 3.30pm but it takes time for the children to get through the school and out in to the playground. We are being asked more and more for children to be taken early due to getting them to clubs and this is not something we can allow on a regular basis.

WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

This is now up and running. Doors open at 7.30am each morning with breakfast served for those there by 8am. There are spaces still available so please contact Mrs Andrea Chipps by email (westhillbreakfast@gmail.com) or phone (07561 188736) and she will answer as quickly as possible.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FRENCH CLUB

French Club will start again for Years 1 and 2 week beginning 17th September. These sessions will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.40 to 1.10pm. If you have already filled in a slip for your child, you should receive an e-mail from Madame Shackleton with the

day your child will be attending. It is always useful to remind them on this day so they get into a routine. I do require a half term's notice if your child wishes to discontinue with the club.

LUNCHTIME CHOIR FOR KS2

Choir will begin tomorrow, Friday 14th September for KS2 children from 12.45pm to 13.15pm in Class 6.

RUN A MILE CLUB FOR KS2

Mrs Bennett will be running her Run a Mile Club for KS2 from tomorrow, Friday 14th September and each week thereafter at 8.30am on the field.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The orchestra will start weekly rehearsals from Tuesday 18th September at the usual time of 3.30pm to 4.45pm, in the Village Hall. Please let us know if your child will not be continuing with orchestra this term, so that we can allocate any spare places from the waiting list. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing them in a few weeks and playing Christmas tunes before long! If your child would like to join the orchestra, please pass their name, class, the instrument they play and to what level, to the school office. Seeking advice from their music teacher as to when to start is a good idea as they will need to be able to play and recognise at least 4 or 5 notes.

HOCKEY CLUB AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

Please find attached information and consent form regarding a Hockey Club taking place at The King's School from Monday 17th September for Years 4/5/6.

PTFA NEWS

WEST HILL WINTER BALL - SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Please find attached a poster regarding this year's West Hill Winter Ball.

3KM TALE TRAIL FUN RUN - CANCELLED

Due to many reasons we are sadly cancelling this fun run for the foreseeable future. A new date will be set and we will announce it in plenty of time.

WAITROSE TOKENS

The PTFA has been selected by Waitrose in Sidmouth, as one of three charitable causes to receive a share of £1,000 in the month of September along with Sidbury and Sidmouth Primary Schools. The money is distributed according to the number of green tokens collected by each cause in the collecting boxes beside the checkout tills. So, can everyone please visit Waitrose and put as many tokens into the collecting box as they can before the end of the month.



COMMUNITY NEWS

DATE FOR YOU FROM THE WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Would you like to find out more about the candidates in the Ottery Rural By Election which is being held on 20th September? If so, please come along to the election hustings in West Hill Village Hall,

this Friday 14th September at 7.30 pm. All 5 candidates have been invited to this event which has been arranged by West Hill Parish Council.

DADS NIGHT OUT - TOMORROW - FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

Calling all Fathers! Come and join other desperate dads in need of some man time at the Royal British Legion this Friday. No membership required as we can sign you in. Darts, pool and the promise of a curry delivered as well. We all have no time, too much stress and too much to do but make the 2nd Fri of the month Dad's time!

EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA - OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Please find attached poster with information regarding ECO open day at St Leonard's Primary School, St Leonard's Road, Exeter.

SIDMOUTH RFC - GIRLS FUN DAY - SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

The Club is holding a girls fun day aimed at all girls from U7s to U18s. The U13s and U15s girls' teams (plus girls from other age groups) will be there to help inspire and encourage others. Last year's event led to many girls taking up rugby and we are hoping it will prove as popular again.

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 28th SEPTEMBER 2018

All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON AT WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL

Our annual Macmillan coffee afternoon will be taking place as usual in the upstairs 'Beech Room' at West Hill Village Hall on Friday 28th September, starting at 12:30 and finishing at 15:00. Any leftover cakes will be taken over to school and sold in the small playground at home time. Donations of cakes will be very gratefully received, and can be left in the upstairs kitchen at the hall on Friday morning. We really hope you can come along for a cuppa and a slice of cake, meet friends for a chat and support this fantastic cause which affects so many. If you are able to help out with running the event on the day, please let one of us know. With thanks, Sarah Woolfries and Michaela Chown.

MESSY CHURCH

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

September 21st - The Sower

October 19th - Courage

November 16th - Friendship

December 14th - Christmas Story

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Boulton".

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher