



NEWSLETTER 10

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 96.3%. This is below our attendance target of 97.5%.

'SPORTING WOW MOMENTS'

Congratulations to the children who took part in the East Devon Finals at the beginning of November. We are thrilled that both teams did exceptionally well with the Year 3 and 4 girls team coming in first place and the Year 5 and 6 boys team coming in third place. The Year 3 and 4 girls team will now be representing East Devon at the Devon Winter Games on March 28th 2019. Well done to Bronte P, Elsie W, Christiana W, Philippa P, Lucy R, Poppy R, Sam S, Evan P, Harry M, Oliver K, James A and Billy C who all represented the school incredibly well.

Earlier this week, ten children were selected from Year 5 and 6 to take part in the Ability Games at The King's school. They all had a brilliant afternoon trying new sports such as kurling, archery and indoor rowing. Individual awards were given to Izzy F for her passion and drive throughout the afternoon, Maizie S and James A for their excellence across the sports and Harry WS and Natalie B for teamwork.



ACTIVE AUTUMN CLUB

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Active Autumn Club which is part funded through our Sports Premium, at Colin Tooze Sports Centre from 4pm until 5pm on a Monday evening. The club did start this week but they are keen for more children to attend. Please see attachments for further information and consent form.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMMUNITY LINK

On Friday 9th November we welcomed Michael Cartwright (Chair of The British Royal Legion) to our assembly on Remembrance Sunday which was led by Mrs Stevens. Michael presented every child with a commemorative key ring for the centenary of the First World War. We hope you have seen them from your child?



KS2 CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB

Graham Harry (O6 Youth Worker) will be running a Christmas Craft Club for up to 12 KS2 pupils. This will be held after school on Wednesdays for 4 weeks (21 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec) at a cost of £1.00 per week. The club will be held in the staffroom so children can be collected from the tennis court canopy at 4.30pm.

Places are available on a first come, first served basis. Please see the school office if your child wishes to join.

NOROVIRUS SEASON

In order to reduce the spread of Norovirus this winter please remember that any children who suffer from vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48hours. Other advice from Public Health England states to:-

- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids
- Phone the GP or 111 if symptoms persist (more than 48hours)

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against Norovirus.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2018/2019

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2018/2019 academic year will open on 15th November 2018 and close at midnight on 15th January 2019. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019. Late applications will not be considered before timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICY 2020-2021

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon county Council for the academic year 2020-21. To view the policies please visit <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/arrangements-and-policies> or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy.

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



On Friday 7th December the school Orchestra will be doing a Christmas performance in the Sharing Assembly at 10.10am. Parents of children in the orchestra are invited to join us for this event. The last Orchestra session this year will be on Tuesday 11th December finishing at 4.45pm as usual.

PTFA NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

We do need more people to show support and if necessary to help (even just for selling cakes). Please help. We remain keen to have at least one nominated representative from each year who can contact their class and keep them up to date with events. Any volunteers?

The next meeting is **TODAY (Thursday 15th) at 2.00pm in the staffroom.** All welcome.



FILM NIGHT FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 6

The Film night is on Friday 23rd November 2018 at 5.00pm in The British Legion and we will be showing The Incredibles 2. A form to complete is at the end of this newsletter. Could you please complete it and return (there is a PTFA mailbox in reception at the school). Parents of Year 1 children are requested to stay with their children for the duration of the film. Tickets will also be on sale in the playground in due course. The price of £3.50 includes sweets and a drink. Could we please have some parent volunteers to make up the children's goody bags and to help set up and tidy up at the end?

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Pre-school Christmas Fair is being held on Sunday 25th November and we have agreed to take 2 tables at it. We will look to sell mulled wine and mince pies and also hold a chocolate tombola. We would like to ask each child to bring a bar of chocolate to school on Friday 23rd November as a donation to the tombola. Also, anyone who can assist us on the day (plenty of mulled wine and mince pies to make the time fly) would be appreciated. Help could be in one hour slots - 1.30pm to 2.30pm, 2.30pm to 3.30pm or 3.30pm to 4.30pm as well as for the full afternoon.

WINTER BALL - A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO...

All the lovely parents, people and businesses who have supported this event including:

David Sumner of Ottery Auction Rooms

Cheryl Boulton for relinquishing her job for a day and for her support and kind words

Sally Sycamore - thank you for the music!

Scott Massie - for speaking and keeping the evening flowing

Julie Spier, Melissa Tolhui and Gina Belcher for prize gathering

Steve Greenslade, Dave Salter, Sarah Kirwan, Andy Ritchie and others for clearing up!

Fiona and Alex of THE PIG-at Combe

Draper for their waggon

Charles Singleton (Local Artist)

Fi Dardé of Hotel du Vin

Fiona Hughes of Bowhayes Trees

Jo Pavey (say no more)

Amanda Townsend of the Met Office

Gary and Debra Tennant of West Hill Garage

Louise Lovering of Serenity Living

Radiance MediSpa

Exeter Dental Centre

Helen O'Grady Drama School

Exeter City Football Club

The Village Hall - thank you for the venue transformation!

And also: Beer Village, Budleigh Salterton Riding School, Cotley Farm, David Lloyd, Exeter Cruises, Exeter Golf and Country Club, Hotel du Vin, Otter Nurseries, Ottery LED, Pecorama, Powderham Castle, River Dart Country Park, Seaton tramway, Woodbury Park and Woodlands for fantastic raffle prizes!

And not forgetting... all of YOU who have supported the event by donating goodies, coming along, eating, drinking, bidding, dancing and generally making merry.
We couldn't do it without you all!

We will be in touch to get your feedback and to announce how much you have all contributed to the PTFA...Emma, Gill, Elain, Stacey, Kate and Nat westhillball@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL PANTO

Please look out for a letter in book bags today

Friday 4th January 2019 at 6.30pm and Saturday, 5th January 2019 at 1.00pm

Wonder Productions join us for their 9th year to entertain us with their performance of **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**, a fun filled pantomime for the whole family!

Bar, tea/coffee and soft drinks, ice creams, sweets and raffle prizes.

Children's area on mats right in front of the stage.

Tickets £10 per adult and £7 per child under 16 available from West Hill Post Office or Sarah Woolfries at Reception. All proceeds will go to Village Hall improvements



CHILDREN'S YOGA COMES TO WEST HILL

A new after school Yoga club will be running in the Village Hall on Tuesdays for KS2 children starting on 8th January 2019. Full details are attached.

To book a place for your child please visit www.flourish-yoga.co.uk or email hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk

OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are supporting Alison Pearson again this year with her collection of Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas. Full details attached.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office on Friday 14th December. Items within the boxes can include, as long as unopened, :

- toiletry items e.g. shower gel, shampoo
- gifts, toys, puzzles as long as nothing sharp or dangerous
- food items as long as in original packaging in case of allergies and a use by date beyond Christmas.

HOMELESS SHOEBOX FOR EXETER

Another collection we are supporting this year is the Homeless Shoebox appeal. Full details attached. Filled boxes can be left with the school office for collection.

MESSY CHURCH - THIS WEEK

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

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

PTFA FILM NIGHT TICKET REQUEST

I would like my child/children _____ (name/s) in
year (s) _____ to attend Film night on Friday 23rd November at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of _____ (£3.50 per child)

Signed _____ Mobile Number _____