



## NEWSLETTER 17

01404 812599 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Website [www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 95.5% which is slightly below our target of 97.5%.

### ARRIVING FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

We would like to remind you that the school whistle is blown at 8.55am. Children in Years 1 to 6 should arrive in the small playground **from 8.45am**. A teacher will stand at the side gate next to the conservatory at 8.45am and children will go through the school to the big playground where they are supervised by the duty teacher. Reception class need to be in the small playground where Mrs Powley/Mrs Stevens will greet them and take them into class. **May we remind you that the main gates will be open but children will not be supervised until 8.45am so please do not leave them unaccompanied.** If you arrive after 8.55am and the gate near the steps is closed, then please bring your children into the school office. Thank you.



### CHANGE 4 LIFE

Change 4 Life advise us that childhood obesity has reached epidemic levels with 22% of children being overweight or obese when they start Primary School and this increases to 34% by the time they leave Primary School. Sugar is a big part of the problem. Children aged 4-10 years old are eating and drinking more than twice the amount of sugar that they should. As a

school community we try to address this by creating healthier eating habits (e.g the morning/afternoon snack healthy options)

The children will all be bringing home a booklet from Change 4 Life tomorrow which has activities and stickers in for them focussing on their sugar intake. These are optional activities for them to complete at home.

### 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.

### 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.

## READER HELPERS



Class 4 are also looking for reader helpers on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Mr Pantling or Miss Spence. With current Safeguarding regulations a Volunteer Information 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.

## AMENDMENT TO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have found an error in the Dates for Your Diary that was sent out at the beginning of term. Children will return to school on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019** after the Easter holidays. An updated version is attached.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### **Sportystars Multisports - Years 2 to 6**

10 week club starting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs).

### **Sportystars Football - Years 2, 3 & 4**

10 week club starting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.flourish-yoga.co.uk) and you can contact me at [hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk](mailto:hello@flourish-yoga.co.uk) if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you. Claire Gunningham

## 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. We have only received 35 responses in 2016-2017, 5 responses in 2017-2108 and 1 response since September 2018. Thank you.

## **NSPCC NUMBER DAY WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse. The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline - the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Please see the attached letter from Mr Pantling and Mrs Tovey.

**MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

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

**EXETER SCIENCE WORKSHOPS WITH SCIENCEDIPITY**

Our first Sunday Science workshop of 2019 in Exeter is called Colourful Chemistry.

**EVENT DETAILS:**

2 hours hands-on fun & learning January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 at Exeter Library

- investigate acids & bases
- make an elephant's toothpaste
- create rainbow density column
- put together bath bombs & perfume

Booking is essential - <https://sciencedipity.co.uk/exeter-science-workshops> or call/text 07847006048. Suitable for all primary school-aged children, drop off workshop (but adults are welcome to stay). Under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied by their grown-up.

£20 per child which includes all resources, take homes & refreshments.

Colourful Chemistry is worth 2 points towards the British Science Association's Superstar CREST Award.

**MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY**

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

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Light up the Darkness

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Peak Challenge

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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

*Cheryl Boulton*

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher