



NEWSLETTER 39

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Dear Parents,

★ Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.3%. This is above our attendance target of 97.5%. As this is the final newsletter until September, we would like to inform you that the whole year's attendance, as of last Friday, was 97.7%. We would also like to make you aware that there were 179 sessions (89.5 days) of unauthorised absence for holidays. 100% attendance certificates will be coming home to those children who achieved no absences in the Summer Term and also the whole academic year on the last day of term, congratulations to them all.

Please note that as pupils return to school on Wednesday 4th September, the first newsletter in September will be issued on Thursday 12th September.

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.

Please arrive at the school office at 12.15pm when the door will be opened for parents to collect their child(ren) from their classroom(s). If you have more than one child, please ensure you collect younger children first and then older children last. Please leave the classrooms through the fire doors and head onto the school field. Any children who have not been collected by 12.30pm will be taken onto the field by their class teacher to eat with their friends. **Please do not arrive any later than 12.30pm.**

After the picnic the whistle will be blown at 1.15pm for children to return to class and collect their belongings. You will be able to collect your children from the playgrounds 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 at 1.30pm and they come to school with a packed picnic lunch.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

YEAR 5 BIKABILITY

Travelling around the village last week you may have seen groups of children out on bikes. Under the supervision of Ross and Steph, Class 5 were learning how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as

cycling to school or the local shops. In small groups they learnt how to prepare for on-road cycling, start and finish an on-road journey, recognise typical hazards, let others know what you are about to do, know where to ride on the road and pass parked vehicles and side roads. We are proud to say that all children taking part passed level 2.



YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE BOOK FESTIVAL

Last week Class 2 attended a book festival at Buckfast Abbey. They took part in activities run by children's authors and poets, including making a duck from the story 'How Rude', and creating a group onomatopoeia poem and mural to go up at the Abbey. The children had a brilliant time!



STAFFING - SEPTEMBER 2019

We can now confirm teaching and teaching assistant arrangements for September 2019.

	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Reception	Mrs Powley (Mon-Wed) Mrs Stevens (Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Adams
Class 1	Mr Sapwell	Mrs Broad
Class 2	Mr Joseph	Mrs Harris
Class 3	Miss Kemp	Mrs Morris and Mrs Townsend
Class 4	Mr Pantling (Mon-Wed) Miss Spence (Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Morris and Mrs Townsend
Class 5	Mrs Tovey (Mon, Tues) Mrs Bedford (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Morris and Mrs Jackson
Class 6	Mrs Harris (Mon-Wed) Mrs Bennett (Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Jackson
Y4,5,6 MFL (French)	Mrs Shackleton (Mon pm)	

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Please see the attached Annual Governance report from Rowan Ross (Chair of Governors) which gives you information on the governance structure, skills and knowledge, the work undertaken in 2018-2019 and the focus for next year.

ORCHESTRA NEWS FROM DR MARTIN

School orchestra has had a record breaking term winning a prize at the Rotary competition and performing Peter and the Wolf to the whole school. Sadly, I cannot carry on taking orchestra next year because I'm getting very busy at work and also for the first time since 2009 won't have any children at the school any more. I have been trying to find someone to conduct the orchestra because you do so well and I'm sure the older players are inspiring the younger players to keep practising and making progress with their instruments.

Keep up the good work and for anyone going on to another school, remember that it's much more important to turn up every week than to be Young Musician of the Year.

Dr Fiona Martin

SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

You should have now received our term dates for the next academic year (they were sent home last Wednesday). If you did not receive one please let us know and we will get one sent out to you. The dates are also available to view on the school website. Please remember that family holidays should not be booked in term time. Thank you.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY FOR PARENTS - WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

We would just like to remind parents of Year 6 children that they are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 25th July at 9.10am in the Village Hall for our special leavers' assembly being led by the Y6 children. Afterwards please join us for light refreshments under the canopy until 10.45am when early morning break will commence. Don't forget your tissues and cameras!

RECEPTION CLASS DANCE PERFORMANCE



We would like to invite the parents of children our Reception Class to watch their end of half term dance performance in the village hall at 3pm on Friday 19th July. This is a unit of dance that the children have been working on with Katie Murray throughout this half term and I know they would love to show their hard work to you.

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.

Unfortunately, so far we have only received **11 responses** and would please ask that you return outstanding questionnaires to school by **Friday 19th July** either by e-mail or directly to the box in the school entrance. Paper copies are available from the school office.

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!)

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - ACCOUNTS TO BE CLEARED

May I remind you to please check your child's dinner balance on a regular basis as we are seeing more and more of the accounts owing money and not in credit!! **Please make sure your child is in credit by tomorrow, Friday 19th July at the very latest as we need to balance the accounts in order to move on to the next academic year.** 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 will be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

MENU CHANGE FIRST DAY BACK IN SEPTEMBER

Due to deliveries to the kitchen being delayed with the summer holidays the menu for school meals on Wednesday 4th September will be:

Main	Italian Meatball Pasta Bake
Vegetarian	Spanish Rice
Sides	Sweetcorn, Salad and Coleslaw
Dessert	Sticky Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce or Fresh Fruit

KS1 FRUIT SNACKS

We are unlikely to have a fruit delivery on the first day back at school in September so please can you send your child/ren with a fruit snack for break times on Wednesday 4th September. 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!

PLEASE HAVE A LOOK IN OUR LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD

The children have all had the opportunity to look through the mountain of lost property we have at school. Lots of things were claimed but we still have a cupboard full of lost property that is unnamed and unclaimed. If your child has lost anything please can we ask that you look in the lost property cupboard situated in the office foyer. If items are not claimed by the end of term they will be disposed of or donated to the PTFA uniform sale. **Please can we take this opportunity to remind**

you of the importance of labelling all uniform, water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc, as if it is named we can return items much easier. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PTFA UPDATE

CAKE SALE

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

100 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the PTFA 100 Club draw for this term:

May 1st Place: Hannah Muldoon

May 2nd Place: Clare Major

June 1st Place: Holly Jones

June 2nd Place: Jill Massie

July 1st Place: Michaela Chown

July 2nd Place: Kate Salter

August 1st Place: Joanna Bromley

August 2nd Place: Sarah Kirwan

Please could winners collect their winnings from the office if they have not already seen Claire Ritchie in the playground. Renewal forms will be sent out automatically in late September.

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Thank you to every one for supporting our annual sponsored bounce. We have raised a fantastic £730.

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 tonight at 7.30pm in the Legion. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday, the staff and I will look forward to seeing you all back here on Wednesday 4th September for the 2019 - 2020 Academic year.

With my very best wishes for a lovely summer holiday.



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: _____