



## NEWSLETTER 7

01404 812599 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Website [www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

---

Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.4%. This is above our attendance target of 97.5% so well done to all.

### 'SPORTING WOWS'

Congratulations to the children in Key Stage 2 who represented West Hill in the local cross country tournament at The King's School last Tuesday. We are delighted that the Year 3/4 girls team and the Year 5/6 boys team won their events and will now be representing the local community at the East Devon finals in November. Special congratulations must be given to Sam S, Ollie P and Bronte P who all came first in their events.

Year 3 took part in a multi sports festival on Monday at The King's school. Out of 9 teams who took part we are delighted that our school came 1st, 2nd and 4th. Well done to everyone in Class 3.

### YEAR 4 FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT WRITTEN BY PHILIPPA P FROM YEAR 4 WEST HILL Vs STOCKLAND

Warm sunny weather greeted the visitors to West Hill Primary on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Stockland established an early lead scoring in the first 5 minutes, and they kept up the pressure forcing some great saves by the West Hill goalkeeper, Noah H. In the last few minutes of the half, and against the run of play, we scored a great equaliser to keep the game alive.

The second half started with plenty of forward pressure from West Hill, keeping play in Stockland's half. A display of sound defensive team work by the home side, with good marking and tackling whenever Stockland broke, kept the visitors' score unchanged. West Hill's positive approach enabled a further 3 goals to be scored by Ewan K, Ollie P and Thomas D, with assists from Elsie W and Philippa P.

Final score: West Hill 4 - Stockland 1

### NUT FREE

Please find attached a letter that was emailed to you all on Monday of this week. Please take the time to read it as it is of the utmost importance. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The Governing Board have recently been investigating the possibility of a crossing patrol for our school and have made contact with Devon County Council. As part of our request, a pedestrian and vehicle count (PV2) was carried out at morning school travel time. Unfortunately the results show that the PV2 score is a long way under the national criteria threshold to consider a Local Authority funded School Crossing Patrol. It appears the vast majority of traffic was parents on the school run and likewise virtually all children crossing were accompanied by parents.

May we remind you all to be extra careful when crossing Beech Park and to ask cars to avoid parking in Beech Park in order for pedestrians to have a clear view of the road. Thank you.

## **IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR PARENTS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5**

### **NASAL FLU VACCINATION - ELECTRONIC CONSENT**

From September 2018 the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children from Reception to Year 5. Delivery of the vaccine will run October - December 2018 across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay and this year the Immunisation Team are adopting electronic consent. West Hill Primary School's vaccination date is **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link and follow the online instructions: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=7ca01e020dc4f388a52809eadd456af361d149b422a3151afcdd62fe9fd071d9>

We would like to request that consent is provided electronically before **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. This is to ensure the nurses have sufficient time to clinically assess the information. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination. They are currently experiencing high call volumes associated with the introduction of an electronic consent process and have asked that we provide you with further information to enable this process to work as smoothly as possible:-

-Where possible, link to be sent via email rather than through an app.

**-To complete on a tablet or computer if unable to progress completion on a phone (this appears to especially be affecting Samsung phones).**

-If unable to find GP practice in list this can be left blank as it is not mandatory.

-Only use link sent as the consent process is school specific.

-If a family is in a new build property and having problems with the address when filling in the form, just add postcode without house number and enter manually using link "my address does not appear in the list".

## **WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB**

After much parental demand our school's breakfast club has now been up and running for the last six weeks. We are very concerned however with the particularly low numbers of pupils who have been attending and unless this improves, Andrea Chipps will have to decide whether this is a profitable venture for the future. At the moment she is paying for 2 members of staff, the hire of the Village Hall and the breakfast food. If this is something that could interest you, then please contact Mrs Andrea Chipps by email ([westhillbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:westhillbreakfast@gmail.com)) or phone (07561 188736). Fingers crossed that this service can continue with more parental support.

## **INVITE TO PARENTS OF CLASS 5 & 6 - TOMORROW**

We would like to invite all parents of Class 5 & 6 to join the whole school in the village hall on **Friday 19th October at 3pm** to watch their children perform the dance routines they have been working on this half term with Miss Murray. We look forward to seeing you then.

## READER HELPERS NEEDED



**Reception Class** is 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.

**Class 2** is looking for a reader helper on a Wednesday and Thursday morning and also someone on a Wednesday afternoon for 45 minutes before pick up to help the children in the library. If you think you could help, please see Mr Joseph.

**Class 3** is looking for a reader helper, preferably in the mornings on a Wednesday. Please see Miss Kemp if you are interested and can help.

**Class 4** is also looking for reader helpers on a Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Mr Pantling or Miss Spence.

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.

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2019 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

The application system for Secondary places in September 2019 is now open and will close at midnight on 31st October 2018 with the national offer day being 1st March 2019. Please apply on-line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

## 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 on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the staffroom.** All welcome.

### EVENTS:

#### CAKE SALE - THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - TONIGHT

The first cake sale is being held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. Years 1, 2 and 6 are invited to bake - perhaps on a Halloween theme? Last year, our 3 cake sales generated approximately **£560** and we would like to keep this going. Please bake and could we have some parents coming in before school finishes to set up the tables and to sell the cakes? Without parents to help it won't work. By all means please contact me to let me know if you can help ([massiejs@btinternet.com](mailto:massiejs@btinternet.com))



### FILM NIGHT

A film night is planned for the end of November. Further details in next week's Newsletter.

### FOREIGN COINS

We can turn foreign currency into £sterling. There is a bottle in school reception where you can bring your spare roubles, dinar, euros and anything else you would like to hand over! Last year we made **£261** from this so let's keep it going.



## **100 CLUB**

For many of you it is time to renew your membership of the PTFA 100 Club. Renewal forms have been sent home this week and we would be grateful if they could be returned to Claire Ritchie before half term. Thanks to the reception parents who have signed up for the first time. It is not too late to join whatever year group your child is in! The 100 Club is a very easy way to support the PTFA and only costs £12 a year for each number and who knows you could be a monthly winner! More details can be found in the attached letter. If you have mislaid your renewal form, spare forms are in the office or just give Claire Ritchie a cheque (payable to West Hill Primary PTFA) or cash or send into school in a named envelope. New joiners please complete the form when giving payment. Draws for September, October, November and December will take place towards the end of term. Thank you for your support.

## **WINTER BALL**

Further to requesting final table numbers we can confirm that there is one table of 12 available for the Winter Ball on Saturday 10th November! Ideally a table co-ordinator would volunteer to fill the table however if you would like to attend but are not yet on a table - please get in touch via [westhillball@gmail.com](mailto:westhillball@gmail.com) - the organising committee email address and we will try to accommodate requests for tickets! Donations for the auction or raffle would also be very gratefully received! Table co-ordinators are now being contacted to finalise payments and pre-orders for food and drink. We would be really grateful for your kind donations for auction and raffle prizes - experiences, wellbeing, food, drink, memorabilia, products, services, discounts... anything that you are able to offer will hugely help this annual fundraiser provide valuable resource for the school whilst enjoying a fantastic evening! Please get in touch via [westhillball@gmail.com](mailto:westhillball@gmail.com) or 07787120767.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **THG INVITES YOU TO A HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**ON SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 5-9PM (ART ACTIVITIES TILL 8PM).**

Join us for fun art activities. Kids can also get up close to lizards, snakes and spiders! Delicious wood-fired pizzas, fish & chips, bar, DJ, hot chocolate for little trick-or-treaters, face painting. Celebrating the National Museums At Night and The Big Draw festivals. Free admission, donations welcome. Pay bar and food. Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX [www.thelmahulbert.com](http://www.thelmahulbert.com)

### **WILD EAST DEVON**

The Wild East Devon team has a number of exciting events coming up over the half term holidays including bird watching for children and a family explorer afternoon. All events can be found online at: [www.wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://www.wildeastdevon.co.uk)

### **O6 - HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS**

Please find attached information regarding a 6 week course being run for parents and carers of 8-14yr olds. It starts on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at The Institute, Yonder Street, Ottery St Mary from 7-9pm. £10 to cover participant's manual. For more information or to book your place please contact Graham on 07427 108734 or email [graham.youthpastor@gmail.com](mailto:graham.youthpastor@gmail.com)

### **STEP UP & DANCE - DISNEY DELIGHTS**

Please see attached information from Katie Murray's Step Up & Dance class or find out more about what they do at *Step Up & Dance* at <http://www.stepupanddance.co.uk/> and *Primary Music & Education* at <http://www.primary-music.co.uk>

## **SOUTH WEST ATHLETICS ACADEMY**

Please see attached a sports hall event taking place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Riverside Leisure Centre.

## **MESSY CHURCH - TOMORROW**

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

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Courage

November 16<sup>th</sup> - Friendship

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Story

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



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL**



For approximately 24 years, members of St Michael's Church have collected gifts for children from the age of 2 years to 16 years and filled shoe boxes to send to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. These gifts are delivered to families in areas where there is poverty, through natural disaster or as a result of war. None of us can be blind to the needs of others in parts of the world where there have been disasters, so why not fill a shoebox with fun (non war) toys, paper and crayons, toiletries and sweets appropriate for a certain age group and sex. Boxes and leaflets are available from the office now so please feel free to come and collect as many as you wish. Boxes need to be returned to school by **5<sup>th</sup> November**.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher