



NEWSLETTER 8

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

The last week of half term the whole school's attendance was 98.5%. This is above our attendance target of 97.5% so well done everyone.

PARENTS' EVENING

It was lovely to see you all over the three evenings before half term. I do hope you found the meetings helpful and are celebrating all your children's hard work. We are always very proud of their achievements. Thank you for the great support you give your children with their learning.

ASSEMBLY VALUES

This term will be **FRIENDSHIP**. Each week we will have a different theme for friendship;

Week beginning 29th October - Introduce the value

Week beginning 5th November - What makes a good friend? (friendship tips)

Week beginning 12th November - Ways to sort out issues when friendships go wrong (anti-bullying)

Week beginning 19th November - Can members of your family also be your friend?

Week beginning 26th November - Friendships online (e-safety)

Week beginning 3rd December - Advent and Introduction to Christmas

Week beginning 10th December - Evaluation of the value

We would appreciate you reinforcing this value and praising your child/ren when you see them demonstrating the value at home.



POPPY APPEAL

Year 6 have been busily selling lots of wonderful merchandise during break times this week and will be continuing with this all of next week. If your child would like to purchase anything please send them to school with some money. A donation is required for poppies and merchandise varying from 50p to a £1. Please help to support the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

REQUEST TO PARENTS

Please may we remind all parents that any photographs taken in school which contain other children should not be published on any social media sites as you do not have consent from other parents to do this. If you are aware of any parents who break this rule, it is really important to inform us so that we can deal with it appropriately. Thank you for your support with this.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The children will be bringing home with them an entry form tomorrow for a competition to design a Christmas card for Hall & Scott Estate Agents. The winner will be presented with a £30 voucher by the Hall & Scott team along with four runner up prizes of a £10 voucher each. Prize winners will appear in the local paper and on the Hall & Scott website.

Selected entries will be displayed in the Hall & Scott windows and in their newspaper/online promotions and will include the name of the pupil and the name of the school. Please ensure you notify the school office when submitting an entry if you have any issues regarding this taking place for your child.

The children can create their cards in any medium they like (crayons, felt pens, paints etc) but the design **MUST** stay within the box. Please return all completed entries to the school office by Monday 12th November. The winner will be announced by Hall & Scott on 30th November.

SCHOOL ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

There is a new style form to be completed to request term time absence from school. A copy is attached and can also be collected as needed from the School Office.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE FROM KATIE HUNTER

I would just like to say a huge thank you for all my lovely gifts, cards and kind comments, it meant a great deal to me. Leaving West Hill Primary School has been a very hard decision for me and I will miss the children, parents and staff very much. I am very excited about my new venture and invite you all to take a look at my new website www.photos2art.co.uk for unique gift ideas this Christmas.

NOTIFICATION

We would like to inform you that the tennis court is needed for parking tomorrow, Friday 2nd November in the evening for the Inner Wheel Quiz which starts at 7.30pm.

DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

A **big thank you** to the PTFA for funding our two amazing drumming workshops. As part of our Artsmark Gold journey the children when surveyed unanimously requested to experience drumming. On both days the village hall vibrated to the Taiko (Japanese) and Djembe (African) drums. Our visiting artists lead hands on sessions that taught two very different drumming styles and sounds.



KS2 Taiko Drumming
with
Hannah Jasmine Brunskill
from
Taiko Journey



KS1 Djembe Drumming with Allen Kerr from Shumba Arts.



ROAD CLOSURE - WEDNESDAY 7th to FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

There is a temporary road closure of a section of Beech Park on Wednesday to Friday next week. It will still be possible to access the school and the village hall by following Beech Park the long way around.

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



On Friday 16th November we will be supporting Children In Need by inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing all things spotty for The Big Spotaclar. Donations will be collected on the roundabout in the morning.



On Friday 7th December the school Orchestra will be doing a Christmas performance in the Sharing Assembly. Parents of children in the orchestra are invited to join us for this event.

WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

After much parental demand our school's breakfast club has now been up and running for half a term. 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) or phone (07561 188736). Fingers crossed that this service can continue with more parental support.

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 15th November 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.

WINTER BALL - 10th NOVEMBER

The Winter Ball is nearly here! Thank you for getting your food/drink/music choices and payments to your table co-ordinators asap so that we can confirm final details and we look forward to seeing you for a fantastic evening on the 10th November.

WAGGON OF WONDER (tickets available for the waggon of wonder and raffle will be on sale in the playground next week)

Following the popularity of the 'Barrow of Cheer' - a beautiful lilac wheelbarrow filled with goodies which was won and wheeled home from the Spring into Summer party earlier this year - we have had donated an amazing £199 Heavy Duty Draper Cart. This generously proportioned, light-weight but strong steel mesh waggon can be used in the garden for moving all manner of things or at festivals for transporting camping equipment or kids, but it's first task could be getting your cart load of goodies home from the village hall!

The WAGGON of WONDER will be the grand prize in this year's raffle so we're aiming to fill this cart before the Winter Ball with loads of lovely treats and need your help! If you could donate some wine, spirits, posh chocs/biscuits, or any non-edible goodies that you'd like to see in this trolley of treats, please bring them into school and pass to any ball committee member or leave in the designated box in the school office for us to collect! Your help in raising money for your child's school is greatly appreciated.

Get ready to party...

Want to look absolutely fabulous at the Winter Ball? Would you like your makeup done by a professional on the day? Jai Prettejohn has been a professional make-up artist for 15 years and specialises in making people feel beautiful and confident in their own skin! Jai will be offering make-up that will compliment your chosen outfit and personal style - whether that be naturally fabulous, full party glam or somewhere in between -using products that are all naturally based, not tested on animals and sustainably & ethically sourced. Vegan friendly and Gluten Free products are available too. Jai usually charges £45 for an event makeup session but will be offering sessions at just £30 with £15 of each booking going towards the school to add to our fundraising efforts. Every booking will also receive a free gift and 10% off any makeup orders placed. To book your pre-ball makeup session please contact Jai directly through facebook messenger, text or whatsapp on 07734214139. If anyone would like to purchase products before the event, such as lipsticks, mascara etc they will also receive a free gift & discount - just contact Jai.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

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.



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 **5th November**.

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

West Hill Pre-school Christmas Fair is on Sunday 25th November 2 - 4.30pm in the village hall. Leaflet attached.

PARISH CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER VACANCY - WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

West Hill Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and highly motivated candidate for the vacancy of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer. This position is home-based apart from attendance at council meetings. The Parish Council will provide the successful applicant with a laptop, printer/scanner, mobile phone and home-working allowance.

20 hours/week - Salary Pro rata SCP 23 to 25 £21693 - £23111 (£11726 to £12492) More available for suitably experienced or qualified candidates. For an application pack, or if you would like to speak to the current clerk for more information please get in touch: Alison Carr
clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk 07413 932 406. Closing date: 7th November 2018

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes



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 _____