



NEWSLETTER 15

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 96.2% which is slightly below our attendance target of 97.5%.

WOW MOMENT

On Tuesday 18th December, 53 children from Class 3 to Class 6 sang in Exeter Cathedral after winning the large school category in Radio Devon's 'Star for Christmas' competition. We were very privileged to have Sally Sycamore accompanying us on the piano and Fiona Martin on her flute so a big thank you to both of them.

The choir were filmed by Spotlight and appeared on the television at the end of Tuesday's broadcast. They were awarded with a trophy and a certificate for each child. The Christmas concert will be aired at 00.03 and 10.03 on Christmas Day. A very big thank you to Mrs Bennett for entering the competition and for doing such an amazing job coaching the choir.



ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOL

Unfortunately around 10pm on Friday 14th December we experienced 3 male youths who climbed over our fence and entered our property. In doing so, they caused damage to our fence and left 2 of our benches upturned. They also left drink cans and shattered glass from a gin bottle all over the tennis court. We have captured this on our school CCTV and it was reported to the Police on Monday morning. If you have any further information about this then please let us know.

LOST PROPERTY

There will be a table in the playground again at the end of the day today with all the remaining lost property from the last half term. Please take a look and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. Thank you.



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 1hr and 1hr 15 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.

LUNCH BOXES

We are finding an increasing amount of carrier bags left in school with remnants of food, left over drink bottles and often uneaten items of food such as crisps, apples etc. Please can you ensure that your child's lunch box/bag is labelled and is brought home each day (but particularly at the end of each term?). Thank you

DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACES

Please can we remind you all that the disabled spaces in the Village Hall car park should only be used by people who are registered disabled and hold a blue badge. Both the school and Pre-School have received complaints from registered disabled drivers who are unable to park in the Village Hall car park due to other inconsiderate drivers. Please respect this and ensure the disabled spaces are left for them. Thank you.

RUN A MILE CLUB WITH MRS BENNETT

Run a Mile Club will start again on Friday 11th January at 8.30am.

BAD WEATHER

As the winter weather can be changeable please see attached our bad weather procedures. Please also feel free to sign up to the below alerts from Devon County Council. Once registered you will receive an email if the school has been closed due to winter weather. To sign up click here https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_4 then enter your preferred email address and then click on the drop down, ticking the schools you want information on, then submit. The service is just one way Devon County Council is keeping the public up to date this winter. To find the latest information and travel advice from Devon County Council click here www.devon.gov.uk/winter_travel. For updates on Twitter follow @DevonAlert.

SCHOOL ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you can apply for your child's primary school place online before 15 January 2019. You can enter up to three school preferences if you wish.

So don't be late; save time and apply online at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

PTFA NEWS

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

The raffle was drawn for the Gingerbread House during Trophy Assembly yesterday. The fabulous prize went home with George S in Year 2.

Thank you to Craigie for her time and effort in making this amazing prize and to all who entered.

BAG2SCHOOL

We are having another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 15th January. Empty bags will be sent home in the first week after Christmas so please save any items from any New Year Spring cleans you may be having!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Could I say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts over the course of 2018. I know we ask a lot, but we have continued to raise a fantastic amount of money and it is hugely appreciated by the school. Let's look forward to a wonderful money raising 2019. Merry Christmas!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL PANTO

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

SPORTY STARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Both the Multi-Sports Club (Year 2 -6) and the Football Club (Year 2-4), run by Sporty Stars, will continue after Christmas starting the week beginning 14th January for ten weeks. Please see the attached leaflets for further information and details of how to sign up and pay. Both clubs would welcome new and old members.

EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA - OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19th JANUARY 2019

Children aged 7 plus come and try playing in an orchestra. We are an inclusive charity bringing children together in a friendly and supportive environment to make music. No auditions!

Main orchestra - 9.45am start - Grades 4-8 (music can be simplified as required)

Junior orchestra - 11.00am start - Can read and play 1 octave

We meet every Saturday at St Leonard's Primary School, St Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ

Find out more at www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk

Have a great Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

With my best wishes



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher