



NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.8%. Well done to all.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - TONIGHT

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 5 - 6-7pm

YEAR 6 - 5.30-6.30pm

We are having our 'Meet the Teacher' evening tonight for all parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 (not reception class as this has already taken place last term). If you are unable to attend, please be kind enough to ask another parent to take notes to feed back to you. We look forward to seeing you all there. We appreciate that some of you have children in more than one class. Please give priority to those children whose teachers you haven't met before OR the classes about which you feel you would like more information. Due to the District Elections taking place on the same day we will open the tennis court for additional parking to hopefully eliminate any parking issues. Thank you.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS, CONSENT FORM & HOME-SCHOOL-PUPIL AGREEMENT

These will be handed out to parents at the Meet the Teacher Evening tonight. Due to revised Data Protection Regulations we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags so if you are unable to make the Meet the Teacher Evening please can you please collect these from the office on Friday 21st September or Monday 24th September. These need to be completed and returned as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency. **All 3 forms need completing on both sides, signing and returning to the office no later than Friday 28th September.** Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

COLLECTION AT HOMETIME

As children have moved into new classes, can we please remind you to ensure that your child's teacher is informed of home time arrangements. If anyone other than a parent is collecting your child, you must ensure that your child's teacher or the office have been informed. If we have not been informed, we will have to make a telephone call to ensure that the information we have been given is correct. Please remember that this is for the safeguarding of your children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PRIVACY NOTICE - General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

On the 25th May 2018, the UK's Data Protection Act 1998 was replaced by a new law called the GDPR (the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016). This law governs how we collect, use and share people's information and provides greater rights to individuals and control over how their information is handled by organisations, including schools.

Please find a link below to our updated privacy notice explaining how we handle pupil information, what rights you have and how to exercise them and our policies around this. This is something which we will share with you annually.

<http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Privacy-Notice-Pupil-Information-May-2018.pdf>

READER HELPERS



Class 3 are looking for a reader helper, preferably in the mornings on a Wednesday. Class 4 are also looking for reader helpers on a Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Miss Kemp, Mr Pantling or Miss Spence. Reception Class is also 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. 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.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 16th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm

Wednesday 17th October for years 5 and 6 from 3.40-6.10pm

Thursday 18th October for years Reception to 4 from 3.40-6.10pm

Parent appointment lists will be out in the small playground in the fenced area from 8.45am and thereafter before and after school from Monday 1st October.

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 <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/20d498c>

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Each year in September, we celebrate European Day of Languages. On Friday 28th September we would like to invite the children to join in the fun by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This can be



European or non-European as we shall extend our celebration to include all languages and cultures. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground from 8.30-9am with donations to the PTFA so please remember to bring your pennies. There will be an assembly led by Madame Shackleton and lots of

activities throughout the day to raise awareness of our wonderful world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.



NEW DATE 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 Spotacular. Donations will be collected on the roundabout in the morning.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Please can we ask that when you're booking your child/ren in to after school clubs outside of school that you consider the time we finish and the timescale of getting them there. School finishes at 3.30pm but it takes time for the children to get through the school and out in to the playground. We are being asked more and more for children to be taken early due to getting them to clubs and this is not something we can allow on a regular basis.

WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

This is now up and running. Doors open at 7.30am each morning with breakfast served for those there by 8am. There are spaces still available so please contact Mrs Andrea Chipps by email (westhillbreakfast@gmail.com) or phone (07561 188736) and she will answer as quickly as possible.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached details from The Maynards School regarding events coming up and also information from Exeter Children's Orchestra.

PTFA NEWS

FIRST MEETING

The West Hill Parents Teachers and Friends Association is a charity that has been established to help raise funds and provide assistance to the school to help in the teaching of our children. We have our first meeting of the new school year on Thursday 4th October at 7.15pm in the Legion and all parents, teachers and friends are invited to come along and join us. We have a small committee who help manage the PTFA and we are looking for volunteers to help us. It does not take up much time (meetings are either in an evening or during the day before school comes out). We help organise cake and chocolate sales, children's film nights and of course the annual ball and the summer fete.

We provide funds to the school not just for luxuries but for day to day essentials, including buying books, paying for days out for the pupils, upkeep of the playing ground and buying white boards for the classes.

Can you help? We need committee members and we need office bearers. Can you be a Chairperson, a Secretary, or a Treasurer? Are you someone who can organise? Please come along to the meeting or introduce yourself to Mrs Boulton at the end of school or contact Scott Massie (massiejs@btinternet.com).

WINTER BALL UPDATE

Thank you so much for all of your support - the Winter Ball sold out within 24hours! We are holding a waiting list on a first come first served basis - and if you have any queries at all please email us. Further details will be emailed to table co-ordinators with regards to menu choices, drinks pre-orders and payment at the earliest opportunity.

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations that we have received for the auction so far and would welcome any further goods, services, experiences or prizes that you are able to offer. Please get in touch by emailing westhillball@gmail.com

Many thanks for supporting this charity fundraising event!
The organising committee

WAITROSE

Just to remind you that the PTFA is one of three charities that Waitrose in Sidmouth are collecting for during the month of September. The more green tokens in our collecting box, the bigger the share of £1,000 we will receive. Please shop there, and grab those tokens.

100 CLUB

To all who are new to the school, can I advise that we run a 100 Club where, for a small contribution, you are entered into a monthly draw, with half the proceeds being passed to the PTFA. Last year, the Club contributed approximately £1,000 to the PTFA funds with half of that being paid out to winners. A form and more information on how to join will be sent home with book bags later this month.

IDEAS

Just how are we going to raise money for our school? Never has the PTFA been more required than now. If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds, please tell us. If you can help with bringing your idea to fruition, then that would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 28th SEPTEMBER 2018

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON AT WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL

Our annual Macmillan coffee afternoon will be taking place as usual in the upstairs 'Beech Room' at West Hill Village Hall on Friday 28th September, starting at 12:30 and finishing at 15:00. Any leftover cakes will be taken over to school and sold in the small playground at home time. Donations of cakes will be very gratefully received, and can be left in the upstairs kitchen at the hall on Friday morning. We really hope you can come along for a cuppa and a slice of cake, meet friends for a chat and support this fantastic cause which affects so many. If you are able to help out with running the event on the day, please let one of us know. With thanks, Sarah Woolfries and Michaela Chown.

MESSY CHURCH

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

September 21st - The Sower

October 19th - Courage

November 16th - Friendship

December 14th - Christmas Story

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