



NEWSLETTER 28

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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back for what we hope will be an exciting and successful Summer term!
I hope you had a very enjoyable Easter.**



The week before the Easter holidays the whole school's attendance was 97.5% which is in line with our target.

ASSEMBLY VALUES

Each term Mrs Boulton will be focussing on a half termly value in assemblies on Wednesday and Fridays. This half term will be **CO-OPERATION**. Each week we will have a different theme of co-operation:

Week 1 - Introduce Value

Week 2 - Working towards a common goal

Week 3 - Co-operating with our family

Week 4 - Co-operating with our friends

MENU AMENDMENTS

Due to the hall being used for Local Government Elections on Thursday 2nd May we will be amending the menu and replacing it with a bagged meal as follows:-

Main	Sausage
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage
Sides	Chips and Vegetable Sticks
Dessert	Custard Biscuit

NB. There will be no jacket potato option on this day.

TISSUES

Could we kindly ask that all children bring in a pack of tissues with them to keep in their trays/book bags. Thank you.

READER HELPERS



Class 2 are looking for reader helpers on Wednesdays and Thursdays (mornings or afternoons). If you are interested, please see Mr Joseph. 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.

S2 ABSENCE/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We will now only be asking for S2 absence forms to be completed for absences due to exceptional circumstances eg. Secondary school taster days, music exams, funerals etc. You will no longer need to complete a S2 form for any medical appointments but the Educational Welfare Officer has advised us to ask to see a hospital appointment letter or appointment card from the doctor/dentist in order to be able to authorise the absence as medical. Please be reassured, that in line with the data protection legislation, we will not be retaining a copy of this information. May we remind you that routine appointments for doctors/dentists should be booked outside of school hours and only emergency appointments should be taken in term time. Thank you.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The number of pupils arriving late in the mornings is increasing - in the last week before the Easter holidays there were 49 instances of late arrivals. Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and after this time the side gate is locked. Any pupils arriving after this time will not be able to gain access to the school 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! Any pupils arriving after 8.55am should instead be escorted by an adult to sign in at the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks for the Summer Term Dates for your Diary which will be attached to the newsletter. These will include lots of important dates that will involve your children. We have mentioned a couple of important dates below.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on Wednesday 22nd May this year starting at 1.15pm. If there are any parents who are free on Wednesday 22nd May at 9am, then Mrs Bennett would appreciate half an hour of your time to help with erecting 8 gazebos. Also, if you have a gazebo and are willing to lend it to us for the day then please let the school office know. Thank you.

ARTSMARK OPEN AFTERNOON

This school year the staff and children have been working towards renewing our Artsmark Award. With the help of the school council the children have influenced all aspects of the arts curriculum. You are invited to the culmination of this project on Wednesday 5th June, when we will be having an open afternoon to celebrate all of the children's work. During the afternoon you will be able to tour the school and experience a wide range of arts on display and in action. More details to come later.



LOST PROPERTY

We have another mountain of lost property looking to be reunited with their owners! Please take a look through the items that will be out on the playground by the tennis courts after school each day this week to claim any belonging to your children.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of naming all belongings that come in to school, it is so much easier to return things if it is clearly named. Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER/REPORTS

Please be aware that School Pupil Tracker is closing down on 31st December 2019 and our school subscription expires on 4th September 2019. After 4th September, 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.

ORCHESTRA - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be no orchestra on 30th April and 7th May.

SPORTY STARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Both the Multi-Sports Club (Year 1 -6) and the Football Club (Year 2-4), run by Sporty Stars, start this week. 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB

Alex Clements will be returning with a Cricket Club for the summer term for Years 2-6 on Tuesdays from 30th April at a cost of £30 for 10 sessions. Please see the attached leaflet for booking form.

PTFA NEWS

Family Camping on School Field - Camp on the school field to raise money for the PTFA/school. Saturday 15th June until Sunday 16th. Games and activities for the kids. Bring your own food and drink. Tents or campers. School families only! Toilets available. Subject to weather/field conditions. £25 a pitch. Contact Mat matehelm@yahoo.com or speak to Mat or Amy Helm at school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING CURRENT YEAR 1 CHILDREN AND PARENTS

West Hill Wasps want to continue the under 7s next season with interested boys and girls. We will need parents keen to lead and coach the team. It is very rewarding and more fun than just watching from the side lines. No experience necessary and fully funded FA training will be given and supervision/ support/ guidance from the clubs other volunteer coaches.

Please contact Doug: dferguson@doctors.org.uk or 07815 070899 for any further information. We'd love to have you involved in our community mixed club.

We are also trying to recruit a goalkeeper for our Year 5 team. We are a thriving, well-supported team with children from 7 schools across East Devon forming the side which play and train in West Hill. We play in the Exeter Youth League but are searching for a goalkeeper to complete our team as we head into next season when we will be playing 9 a side football. If there is any player that is interested in joining a really friendly team with a great team spirit and a talented bunch of players I would love to hear from them. If your child is interested please contact Allen by email at allen.morgan2@btinternet.com or 07725 915380.

MESSY CHURCH

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

April 26th - Pets and Peace

May 17th - At the seaside

June 28th - Summer BBQ and party

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



MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - THIS FRIDAY 26th APRIL

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

Have a lovely weekend

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher