



NEWSLETTER 26

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 96.8% which is slightly below our target of 97.5%.

S2 ABSENCE/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

After Easter we will 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 for copies of hospital appointment letters or appointment cards from the doctor/dentist. 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.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have another mountain of lost property looking to be reunited with their owners! Please take a look in the cupboard in the reception area to see if there is anything belonging to your child. 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.



TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned to school by **Tuesday 2nd April** in preparation for trophies assembly on Friday. Thank you.



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.

MENU AMENDMENTS

Due to the hall being used on Wednesday 3rd April (for the Year 3/4 Easter Service) we will be amending the menu and replacing it with a bagged meal as follows:-

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

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

OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON DINNER MONEY

Please can you make sure your child/ren's balances are paid up to date by the end of Friday 29th March. Your co-operation is much appreciated as it is our end of financial year and all accounts need to be in credit. Many thanks.

PGCE STUDENT

We would like to introduce Katie Jones to parents and children in Class 4. Katie will be in school for the Summer term and is in her final placement of her PGCE course at Exeter University. We hope you will join us in welcoming her to West Hill Primary School. It will be lovely to have an additional adult in the class working alongside Mr Pantling, Miss Spence and Mrs Morris.

HEALTHY WEIGHT DECLARATION SURVEY

We have been asked by the Public Health team at Devon County Council to draw your attention to a survey which seeks to obtain the view of families on food choices. The food choices we make are influenced by where we live, work and play. It's often hard to make healthy choices because of the way places are designed or the way in which food and drinks are promoted to us. Please tell them what would help you make healthier food choices by completing their survey with 13 short questions at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybrdrqbz> Thank you for your support with this.

LEARN TO RIDE

Stephanie and Ed who provide the Bikeability training for local schools are offering a one off after school session in May to help children learn to ride a bike. Please see the attached letter from them and get in touch with them directly if you are interested in booking a place for your child.

MINDFULNESS AND YOGA LUNCH CLUB

Please see the attached letter from Kara Green regarding a new Mindfulness and Yoga Lunch time club that she will be starting after Easter on Thursday lunchtimes. To book a place for your child please contact Kara on 07778 127685 or by email karatwinkle@hotmail.com

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-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.

The leadership team are currently looking at alternative assessment options to use from September 2019 and will share this with you once a decision has been made.

ORCHESTRA - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be no orchestra on 2nd April, 30th April and 7th May.

CLASS 1 SHARING ASSEMBLY

As per our dates for your diaries we would like to inform parents that Class 1 will be having their sharing assembly tomorrow at 10.10am. All parents and family of Class 1 are most welcome to come and watch in the Village Hall.

Y3 & Y4 EASTER SERVICE

We would like to invite the parents of children in Y3 and Y4 to their Easter service on Wednesday 3rd April at 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Y3 & Y4 DANCE PERFORMANCE

We would like to invite the parents of children in Y3 and Y4 to watch their end of half term dance performance in the village hall at 3pm on Friday 5th April 2019. This is a unit of dance that the children have been working on with Katie Murray throughout this half term and I know they would love to show their hard work to you.



DATE REMINDERS

Friday 29 th March	Class 1 sharing assembly 10.10am (for parents of Class 1)
Wednesday 3 rd April	Easter Service 1.30pm (for parents of Y3 & Y4)
Friday 5 th April	- Trophies Assembly (please ensure all trophies are returned) - Y3 & Y4 Katie Murray dance performance to their parents - 3pm - Last Day of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY 8 th - 22 nd April Tuesday 23 rd April-Teacher training Day Children return to school on Wednesday 24 th April 2019	

PTFA NEWS

Upcoming events:

Film Night - the next thrilling film night is scheduled for Friday 29th March, in the Legion at the usual time of 5pm. The popcorn and sweets have been bought, and the film will be the latest Johnny English one - Strikes Again (having watched it, it is hilarious!!). There is a tear-off slip at the bottom of this newsletter - or simply drop your child's name and £3.50 into the PTFA box in reception. We do need some volunteers to help set up and then sweep up.

Could I remind you that **PARENTS OF YEAR 1** must stay with their children. Also, to point out, this is a PG rated film.

Cake Sale - the next cake sale will be on Thursday 4th April. This time it is the turn of Year 3 and 4 to bake and delight. Could we have some Easter themed cakes? Could we have volunteers to do the selling?

General fundraising - Can anyone assist in looking to collect old printer cartridges? The task is not particularly onerous, we just need someone to spend an hour or two.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 29th MARCH 2019

It was so lovely to see so many new Mums at our last night out and hope to see you again. All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier!

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 07815070899 for any further information. We'd love to have you involved in our community mixed club.

MESSY CHURCH

Fun activities, informal worship and share food. 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.



Have a lovely weekend

With my best wishes

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

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 29th March at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of _____ (£3.50 per child)

Signed _____ Mobile Number _____


