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01404 812599 [Thursday 31st January 2019](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk). Website www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk

Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.6% which is slightly above our target of 97.5%.

WOW MOMENT

EXETER KIDS FOOTBALL CUP

Last week, 8 pupils from class 6 took part in the Exeter Kids Football Cup at Exeter University. 32 schools took part in the event. The team did extremely well and won the group stages. Unfortunately, they got knocked out in the last 16. We are absolutely delighted with their team work, effort and enthusiasm. Huge congratulations to the team : Josh, Evan, Sam, Harry Y, Noah, Harry M, Hugo and Tom. Many thanks to Mrs Jackson for taking the boys and to Lee Perkins for his expert team management and coaching skills.

TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned to school by **Friday 8th February** in preparation for trophies assembly. Thank you.



SCHOOL PHOTOS-TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Our new school photographer David Hooton will be in school on Tuesday 5th February to take pupils individual photos as well as any group photos with brothers/sisters in other classes. We will be starting these at 9am and therefore will not be able to accept any pre-school children for photographs. Could we kindly ask that all children come to school with a school jumper or cardigan.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Just a reminder that the parent appointment lists will be in the small playground in the fenced area from 8.40am and thereafter before and after school from **Monday 4th February**. If you are unable to attend school to make the appointment please can you arrange for a friend to do so on your behalf. Many thanks.

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Please can we ask that you do not double park between the first two rows of spaces on the left as other users of the Village Hall are then unable to exit the car park (such as badminton users on Tuesdays who finish at 3.15pm). Thank you for your support with this.

CAR PARK PILOT

Please can we remind you that starting on Monday next week (4th February) we will trial the new system of one way in and one way out of the Village Hall car park. There will be an adult wearing a high visibility jacket directing traffic appropriately. A further copy of the letter issued on Monday regarding this is attached for your reference.

CAKE SALE

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Cake Sale on Friday 15th February in the KS2 playground at 3.30pm. After listening to an assembly by Miss Kemp, we have set ourselves a small goal and we would like to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society which is a charity very close to one of us. If you would like to donate cakes to help then we would be extremely grateful as this would help us raise as much money as possible. Please bring any cake donations into the school office on the morning of the 15th February. From Libbie, Anna and Evie in Class 6.

HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY FROM KATE, CLASS 5

Hello, I am Kate Hanson from Year 5 and on Wednesday 30th January 2019 I was head teacher for the day. I was able to become the head teacher because at a PTFA ball, my parents auctioned the most money. In the morning, my parents were allowed to park in the head teacher's space and I had to wear my smartest clothes. I was glad because I didn't get told off for having my hair down and my nails painted! I've had to do an assembly on achievement, reply to lots of e-mails, proofread the weekly newsletter, monitor the behaviour in the lunch hall and write this article. I've got a tight schedule! As I'm the head teacher, I have the power to make children miss some of their break time, but I probably won't do that too often.

After assembly, I went to all of the classes to say good morning and to ask what they thought of my assembly and I got a lot of positive feedback for my teaching skills.

At first break, a couple of people decided to throw snow balls at me, giving me an opportunity to tell someone off! I even made them miss five minutes of their afternoon break time. Although, they're lucky they didn't have to write me a letter of apology!

At lunch time, I checked the behaviour in the Village hall and told everyone that it was too noisy! I also got to stand at the front of the lines at the end of lunch time to make sure nobody was breaking the rules by talking in the line. Before the whistle blew for the end of lunch, I was allowed a drink and biscuits in the staff room. (I never knew teachers ate custard creams)

After lunch, I went on a stroll around the school premises with a lady from the office for a health and safety check. There were two lists to complete and they were the monthly check and the weekly check. We found a few things that needed repairing such as leaky drainpipes, a ripped post protector and some sharp wires sticking out of the fences. These things were noted on our list to be repaired and I hope they will be fixed soon.

Also, at last break, I was on playground duty for the reception class and year one children. Everyone seemed to want to talk to me! There were only a couple of upsets to sort out.

Can you believe that I have to stay an extra 10 minutes at the end of school to say goodbye to pupils and parents?

Being the head teacher gets a 10 out of 10!

KATIE MURRAY DANCE PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

We would like to invite parents of children in Class 5 and Class 6 to watch the dance they have been practicing with Katie Murray on Friday 15th February at 3pm in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse. The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline - the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Please see the attached letter from Mr Pantling and Mrs Tovey.

LETTER TO PARENTS FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Attached is a letter from Rowan Ross, our Chair of Governors giving you an explanation of the role of the Governing Board, their roles, their recent work and their future priorities. We hope you find this informative and a useful document.

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURES REMINDER

If the school has to be closed due to bad weather this would be due to lack of sufficient staff being able to travel to school or other reasons such as frozen pipes or no heating.

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff. For this reason Mrs Boulton will make contact with all staff to establish who is able to attend before being able to make a decision which we hope to have done between 7.30am and 8am. In the event of no school cook or food deliveries being able to get through to us we may be able to open but on the condition that parents are happy to provide a packed lunch for their children. **Please remember that the school will remain open unless you hear otherwise** and please do not phone the school office as this will be needed for emergency calls.

Parents are asked to make every effort to get to school, however the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account safety factors such as local road conditions. Parents are asked to observe the following bad weather procedures.

1. Email: You will be contacted by email by the school. Please make sure we have an up-to-date email address at all times.
2. Local Radio: Please listen to your local radio station: BBC Radio Devon and Heart FM. An announcement will be made as early as possible. The closure is posted on their websites as well.
3. Devon County Council Notifications: Sign up at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_4 to receive a notification from Devon County Council.
4. School Website: Please access our school website at: www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk. An announcement will be posted on the Home Page at around 8.00 am.

READER HELPERS



Class 4 are looking for reader helpers on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Mr Pantling or Miss Spence. With current Safeguarding regulations a Volunteer Information 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.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH TEACHERS

If you need to communicate with teachers, they are generally available to speak to before school or after school. If easier, you can write a message in their reading diary or contact them via the office either by e-mail or with a written note.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

We would like to remind you that that the school gates close at 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am, they must be accompanied by an adult to the school office and signed in the 'late book'. If your child arrives before registers close at 9.15am, they are marked as a L code. If they arrive after 9.15am they are marked as a U code (unauthorised).

Thank you for your support with this.

PTFA NEWS

NEXT MEETING

We do need to meet periodically to discuss matters, approve spending etc. The last meeting of 2018 was held in an afternoon, before the end of school, but this did not prove very popular. So, this time, I am proposing 7.15pm on **Thursday 7th February** in the Legion. Please come along and chat and help us make some spending decisions. If you can't make it and would like to offer support or provide ideas or generally give any feedback please get in touch (massiejs@btinternet.com) and we can look to take it forward.

FUNDRAISING

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please shout!

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

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

February 15th - Peak Challenge

March 22nd - Fit for Life

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