



NEWSLETTER 35

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.7%. This is slightly above our attendance target of 97.5%.

WOW! A LETTER FROM SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH!

3 children in Class 4 have been inspired by Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg who they have been learning about in class to give our planet some help. Elsie W has written to the Queen and Christiana W has written to Sir David Attenborough, in fact he has replied! Phillipa, Christiana and Elsie are hoping to do some more work on it. The children have already spoken to the school caretaker about having more recycling bins at our school and there are now lots more recycling bins. They are full of ideas and I have no doubt we will see more changes made in the future.



STAFFING - SEPTEMBER 2019

We can now confirm teaching arrangements for September 2019.

	Teacher(s)
Reception	Mrs Powley (Mon-Wed) Mrs Stevens (Thurs, Fri)
Class 1	Mr Sapwell
Class 2	Mr Joseph
Class 3	Miss Kemp
Class 4	Mr Pantling (3 days) and Miss Spence (2 days) Days to be confirmed
Class 5	Mrs Tovey (Mon, Tues) Mrs Bedford (Wed-Fri)
Class 6	Mrs Harris (Mon-Wed) Mrs Bennett (Thurs, Fri)
Y4,5,6 MFL (French)	Mrs Shackleton (Mon pm)

The children will be visiting their new classes on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th July.

REPORTS

Schools have a statutory duty to prepare annual reports for parents before the end of the summer term. The report must cover each pupil's achievements, general progress and attendance record. Reports for pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) must also include the outcomes of national curriculum assessments.

As School Pupil Tracker is closing, we have decided to launch a new format of report this year. We will be reporting in detail on English and maths with foundation subjects having a 1-3 star tick system to show attainment, progress and effort. There will also be a box for teacher comments and Head teacher comments.

Reports will be issued on **Friday 12th July**. For tighter security measures, we would prefer not to send reports home in children's book bags and we are asking parents, relatives or childminders to collect them directly from the class teachers. If this is not possible, then please let us know if you would still like the report sent home in your child's book bag. For Y6 pupils visiting King's and anyone absent that day, reports will also be available for collection from class teachers the following week (Monday 15th-Friday 19th July). Class 2 parents will be able to use the side gate to access Class 2 in order to collect your reports and children that day.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on the new report format in order to make any amendments for next year. Please e-mail any comments to admin@west-hil-primary.devon.sch.uk FAO Mrs Boulton.

ORCHESTRA ASSEMBLY



On Friday 28th June, our school orchestra performed to the whole school and parents in our assembly. Led by Dr Fiona Martin and accompanied by Sally Sycamore on piano, they performed Peter and the Wolf, composed by Sergei Prokofiev. Children from Class 5 were also involved, telling the story through words and pictures.

On behalf of everyone in our school, thank you to all the adults involved in orchestra club on a Tuesday, with a particular BIG thank you to Dr Martin for all her hard work throughout the school year. The sound that the orchestra made was outstanding.

PARENT END OF YEAR QUESTIONNAIRE

At the end of the year we are keen to gather your views on what you feel West Hill Primary School is doing well and to hear of any areas where you think the school could improve. We would appreciate it if you could complete the attached questionnaire (ideally one per child) as this will help us to analyse each individual year group and will also protect your anonymity. We have slimmed this down to only 14 questions in the hope that more parents may be able to complete it.

Please return to school by **Friday 19th July** either by e-mail or directly to the school office.

TROPHIES

Please can all trophies be returned to the office by Monday 15th July at the latest. Thank you.



FAMILY PICNIC ON LAST DAY OF TERM

As per our Summer dates for your diaries we will be having a family picnic on the school field from 12.15pm to 1.15pm on the last day of term (Wednesday 24th July). We would like to invite parents and family to join us with their picnics to make it a lovely ending to a wonderful academic year. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets/chairs and picnics for you and your children to enjoy. If your child is in KS1 and requires a picnic to be prepared for them by the school kitchen, then please let the office know by **Wednesday 10th July at the latest** to enable the kitchen to order the relevant food. They will have the option of either a cheese or tuna roll. You will be able to collect your children from the playground after the picnic at 1.30pm as this is the end of term. If you are unable to make the picnic please make sure you have made relevant plans for your child to be collected. I look forward to seeing you all there.

AUTUMN TERM FRENCH CLUB



Lunchtime French Club will begin again in September 2019 for Years 1 and 2. The cost is £3 per session per child invoiced and payable at the start of each term. If you would like your child to start French Club or continue if they are currently in Year 1, then please fill out the form attached and return to the school office for my attention. Many thanks, Madame Shackleton

MUSIC LESSONS

If you have not returned your contract forms and contacted the tutors direct for your child to continue music next academic year the places will be offered to others requesting lessons. Our cut off point was Monday of this week. Please contact the office if this has been an oversight as a matter of urgency. If your child is new to starting music lessons in September, forms need to have come into the office by Friday of this week at the latest.

DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please see the office for a refund or funds can be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and after this time the side gate near the steps is locked. Any pupils arriving after the gate is locked should instead be escorted by an adult to sign in at the school office. They will not be able to gain access to the school via the side gate 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!

RECEPTION CLASS SHARING ASSEMBLY

We would like to inform parents that Reception Class will be having their sharing assembly on Friday 5th July at 10.10am. All parents and family of Reception Class are most welcome to come and watch in the Village Hall.

CHANGE TO DATE OF EARLY 2020 MAY BANK HOLIDAY

You may have seen the announcement over the weekend that **the Spring Bank Holiday will be moved**

from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020. This is related to recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an ever growing collection of lost property with a large amount of plastic pots and jumpers/cardigans. Unfortunately as most items are un-named it is almost impossible to ensure they are returned to their owner. Please can we remind you to label all items of your child's belongings including plastic snack pots and lunch boxes. Thank you.

WANTED! WASHING MACHINE

The washing machine in the school kitchen has broken beyond repair so if anyone has a working machine that is no longer required please contact the school office. This would be hugely appreciated.



SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER/REPORTS

Please be aware that our school subscription to School Pupil Tracker expires on 4th September 2019. After this date, 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. Thank you.

SPONSORED BOUNCE 2019

If you haven't already done so, please hand in your sponsorship cash to the office by **Monday 8th July** or the PTFA post box in the reception area.

PTFA UPDATE

THE FETE

What a fantastic Saturday we had! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves? Huge thanks are due to everyone who turned up and helped from Friday evening, early on Saturday morning and to all who stayed and helped get the field back to its clean state by 6.00pm. Thank you also to all of you who helped on the stalls and thanks to all of you who came along and enjoyed the spectacle! The stalls were great, the performers were great, the food was great and the bar was great! Huge thanks are due to the Fete committee and also the staff who came along and supported the pupils.

While the final count has not been completed, we are on track to make in excess of £4k for PTFA funds. We ran a competition for the KS2 classes to see which one could raise the most money. They all did fantastically and so each class will receive £25 for the teachers to spend suitably.

CAKE SALE

The final cake sale of the year will be on Thursday 18 July. Years 5 and 6 get to show off their talents.

ANY MORE

Ideas are always welcome. Old Printer ink cartridges could be a source of income. Could anyone spare some time to investigate?

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Handwritten signature of Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher