



NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.3%. Well done to all.

'WOW MOMENT'

We had a fabulous first race of the season in Stockland. 12 children took part and should be very proud of their achievements. In the Y3/4 boys team special congratulations must go to Ollie P for coming in 1st and to Ewan K and Noah H for coming in the top 15. The Y3/4 girls ran as a group and came in 4th, 5th, 6th - a big well done to Bronte P, Christiana W and Elsie W. Our Y5/6 boys came 2nd, 3rd and 7th - well done to Sam S, Evan P and Harry M. Our Y5/6 girls all got a top 25 position - well done to Ava R, Grace H and Caitlin P.

Well done to the Year 6 football team who played 2 incredibly tough matches against Ottery St Mary A and B team drawing 1-1 in their first match but sadly losing the second match. They were a fabulous team to watch and really encouraged and supported each other.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 2018

Each year at West Hill Primary School we celebrate European Day of Languages and this year was no exception! As a school, we feel strongly about the importance of learning new languages from an early age. Our everyday focus is French but EDL gives us a great opportunity to explore other world languages and cultures. Children began to trickle into the playground early on Friday morning having made great efforts to dress in costumes representing many different countries from around the world. They were enticed by the smell of croissants, pains au chocolat and some French café music! We had a pot for donations to the PTFA and parents gave so generously, we were able to donate half to the MacMillan cancer trust who were having their coffee morning that day. Each class focused on a different country and a number of activities were on offer, including language-based Treasure Hunts around school. I made a visit to the younger classes with Monsieur Tonton (my French puppet) and we enjoyed dancing to multi-language mini disco. A fun-filled day was had by all! A bientôt, - Madame Shackleton.

COLLECTION AT HOMETIME

We hope that you all received the letter sent home via your children on Monday outlining the new collection arrangements at home time which we have attached for your convenience This will begin on Monday 8th October and we will trial the new arrangements until Christmas. Please bear with us while we sort out any teething problems.

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

These were handed out to parents at the Meet the Teacher Evening. Due to revised Data Protection Regulations we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags so if you were unable to make the Meet the Teacher Evening please can you collect these from the office - *we still have many forms that need collecting*. 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 tomorrow, Friday 5th October.**

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

UK CHOIR FESTIVAL

Our two Teachers Rock Choir members spent Saturday at the UK Choir Festival in Exmouth.

They took part in workshops lead by a professional vocal specialist, a conductor, a producer & musical director and founder of the London Community Gospel Choir. The day concluded with the TRC performing in front of other Devon choirs.



INVITE TO PARENTS OF CLASS 5 & 6

We would like to invite all parents of Class 5 & 6 to join the whole school in the village hall on **Friday 19th October at 3pm** to watch their children perform the dance routines they have been working on this half term with Miss Murray. We look forward to seeing you then.

SIDMOUTH HERALD

We would like to inform parents of our Reception class children that the Sidmouth Herald are coming to take a class photo before half term and it will be published in the Sidmouth Herald on 26th October. Please note if you have requested your child does not appear in the media they will not be in the photo.

READER HELPERS NEEDED



Reception Class are 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.

Class 2 are looking for a reader helper on a Wednesday and Thursday morning and also someone on a Wednesday afternoon for 45 minutes before pick up to help the children in the library. If you think you could help, please see Mr Joseph.

Class 3 are looking for a reader helper, preferably in the mornings on a Wednesday. Please see Miss Kemp if you are interested and can help.

Class 4 are also looking for reader helpers on a Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Mr Pantling or Miss Spence.

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 (Years 5 and 6 only) from 3.40-6.10pm

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

Parent appointment lists have been in the small playground all week but will now be held in the school office so if you have not already signed up please see Katie or Wendy in the office.

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 Spotaacular. Donations will be collected on the roundabout in the morning.

IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR PARENTS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5 NASAL FLU VACCINATION - ELECTRONIC CONSENT

From September 2018 the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children from Reception to Year 5. Delivery of the vaccine will run October - December 2018 across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay and this year the Immunisation Team are adopting electronic consent.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please can we request that you access the consent portal via the following link and follow the online instructions:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/?h=7ca01e020dc4f388a52809eadd456af361d149b422a3151afcdd62fe9fd071d9>

We would like to request that consent is provided electronically before **Friday 12th October 2018**. This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically assess the information. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination. Many thanks for your cooperation'

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 www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

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.

DAY TO DAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SICKNESS & DIAHORREA

We have had a few cases of sickness and diahorrea this week and just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that children need to be kept off school for at least **48 hours** from the last bout of sickness or diahorrea to stop the spreading of the bug.



Please can you remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly whilst they are at school. Thank you.

HEALTHY SNACKS

As a healthy school, could we please remind you that children should only be bringing the following in to school for snack time:



- Fresh fruit and fresh vegetables
- Cheese
- Plain crackers
- Breadsticks
- Plain rice cakes

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, could we kindly ask that you complete an Absence Request Form in advance. These forms are kept in the office for you to collect, or can be sent home with your child. Thank you.

PTFA NEWS

FIRST MEETING - TONIGHT

As mentioned, the first meeting of this year's PTFA will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7.15pm in the Legion and all parents, teachers and friends are invited to come along and join us. Please come along and help support your school. We have some early decisions to take with a couple of large funding requests having been received from the teachers and proposals for Christmas cards and tea towels. We also need to agree some dates for our key activities - film nights and cake sales. Also, we are looking for more ideas and more ways to raise money.

I would add that it is not just about raising money - but also spending what we have to the benefit and enjoyment of the pupils and teachers - it should be fun. Let's do things for enjoyment (even if it is just eating cake!).

Please come along - you will not get forced to do anything you don't want to (honest!!!) - we just want your support and to hear your thoughts.

If you want to discuss anything please contact Mrs Boulton or Scott Massie
(massiejs@btinternet.com)

PTFA CAKE SALE - THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

Please can we ask parents of Years 1, 2 and 6 children to bake for the sale - these can be Halloween themed if you wish. Please bring your cakes to the school at drop off or pick up time for sale at end of day. Volunteers are always needed to help sell.

THE 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.

WAITROSE TOKENS

Thank you to everyone who recently collected green tokens when shopping at Waitrose. The tokens have now been collected and we have been informed that we have been allocated a final total of £189 from the £1,000. Unfortunately the other two schools (Sidouth Primary and Sidbury Primary) collected more tokens than us and therefore receive a larger percentage of the money. Waitrose will be in contact over the next 6 weeks to arrange collection of the money.

WINTER BALL

One table (or 12 tickets) now available! Donations for the auction or raffle very gratefully received! Further to requesting final table numbers we can confirm that there is one table available for the Winter Ball on Saturday 10th November! Ideally a table co-ordinator would volunteer to fill the table however if you would like to attend but are not yet on a table - please get in touch via westhillball@gmail.com - the organising committee email address and we will try to accommodate

requests for tickets! Table co-ordinators are now being contacted to finalise payments and pre-orders for food and drink. We would be really grateful for your kind donations for auction and raffle prizes - experiences, wellbeing, food, drink, memorabilia, products, services, discounts... anything that you are able to offer will hugely help this annual fundraiser provide valuable resource for the school whilst enjoying a fantastic evening! Please get in touch via westhillball@gmail.com or 07787120767.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A big thank you from us both to everyone who came along and supported the Macmillan coffee afternoon last Friday in the village hall. Whether you helped out on the day, baked cakes, came during the afternoon and/or bought cakes in the school playground, our combined efforts raised the fantastic amount of £605 for Macmillan Cancer Support!

Sarah & Michaela.

CHARITY DANCE - SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 2018

In memory of Lin White and Di Symes - Raising money for Exeter Leukaemia Fund. 7.30pm - 1am at West Hill Village Hall. Smart dress (no jeans), dancing to Area 52, Hog roast, Raffle, Cash bar only, R.O.A.R. Please call Samantha Canniford on 07545 860985 to purchase tickets at £20 each.

MESSY CHURCH

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

October 19th - Courage

November 16th - Friendship

December 14th - Christmas Story

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



CAFÉ CHURCH
@ ST MICHAEL'S

9.30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WELCOME
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

JOIN US FOR FRESH COFFEE, PASTRIES AND
GOOD CONVERSATION ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

Reflections

A photograph of a sunlit forest path with trees and a stream.

A time for you.
A service for quiet contemplation and peaceful thought
Beautiful music, gentle readings and quiet prayers.
You can join and leave when you choose.
This is just for you, whether you have great faith or none
Come along, bring a friend and make time for yourself.

Sunday 14 October
Refreshments from 3.45 at the back of the church
'Reflections' starts at 4pm

St Michael's
A place for everyone in West Hill
Telephone - 01404 571 064

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher