



NEWSLETTER 22

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Dear Parents,



The week before half term the whole school's attendance was 98.2% which is slightly above our target of 97.5% so well done everyone.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 7th MARCH



Thank you all for supporting your children with their costume for World Book Day. The children all looked wonderful!

Throughout the day, children will be immersed in book and reading related activities and the day will culminate with an assembly at 3pm by Mr Sapwell. Please remember to take them out to spend their £1.00 World Book Day voucher.

TO ALL PARENTS - NEXT WEEK, 11th - 15th MARCH

Class 6 are off on their residential week at Beam House next week, we hope the weather is kind to them and that they all have a fabulous time. There will be a large coach parked on the roundabout for them on Monday morning and on Friday afternoon from 3pm onwards. Class 5 also have day trips and a coach will also be parked for them on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of next week. Please can you avoid the roundabout at these times. Thank you.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

May we please remind you that holidays in term time cannot be authorised (unless there are any exceptional circumstances). Since September 2018, we are now reporting unauthorised absences for holidays in term time to Devon County Council who may issue a penalty notice if a child has at least ten, half-day unauthorised absences recorded against their name within six months.

Any requests for absence in term time should be completed on a S2 form, giving sufficient time for the school to consider the request.

ORCHESTRA - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that there will be NO orchestra session next Tuesday (12th March) due to the Year 6 residential. Fiona Martin has also advised, with her apologies, that there will be no orchestra on 2nd April, 30th April and 7th May due to her work commitments.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please see the attached March 2019 Parents and Carers section of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter.

DATE REMINDERS

Thursday 7 th March	Parents Evening - 3.40pm to 6pm
Monday 11 th March	- Beam House Residential all week for Y6 - Activity week for Y5
Friday 15 th March	Class 2 sharing assembly 10.10am
Friday 29 th March	Class 1 sharing assembly 10.10am
APRIL	
Wednesday 3 rd April	Easter Service for parents of Y3 & Y4 children - 1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	- Trophies Assembly - Y3 & Y4 Katie Murray dance performance to parents - 3pm - Last Day of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY 8 th - 22 nd April 23 rd April-Teacher training Day Children return to school on Wednesday 24 th April 2019	

SEND REVIEW OF THE LOCAL AREA

Ofsted and the CQC (Care Quality commission) have now published their report on the SEND review which took place in December. The report, whilst recognising some strengths across the local area, also acknowledged some strong and clear messages from parents and carers about their experiences and identified some significant areas for improvement. The report can be found here:

<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50054047>

Jo Olsson, who chairs the Devon Children and Families Partnership Executive, said '*I am especially pleased that the hard work of our SENCO's was also reflected*';

"Many parents and carers report that they receive good support from special and mainstream schools and Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs). This is a significant strength."

PTFA NEWS

Upcoming events:

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

Film Night - the next thrilling film night is scheduled for Friday 29th March, in the Legion at the usual time. The popcorn and sweets have been bought, but the film has yet to be decided - has anyone got a good suggestion? 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. As always, we would love some volunteers to help.

The Fete - We still need some more volunteers to help us run the fete. The form is attached, or please contact Scott Massie (massiejs@btinternet.com; 0777 4637920)

General fundraising - As I mentioned last time, we would like to organise a West Hill tea-towel, ideally before the Year 6's depart. Any volunteers to take this on? Likewise, can anyone assist in looking to collect old printer cartridges? Neither task is particularly onerous, we just need someone to spend an hour or two.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORTS COACHING CAMPS WITH ALEX CLEMENTS

American Football Taster Day - Wednesday 10th April 9am to 3pm at Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Ottery St Mary

Multi Sports Holiday Club - Wednesday 17th April 9am to 3pm at Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Ottery St Mary

Please see the notice board for further details.

MESSY CHURCH

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

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

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 _____