



## NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.8%. Well done to all.

### 'WOW MOMENTS'



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

We are pleased to announce that in recognition of the quality and variety of our arts provision, the school has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award by the Arts Council for the third consecutive time. The council's detailed

comments in support of the award recognise how the children are involved in the planning of their arts experiences, how the arts are used to enrich the curriculum and the wide variety of professionals that we have worked alongside both in and out of school.

Tom P in Class 1 has completed the library Book Track Reading Scheme to read 100 books. Tom raced through the scheme, starting in January and finishing over the summer holidays. He has enjoyed exploring what the library has to offer as his reading confidence has grown, from fact books about space to stories about magic. Under the scheme children read up to four books at a time which they then discuss with the librarian, earning stickers and badges as they hit key targets along the way. It is a great way to encourage young readers to use the library.



### PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm. From 2pm for Class 3

Parent appointment lists are available in the school office if you have yet to book an appointment.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS - FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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.



## TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies be returned by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for Trophies Assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

## PTFA CAKE SALE - AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Please can we ask parents of Reception and Year 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 the end of the day.



## S2 ABSENCE/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We only require S2 absence forms to be completed for absences due to exceptional circumstances eg. Secondary school taster days, music exams, funerals etc. You no longer need to complete a S2 form for any medical appointments but the Educational Welfare Officer has advised us to ask to see a hospital appointment letter or appointment card from the doctor/dentist in order to be able to authorise the absence as medical. Please note that with GDPR regulations we will not be keeping a copy of this information. 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.

## VALUES, LEARNING BEHAVIOURS AND BRITISH VALUES

In assembly this week we revised our school values (which can found on our headed paper), our learning behaviours and our British Values. Here is a reminder for you all:

**School Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Friendship, Achievement, Co-operation, Happiness.

**Learning Behaviours:** Motivated, Problem solver, Resilient, Independent, Co-operative

**British Values:** Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual respect and tolerance

## IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL ON MONDAY MORNING?

Tips for avoiding the Monday scramble:-

1. Plan for some 'down time' over the weekend particularly on a Sunday in preparation for school on Monday.
2. Make sure all reading and homework books are packed before bedtime on Sunday and their school clothes are ready.
3. Make sure their water bottle and healthy snack(s) are ready.
4. Ensure lights are off early in their bedroom on Sunday night ready for a good night's sleep.



## ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Aldi are currently running a promotion to give 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000. To be in with a chance of winning the school need to collect 300 Team GB stickers to complete an Aldi Kit for Schools poster. Stickers will be given to Aldi customers spending £30 or more until 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please bring any Aldi Team GB stickers to the school office for us to add to our poster. Thank you for your support.

## 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 18th 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.

## READER HELPERS NEEDED



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

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 ask you to undertake some basic safeguarding training and read 4 safeguarding policies 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.

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

The application system for Secondary places in September 2020 is now open and **will close at midnight on 31st October 2019** with the national offer day being 2nd March 2020. Please apply on-line at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).

## PTFA NEWS

We held our first meeting of the term last week. Scott Massie stood down as Chair and in the absence of any other volunteers, Fiona Hogan agreed to take it on temporarily so could anyone step forward to help? Joanna Bromley has agreed to become Secretary (again) and Nicky Dew is remaining as Treasurer.

We have the first Cake Sale of the year, next Wednesday, when parents of Year 6 and Reception are invited to bake with an optional Halloween theme.

There are some exciting activities coming up - please give us 5 minutes of your time - the more helpers the merrier the event. Even if you could attend a meeting - 1 hour of your time and show us your support, or help at the film night.

The main reason for the PTFA is to help the school and to give our children some fun things throughout the year. Last week we agreed to spend in excess of £2,000. This money is not available elsewhere and without our help the school would not get whiteboards, visualisers, microscopes, etc.

## WINTER BALL - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm

Tables are still available for The West Hill Winter Ball - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm

The biggest night out in West Hill is nearly here! Help raise money for your child's school by gathering some friends for an evening of fizz, food and fun, including a fabulous live band! The village hall will be completely transformed by an internal marquee, a beautiful three-course meal will be created and professionally served by local-food hero's The Pickle Shack, followed by live music and dancing. The ticket price of £45 includes a glass of fizz on arrival!

If you have any questions about this year's event please let us know. We can take bookings for full tables of 12 or half tables of 6 or if you're new to the school, looking to get to know other parents, or just haven't a group organised we are happy to help! Just email the Ball Committee - [westhillball@gmail.com](mailto:westhillball@gmail.com) - We look forward to welcoming faces old and new!

In addition, the lovely and very talented Clare Assante will be doing party hair on the day of the ball from noon. Please text Clare on 07814575281 to book!

Your Ball Committee (Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Natalie Shabytah, Polly Whitfield and Elaine Bailey - Westhillball@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL



For approximately 24 years, members of St Michael's Church have collected gifts for children from the age of 2 years to 16 years and filled shoe boxes to send to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. These gifts are delivered to families in areas where there is poverty, through natural disaster or as a result of war. None of us can be blind to the needs of others in parts of the world where there have been disasters, so why not fill a shoebox with fun (non war) toys, paper and crayons, toiletries and sweets appropriate for a certain age group and sex. Boxes and leaflets are available from the office now so please feel free to come and collect as many as you wish. Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are also supporting Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office. Items within the boxes can include, as long as unopened:

- toiletry items e.g. shower gel, shampoo
- gifts, toys, puzzles as long as nothing sharp or dangerous
- food items as long as in original packaging in case of allergies and a use by date beyond Christmas.

Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### SIDMOUTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Sidmouth Science Festival takes place from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. There is an events programme on the festival website [www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/](http://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/) and Super Science Saturday on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### MESSY CHURCH

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

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Kindness

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Love

December 20<sup>th</sup> - Joy

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher