



NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.9%. This is slightly above our attendance target of 97.5% so well done to all.

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.



STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with much regret that I have to inform you of Katie Hunter's resignation from West Hill. Katie has decided that the time is right to set up her own company from home called Photos 2 Art as well as spending more time with her family and 3 growing sons. Katie will be sadly leaving us on Wednesday 31st October. We interviewed on Friday 5th October and appointed Mrs Jo Cox who will be starting on Monday 29th October and spending 3 days of handover with Katie. Mrs Cox has been a school administrator at another primary school and is looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

URGENT NOTICE

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

We still have a few data collection sheets in need of collection (these need to be completed for each child in the school), this is now 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. Due to revised Data Protection Regulations we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags without your written permission and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. If collection is not possible from the office please can we ask that you email us at admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk giving your permission to send it home through your child's book bag in a sealed envelope marked private and confidential.

Please can we ask that everyone who has collected their forms now return them to the office ASAP. All 3 forms need completing on both sides, signing and returning no later than Friday 19th October 2018. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned by Tuesday 16th October in preparation for Trophies Assembly on Friday 19th October. Thank you.

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. West Hill Primary School's vaccination date is Wednesday 28th November. 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.virginicare.co.uk/?h=7ca01e020dc4f388a52809eadd456af361d149b422a3151afcdd62fe9fd071d9>

We would like to request that consent is provided electronically before **Friday 12th October 2018**. This is to ensure the 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. They are currently experiencing high call volumes associated with the introduction of an electronic consent process and have asked that we provide you with further information to enable this process to work as smoothly as possible:-

- Where possible, link to be sent via email rather than through an app.
- To complete on a tablet or computer if unable to progress completion on a phone (this appears to especially be affecting Samsung phones).
- If unable to find GP practice in list this can be left blank as it is not mandatory.
- Only use link sent as the consent process is school specific.
- If a family is in a new build property and having problems with the address when filling in the form, just add postcode without house number and enter manually using link "my address does not appear in the list".

WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

After much parental demand our school's breakfast club has now been up and running for the last six weeks. We are very concerned however with the particularly low numbers of pupils who have been attending and unless this improves, Andrea Chipps will have to decide whether this is a profitable venture for the future. At the moment she is paying for 2 members of staff, the hire of the Village Hall and the breakfast food. If this is something that could interest you, then please contact Mrs Andrea Chipps by email (westhillbreakfast@gmail.com) or phone (07561 188736). Fingers crossed that this service can continue with more parental support.

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

As British Summer Time ends on 28th October, Devon County Council's Road Safety Team wants to remind all families walking or cycling to school to wear clothing which is easily seen by drivers. The best choice is to wear items made from a mix of fluorescent and reflective materials. Fluorescent material works in the daytime when it is misty or dull and reflective material is extremely effective when it reacts with car head lights after dark. Light coloured hats, scarves, gloves and bags also help with visibility.

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. Boxes need to be returned to school by 5th November.

DINNER MONEY BALANCE ALERTS

It has been brought to our attention that you are able to subscribe to and configure alerts on the schools cash office system regarding your children's dinner money balance. We would kindly like to ask all parents to follow the link below as we feel it is a very useful thing to have in place.

<http://www.tucasihelp.com/documents/2.4SCOQuickReferenceGuideAlertsParent.pdf>

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.

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.

PARKING

Can we please remind you all that you must not park in front of the gate by the Village Hall as this needs to be left free for the new collection arrangements for Key Stage 2 pupils. Also please do not park on the slope by the small playground as this is where our school buses park and they need access at all times.

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

PTFA NEWS

The first meeting of the new season was held in the Legion last week. A very small, but dedicated, number of attendees came along and the following office holders were agreed:

Chair and Secretary: Scott Massie

Treasurer: Nicky Dew

Huge thanks go to Gill Milton and Joanna Bromley who have stepped down, but will of course still be around in the playground.

The meeting received the accounts for last year and below is a schedule showing the summary of expenditure for the year.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE 2017/2018

Contributions / Purchases for school	£
Dance workshop	646.80
Year 3 Dictionaries	234.09
Wellie Racks for EYFS	379.90
First News subscription	449.00
Forest School resources (drill and sneezes	104.54
Junior Librarian upgrade	1,000.00
Science Dome	610.00
Phonics Bug program	100.00
Busy Ants Maths Interactive whiteboard resource	600.00
PSHE scheme	399.00
Year 6 (2017) autograph books	103.31
Class money	994.28
Mediterranean Garden	1,880.00
Cricket Club - Year 6 leaver's disco	70.00
Year 4 Roman Day Centurion	175.00

Books, water cooler, atlases, art resources	3,111.86
Books/ice creams/storage	208.30
Year 6 Class Money	90.87
Y6 Leavers	77.27
Total	£11,234.22
Miscellaneous Expenditure	£
PTA Uk Membership	105.00
EDDC Gambling Licence	20.00
Auditor	140.00
Outstanding Fete payment (2017)	30.97
Total	£295.97
Total Expenditure	£11,530.19

Following this, we had a cash balance of **£21,000**, and the Committee has approved further expenditure of approximately **£11k** following requests from the school. This list of expenditure is below. Looking at the list, this expenditure is not for luxuries, just everyday things to help improve the education of our children - and which they would not otherwise get without your support.

FUNDING REQUESTS SO FAR FOR 2018/2019

Requested by	Item	Price
Miss Kemp	Reading books for class 3.	£500/600
Key Stage 1	Phonics Play subscription.	£100
Mrs Bedford	2 whole day drumming workshops (whole school).	£800
Mrs Broad	Forest school equipment.	£109
Mrs Powley	Wooden blocks for Reception.	£750
Mr Joseph	Talking tins for class 2 to record sentences before writing	£60
Mrs Bennett	SENCO subscriptions - English and Maths interventions	£1,200
TAs	Paper cutter, laminator, storage boxes, noticeboard.	£354
Mrs Powley	20 Mindfulness/yoga sessions for Reception.	£700
Rolling 3 year programme	Touchscreen whiteboards - 2 remaining for Reception and Class 1.	£4,000 (approx.)
PTFA	£100 for each class, as per previous years to spend as they choose.	£700
	Total	£9,273

If anyone would like a copy of the full accounts, copies will be in reception or otherwise please contact me (massiejs@btinternet.com) for an electronic copy.

MEMBERSHIP

We do need more people to show support and if necessary to help (even just for selling cakes). Please help.

We remain keen to have at least one nominated representative from each year who can contact their class and keep them up to date with events. Any volunteers?

The next meeting is on **Thursday 15th November at 2.00pm in the staffroom.** All welcome.

THE FETE



We must express huge thanks to Amanda Townsend for her fantastic organisation of the Summer Fete. This year was another fantastic event, raising in excess of **£4,000** for our funds. It is not just about money raising - it was a fantastic day and hundreds of people came to enjoy themselves.

Now Amanda has stepped down and we must look to the organisation of the 2019 event. We were wondering whether we might arrange a Fete Committee, and not have the work on the shoulders of one person. Would anyone like to volunteer to help us - either as part of a Committee, or as a sole leader? If anyone does, could you get in touch with me (massiejs@btinternet.com), or speak to Mrs Boulton. We have some very full handover notes from Amanda and, of course, she is still very much around and willing to offer her support and knowledge. This is a flagship event supported by the whole village and we really do need support. If you have an organised mind, please help us.

EVENTS:

CAKE SALE - THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

The first cake sale is being held on Thursday 18th. Years 1, 2 and 6 are invited to bake - perhaps on a Halloween theme? Last year, our 3 cake sales generated approximately **£560** and we would like to keep this going. Please bake and could we have some parents coming in before school finishes to set up the tables and to sell the cakes? Without parents to help it won't work. By all means please contact me to let me know if you can help (massiejs@btinternet.com)



FILM NIGHT

A film night is planned for the end of November. Further details in next week's Newsletter.

FOREIGN COINS

We can turn foreign currency into £sterling. There is a bottle in school reception where you can bring your spare roubles, dinar, euros and anything else you would like to hand over! Last year we made **£261** from this so let's keep it going.



100 CLUB

For many of you it is time to renew your membership of the PTFA 100 Club. Renewal forms have been sent home this week and we would be grateful if they could be returned to Claire Ritchie before half term. Thanks to the reception parents who have signed up for the first time. It is not too late to join whatever year group your child is in! The 100 Club is a very easy way to support the PTFA and only costs £12 a year for each number and who knows you could be a monthly winner! More details can be found in the attached letter. If you have mislaid your renewal form, spare forms are in the office or just give Claire Ritchie a cheque (payable to West Hill Primary PTFA) or cash or send into school in a named envelope. New joiners please complete the form when giving payment. Draws for September, October, November and December will take place towards the end of term. Thank you for your support.

WINTER BALL

Further to requesting final table numbers we can confirm that there is one table of 12 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! Donations for the auction or raffle would also be very gratefully received! 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

DAD'S NIGHT OUT - TOMORROW

Calling all Fathers! Come and join other desperate dads in need of some man time at the Royal British Legion this Friday. No membership required as we can sign you in. Darts, pool and the promise of a curry delivered as well. We all have no time, too much stress and too much to do but make the 2nd Fri of the month Dad's time!

SIDMOUTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL - FRIDAY 5th - SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER 2018

Over 100 events throughout the week with lots of free events too.

Enjoy Super Science Saturday with free exciting hands-on activities for all ages at various venues in Sidmouth - Saturday 13th October 11am-5pm.

Experience Family Fun Day: action at the Norman Lockyer Observatory includes Jet Car racing, planetarium, space detectives, and technology workshops - Sunday 14th October

For more information please visit www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org

THG INVITES YOU TO A HALLOWEEN PARTY

ON SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER, 5-9PM (ART ACTIVITIES TILL 8PM).

Join us for fun art activities. Kids can also get up close to lizards, snakes and spiders! Delicious wood-fired pizzas, fish & chips, bar, DJ, hot chocolate for little trick-or-treaters, face painting. Celebrating the National Museums At Night and The Big Draw festivals. Free admission, donations welcome. Pay bar and food. Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX www.thelmahulbert.com

O6 - HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS

Please find attached information regarding a 6 week course being run for parents and carers of 8-14yr olds. It starts on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at The Institute, Yonder Street, Ottery St Mary from 7-9pm. £10 to cover participants manual. For more information or to book your place please contact Graham on 07427 108734 or email graham.youthpastor@gmail.com

STEP UP & DANCE - DISNEY DELIGHTS

Please see attached information from Katie Murray's Step Up & Dance class or find out more about what they do at *Step Up & Dance* at <http://www.stepupanddance.co.uk/> and *Primary Music & Education* at <http://www.primary-music.co.uk>

SOUTH WEST ATHLETICS ACADEMY

Please see attached a sports hall event taking place on Sunday 28th October 2018 at The Riverside Leisure Centre.

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.



**CHURCH...
BUT NOT AS
YOU KNOW IT !!**

**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 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 372 064

Have a lovely weekend.
With my best wishes

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher