



LOCKDOWN 3- NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents,

This has probably been the longest half term for many of you, I'm sure and certainly a half term like no one would ever have predicted!

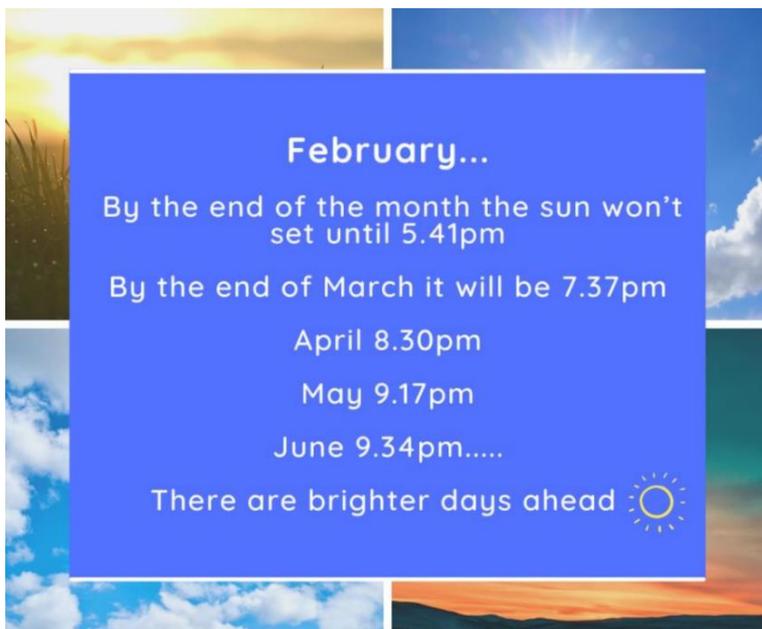
First of all I want to thank you all for supporting your child(ren) with their remote learning at home over the last 6 weeks. I know how challenging it has been for so many of you, but particularly for those of you working from home or with more than one child.

I must also say well done to the vulnerable pupils/children of keyworkers who have been in school during this time. They have adapted so well to the changes and have been working extremely hard on their Google Classroom/Tapestry activities each day.

We are all praying that we only have 2 more weeks of remote learning after half term and will be allowed to return to school on 8th March (fingers crossed). We await Boris' announcement on Monday 22nd February to confirm this.

In the meantime, it is lovely to see lighter evenings and more people getting their COVID vaccinations. At the weekend I saw snowdrops, crocus and daffodils brightening up the countryside.

Thank you all for your support over the last 6 weeks and whatever your circumstances, I really hope you will all be able to switch off from school work and take a well-earned break over half-term.



World Book Day Toilet roll challenge

World Book Day is on 4th March 2021. To mark the occasion, we thought it would be a lovely idea for the children to take part in the 'Toilet Roll Challenge'.



The challenge is to simply design your favourite book character or book using a cardboard tube such as a toilet roll or kitchen roll.

Photos of your entry must be sent via Google Classroom by **Monday 22nd February**, teachers will then judge the entries and the winning ones will be sent to Babcock School Library Service to win a possible prize. Good luck everybody, I'm sure we will have some fantastic work to enjoy and will be a great challenge for the children.

Please see attached poster with further information.

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Due to the current situation, annual fire safety talks are unable to be delivered in schools. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms. If you don't have working smoke alarms, you can request a free home safety check.

Please see attached PDF for further details.



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World Book Day £1 book token

Although we are not able to welcome all children on site for World Book Day 4th March 2021, we are pleased that we are still be able to offer the £1 book token which can be exchanged for one of the exclusive, new £1 books (see the full line-up at www.worldbookday.com/books/) or for getting £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating bookshops and supermarkets.

The book token can be printed out and taken to your local bookseller. Booksellers such as Sainsbury's and Asda are unable to accept the voucher on a phone or tablet screen. For all other booksellers, please check before you visit.

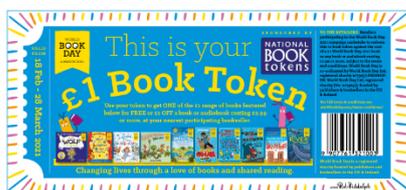
The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online. Please see the attached PDF for your £1 book token and for more information.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We hope your child will enjoy choosing a new book to celebrate World Book Day.



World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the chance to have a book of their own. World Book Day is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading. Visit www.worldbookday.com for brilliant ideas and resources for reading together at home. Your £1 book token is available below.



February half-term closure

On 26th January, The Department for Education (DfE) confirmed 'Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.'

Keeping active during lockdown

Please see the attached PDF of a reduced 'slimmed down' version promoting the Devon Virtual Games Spring term Golf and Skipping challenges and one or two other simple physical and well-being activities for half term week.

EAST DEVON SCHOOL GAMES PE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AT HOME - KS1&2 WEEKLY GUIDE TO IDEAS 19/01/21

Half-term February 15 th -19 th 2021					
Activity Idea 1 Devon Virtual Games - Skipping Challenge	Try some of the Devon Virtual Games Spring Skipping Challenges, register your entries and gain certificates for your completed challenges. All information and instructional videos are here: #DevonVirtualGamesSkippingChallenge				
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Activity Idea 3 (Well-Being)	Children's Dance Class - Click! onto the forest! Create your own Yoga routine				
Activity Idea 4 (Personal & Family Challenge)	Try the Devon Virtual Games Spring Golf Challenge, design your own course, play as a family, register your entry to gain your certificate. All information and instructions can be found here: #DevonVirtualGamesSpringGolfChallenge				

PTFA NEWS

PTFA logo

Today is the final day for logo competition entries, please email them to PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Judging is to be undertaken by a selection of Parish Council members during half term.

See attached poster for further details.

Printer cartridges

We can now earn money by recycling old printer cartridges through Recycle4Charity. Please keep hold of any old printer cartridges (follow this link for the wanted list <http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Registrar/C101796>) - these can be left at school (post lockdown) or can be dropped off to Corner Croft, Lower Broad Oak Road, in the meantime.



Village quiz

We hope you enjoy the village quiz during half term (if not already completed!). Not only is it free to have fun, but if you send your question answers to the PTFA email address (PTFAWH@west-hill-primary-school.devon.sch.uk) you will have a chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher!

See attached for a poster with further details and the PDF for the quiz questions.

Wellness Marathon

Children can walk, run or ride to earn funds for the PTFA, whilst keeping fit during March. In lieu of their efforts, your child will be rewarded with their very own medal.

Sponsorship forms and distance log books will be attached to a newsletter after half term.

See attached poster for further details.

