



## NEWSLETTER 14

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.7% which is slightly above our attendance target of 97.5%. Well done to all.



### WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Please can we ask that all children in Key Stage 2 having the Christmas lunch have sufficient funds of £2.50 on their dinner accounts by the 19<sup>th</sup> December (free for children in key stage 1 - *no payment necessary*). **We would also like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a Christmas jumper if they would like.**



### MENU CHANGE ON LAST DAY OF TERM - THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Please make a note that on the last day of term, the dinner menu will be amended to a bagged meal as follows :

**Main 1 - Salmon Fish Fingers**

**Main 2 - Southern Style Quorn Burger**

**Sides - Salad and Chips or Pasta**

**Dessert - Rosalie Italian Biscuit**

**Jacket Potato**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Christingle Service
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - Reception/KS1 Nativity
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school Christmas lunch (Christmas jumpers)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 3pm - Y5 and Y6 Parents carols in the Village Hall
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Trophies Assembly
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

## PARENTS OF CLASS 2 AND CLASS 4

We would like to invite all parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4 to watch their children perform their dances that they have been working on with Katie Murray in the village hall on **Friday 14th December at 3pm.**

## CLASS 1 AND 2's SCHOOL TRIP



On Thursday last week Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to Killerton House. The house was decorated for Christmas with a Snow Queen theme. As the children toured the house they had games to play and problems to solve. Before going into the grounds for more fun and adventures they got together to sing by the piano and entertain other visitors. Then they went outside to follow the trail, play games and to see the Christmas trees in the church. The children were very well behaved - prompting many compliments from the public - and were a credit to both their parents and the school.

## SCHOOL ORCHESTRA ASSEMBLY



The school orchestra performed in front of the whole school and parents of the orchestra children on Friday. Lead by Dr Martin they played a selection of orchestral pieces and showed the children how each instrument creates its sound. The school orchestra meets every Tuesday in the village hall after school. There are spaces available for anyone who was inspired by Friday's amazing performance and would like to play in our school orchestra.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas post-box is now operating. The children are able to post their cards to each other and to any adults who work in school (no cards please to friends outside the school as they won't get delivered!) The Year 6 elves will deliver daily for the last 3 weeks of term. Please make sure that all cards have the name and class of child on the envelope. Any with no class will have to be opened to try to track down who they are for.

## RUN A MILE CLUB WITH MRS BENNETT

Run a Mile Club has now finished for the term and will start again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.

## LOST PROPERTY

There will be a table in the playground at the end of Wednesday and Thursday next week with all the lost property from the last half term. Please take a look and claim anything that belongs to you. Thank you.



## **DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACES**

Please can we remind you all that the disabled spaces in the Village Hall car park should only be used by people who are registered disabled and hold a blue badge. Both the school and Pre-School have received complaints from registered disabled drivers who are unable to park in the Village Hall car park due to other inconsiderate drivers. Please respect this and ensure the disabled spaces are left for them. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

As you may recall, our school photographer unfortunately left in July and since September we have been researching other photographers to take over this very important role. As you can imagine, this has not been a quick job as we wanted to make sure we met with each photographer, assessed the quality of their work and their prices in order to find the right person for the job. We are pleased to confirm that we have now found a replacement photographer but unfortunately cannot get photos taken and returned before Christmas. Therefore this year, we have arranged for school photos to be taken on Tuesday 5th February and then we will revert back to September 2019 thereafter. We thank you for your time and patience during this time and look forward to working with our new photographer David Hooton

## **DIGITAL PARENTING MAGAZINE**

Digital Parenting Magazine has advice from teachers, parents and online safety experts on subjects ranging from Virtual Reality, to body image in the social media age, to live streaming. You can find tips from online safety experts, parents and children and young people themselves.

There is an updated guide to setting parental controls on apps and devices, and information on gaming and keeping kids safe while they play. The online version of the magazine includes live links in the Tools section to make finding out about parental controls even easier.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-online-safety-magazine-archive>

## **BAD WEATHER**

As the winter weather can be changeable please see attached our bad weather procedures. Please also feel free to sign up to the below alerts from Devon County Council. Once registered you will receive an email if the school has been closed due to winter weather. To sign up click here [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC\\_4](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_4) then

enter your preferred email address and then click on the drop down, ticking the schools you want information on, then submit. The service is just one way Devon County Council is keeping the public up to date this winter. To find the latest information and travel advice from Devon County Council click here [www.devon.gov.uk/winter\\_travel](http://www.devon.gov.uk/winter_travel). For updates on Twitter follow @DevonAlert.

## **SCHOOL ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2019**

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you can apply for your child's primary school place online before 15 January 2019. You can enter up to three school preferences if you wish.

So don't be late; save time and apply online at:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2F](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F)

## **PTFA NEWS**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE PTFA 100 CLUB DRAW FOR THIS TERM:**

September 1st Place: Polly Whitfield

September 2nd Place: Holly Jones

October 1st Place: Sarah Kirwan

October 2nd Place: Jess Bailey

November 1st Place: Jane Ferguson

November 2nd Place: Kate Salter

December 1st Place: Scott Massie

December 2nd Place: Amy Helm

Please could winners collect their winnings from the school office if they have not already seen Claire Ritchie in the playground. For those that need to renew their membership, forms will be automatically sent early next term.

### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE**



Our last event of the year is the raffle to win Craigie's fantastic Gingerbread House! This is an annual event where Craigie gets to show off her artistic and culinary skills. The draw will take place at next week's Trophies assembly. Tickets are only £1 and will be on sale in the playground over the course of the next week.

### **BAG2SCHOOL**

We are having another Bag2School collection on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Empty bags will be sent home in the first week after Christmas so please save any items from any New Year Spring cleans you may be having!!

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Could I say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts over the course of 2018. I know we ask a lot, but we have continued to raise a fantastic amount of money and it is hugely appreciated by the school. Let's look forward to a wonderful money raising 2019. Merry Christmas!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL PANTO**

Friday 4th January 2019 at 6.30pm and Saturday, 5th January 2019 at 1.00pm

Wonder Productions join us for their 9th year to entertain us with their performance of **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**, a fun filled pantomime for the whole family!

Bar, tea/coffee and soft drinks, ice creams, sweets and raffle prizes.

Children's area on mats right in front of the stage.

Tickets £10 per adult and £7 per child under 16 available from West Hill Post Office or Sarah Woolfries at Reception. All proceeds will go to Village Hall improvements

### **OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES**

We are supporting Alison Pearson again this year with her collection of Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas. Full details attached.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. 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.

### **HOMELESS SHOEBOXES FOR EXETER**

Another collection we are supporting this year is the Homeless Shoebox appeal. Full details attached. Filled boxes can be left with the school office for collection.

### **MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY**

Fun activities, informal worship and share food. Fun activities, informal worship and share food

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Story

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



### **SPORTY STARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Both the Multi-Sports Club (Year 2 -6) and the Football Club (Year 2-4), run by Sporty Stars, will continue after Christmas starting the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January for ten weeks. Please see the attached leaflets for further information and details of how to sign up and pay. Both clubs would welcome new and old members.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cheryl Boulton'.

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher