Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE
Last week the whole school’s attendance was 97.5%. This is in line with our attendance target of 97.5%.

KATIE MURRAY DANCE PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 5 AND YEAR 1
We would like to invite parents of children in Year 5 and Year 1 to watch the dance they have been practising with Katie Murray on Friday 14th February at 3pm in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us.

INTERNET SAFETY TALKS
Thank you to all parents who came to the Internet Safety talks delivered by Gary Gates last week, and to the PTFA who funded it. For further advice on age appropriate media for children (games, websites, apps, movies, tv shows etc.), www.commonsensemedia.org offers parental reviews for ‘what your kids want to watch (before they watch it!)’.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION
Good communication is very important to us at West Hill Primary School. As the teachers are very busy preparing for the children’s arrival in the mornings, if there is anything urgent you wish to tell them, a message can be left with our excellent administrative team who will pass it on. Teachers are usually in the playground at 3.30pm to say goodbye to the children and you are welcome to speak to them at this time. However, teachers are very busy people so if you wish to discuss a more lengthy matter, please be so good as to make an appointment with the teacher via our administrative staff. If you do wish to contact your child's class teacher by e-mail then please send this via the office. If you wish to discuss anything related to your child’s class teacher, then this should be directed to Mrs Boulton.
Thank you.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL
Please can we remind you that we are unable to administer non-prescription medication to children at school and that this should also not be brought on to the premises for a child to take unsupervised. If we are not given medication to look after we cannot guarantee that it is not taken by any other children and the consequences could be disastrous if taken by the wrong child. If your child has been prescribed medication that needs to be taken during school hours we are able to assist with this if a green consent form is completed and signed. Forms are available from the school office.
ARRIVING FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS
We would like to remind you that the school whistle is blown at 8.55am. Children in Years 1 to 6 should arrive in the small playground from 8.45am and go through the school to the big playground where they are supervised by the duty teacher. Reception class need to be in the small playground where Mrs Powley/Mrs Stevens will greet them and take them into class. May we remind you that the main gates will be open but children will not be supervised until 8.45am so please do not leave them unaccompanied. If you arrive after 8.55am and the gate near the steps is closed, then please bring your children into the school office and sign them in the 'late book'. If your child arrives before registers close at 9.15am, they are marked as a L code. If they arrive after 9.15am they are marked as a U code (unauthorised absence).
Thank you for your support with this.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5th MARCH
We would like to invite the children to come dressed as their favourite book character (be prepared to tell your class a little about who you are and why). We will spend the day off timetable celebrating books with some exciting events and activities planned for the children to enjoy.

WE ARE A NUT AND SESAME SEED FREE SCHOOL
Please can we remind you that we have students in school with an allergy to nuts and sesame seeds. These foods, even in trace amounts, may cause a severe reaction (anaphylaxis).

Please can we ask for your co-operation with this:
1. If your child has eaten nuts/sesame seeds before coming to school, please be sure your child’s hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.
2. Please do not allow your child to bring any food items containing nuts/sesame seeds into the school.
3. When planning your child’s lunch and snacks, we ask that no foods containing nuts/sesame seeds be brought into the school under any circumstances.

For example:
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits/Cookies that contain nuts
- Some Asian food, including satay sauces that contain nuts
- Houmous

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

LOST PROPERTY
We have another mountain of lost property looking to be reunited with their owners! Please look in the cupboard by the school office to see if there is anything belonging to your child. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of naming all belongings that come in to school, it is so much easier to return things if it is all clearly named. Thank you for your co-operation.
# SCHOOL CLUBS

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## PTFA NEWS

**PTFA CAKE SALE - AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

Please can we ask parents of Year 4 children to bake for the sale - these can be Valentine 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.

**BAGS 2 SCHOOL**

Your child/ren should have brought home a Bag 2 School bag for filling. Please can you make sure these are returned before 9am on Friday 6th March prior to their collection at 9.30am that day. Could you please drop the bags off under the canopy in the KS1 playground. Extra bags are available from the office if you need them. **I am sorry but they cannot be dropped off at school before that, simply due to lack of space.**

Thank you for helping raise money for our PTFA.
NEW BALL COMMITTEE URGENTLY NEEDED!
The West Hill Ball has been going now for 14 years and is both a valuable fundraiser for the school and a great local evening out. Every two years a new ball committee is formed to keep the event fresh. As last year’s committee steps down we now urgently need a new group of parents to take this forward and plan the 2020 event! It can be as simple or elaborate as you like, its great fun to be involved in and the old committee are always here for advice. Please send us an email at westhillball@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 28th FEBRUARY 2019
All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier!

ROTARY CROCUS SCHEME
Peter Bennett (Rotary Club of Otter valley) has planted 500 crocus bulbs as part of the Rotary Crocus scheme to eradicate Polio. They have been planted on the tree island at the front of the school and the grass strip along the middle of the parking island (with a sign to explain this). The bulbs are now popping up so please can you ensure children are kept off the plants at all times.
Many thanks.

DETENTION!
7 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 are taking part in a TIPPS (Tipton Players & Panto Society) musical performance of ’Detention’. A story about a school class where History comes to life. The story is told through script and song with music from Matilda, Mary Poppins and many more. Please come and enjoy a performance during half term at Tipton Community Hall.
Tickets are selling fast and available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/TIPPS.
Please see the attached poster.
Mrs Boulton has already booked tickets for Wednesday evening and is looking forward to seeing our stars on the stage!

EXETER CITY COMMUNITY TRUST
If you need any additional child care over the Half Term holiday or are looking for something for your children to do, please see the attached flyer from the Exeter City Community Trust.

MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY
Fun activities, informal worship and share food. Fridays - 3.45pm-6.00pm.
February 14th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th

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

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend and half term break.
Please remember that school re-opens on Monday 24th February.

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher