



## NEWSLETTER 21

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.7% which is slightly above our target of 97.5% so well done everyone.

### PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parent appointment lists were available last week for you to sign up; these will now be kept in the office so please speak to Wendy or Jo if you still need to book a slot.

We have had a few parents enquiring about the possibility of an online booking system. We have investigated this, however, the cost to do so would be in the region of £400 per year which we feel would be better spent on the pupils considering our tight budget.

### PARKING

Although we sent an e-mail to parents on Friday afternoon, may we please politely ask again that:

1. Parents do not double park in the Village Hall car park as it stops Village Hall users exiting.
2. Please do not park on Beech Park as it reduces visibility for pedestrians to cross the road and also for cars to exit from the roundabout.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS & LOST PROPERTY

Please can we ask that you make sure your children come to school prepared with all their belongings eg. water bottle, book bag, PE kit, coat etc. We are getting more and more parents dropping things off during the school day than ever before. **Can we also ask that you label your children's belongings with their name so that returning lost items is quick and easy.** We have a pile of lost property in our cupboard which is situated in the foyer outside the office; please take a look if you think your child has lost something this half term.



### WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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. The children will also receive a World book Day voucher.

### CAKE SALE

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Cake Sale on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February in the KS2 playground at 3.30pm. After listening to an assembly by Miss Kemp, we have set ourselves a small

goal and we would like to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society which is a charity very close to one of us. If you would like to donate cakes to help then we would be extremely grateful as this would help us raise as much money as possible. Please bring any cake donations into the school office on the morning of 15th February. From Libbie, Anna and Evie in Class 6.

### **KATIE MURRAY DANCE PERFORMANCE BY YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6**

We would like to invite parents of children in Class 5 and Class 6 to watch the dance they have been practicing with Katie Murray on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us.

### **READER HELPERS**



Class 4 are looking for reader helpers on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested, please see Mr Pantling or Miss Spence. With current Safeguarding regulations a Volunteer Information 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.

## **PTFA NEWS**

We have held our latest meeting, at which we agreed to spend £30 for a Jurassic Coast Fossil Box, and £540 on access to Busy Ants whiteboard resources for three classes. We also discussed future events and I would like to advise that we do not currently have a Spring party, but we have the Ball scheduled for Saturday 9th November. If anyone wants to organise something else for earlier in the year, the coast is clear..... We will aim to have a PTFA cake sale next term (probably 4 April) and also a film night if we can find the right film!

Would anyone like to organise a West Hill tea-towel? They seem easy to organise and they are always needed. We have all the details, just need someone with an organised mind to arrange, either for summer or in time for Christmas? Also, it has been pointed out that we could earn some money from collecting old printer cartridges. Has anyone got some time to investigate and arrange to collect and send them off?

Just to remind you, we agreed to spend approximately £9,000 at our meeting in October - many of the requests were for day to day things and not luxuries (white boards, reading books for class, forest school equipment etc). Without your help, this money will not be available next year.

### **THE FETE**

Much discussion has been had on the Fete. A separate letter is attached with the newsletter, seeking your help. Without your offers of support, it will simply be too stressful for the few who have already stepped forward. It is a great event and I would love to see it continue.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DEVON AIR AMBULANCE**

Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) have been working with West Hill Primary School and West Hill Parish Council to see if a Community Landing Site could be established in our community. DAA and West Hill Parish Council will be holding an information session at West Hill Village Hall on 15th February 2019 from 3.00pm - 6.00pm



Please come along to find out what's involved with members of DAA and West Hill Parish Council. For more information please contact Anne Oliver, Parish Clerk [clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **SUNDAY SCIENCE CLUB - PAPER CAPERS**

2 hours hands-on fun & learning February 17th 1-3pm at Exeter Library

- Paper secrets - chromatography
- Paper magic - magic flowers activity
- Paper engineer - build toys from paper (take home)
- Strong paper - an engineering challenge to build with (only) paper

Booking is essential - <https://sciencedipity.co.uk/exeter-science-workshops/> or call/text 07847006048. Suitable for all primary school-aged children, drop off workshop (but adults are welcome to stay). Under 5s are welcome but must be accompanied by their grown-up.

£20 per child which includes all resources, take homes & refreshments. Paper Capers is worth 2 points towards the British Science Association's Superstar CREST Award

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

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

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Peak Challenge

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fit for Life

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



Have a lovely weekend and an enjoyable half term week. We will see you all again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher