



NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was **97.5%**. Well done to all.

CHILDREN IN NEED-FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER TOMORROW

Tomorrow we are supporting Children In Need across the school. Children may come to school in mufti (non-school uniform) in exchange for a donation. This will be as part of an inter house competition to see which house can raise the most money (please see attached poster from the PTFA). Children can wear Pudsey Bear headbands/accessories and come to school with their faces painted if they wish. A big thank you to our Y6 pupils and Mrs Davies/Mrs Hogan for collecting the buckets of money on the roundabout each day.

ROAD SAFETY

On Monday afternoon a parent was approaching school in his car when an adult stepped off the pavement and into the road. Luckily the driver's reaction was quick enough to avoid hitting the pedestrian. Please can adults and children keep to the footpaths and leave the roads for the cars. Many thanks.

RUN A MILE CLUB

The school field is currently water logged so unfortunately there will be NO Run a Mile club on Friday mornings until further notice.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The children in KS2 will be bringing home with them an entry form tomorrow for a competition to design a Christmas card for Hall & Scott Estate Agents. The winner will be presented with a £30 voucher by the Hall & Scott team along with four runner up prizes of a £10 voucher each. Prize winners will appear in the local paper and on the Hall & Scott website.

Selected entries will be displayed in the Hall & Scott windows and in their newspaper/online promotions and will include the name of the pupil and the name of the school. Please ensure you notify the school office when submitting an entry if you have any issues regarding this taking place for your child.

The children can create their cards in any medium they like (crayons, felt pens, paints etc) but the design **MUST** stay within the box. Please return all completed entries to the school office by Monday 25th November. The winner will be announced by Hall & Scott on 4th December.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We are becoming increasingly concerned over the number of parents and children leaving the tennis court at the end of the day and walking diagonally across the road towards the mini roundabout in order to reach the pavement. In doing this, you are often walking into oncoming traffic from cars exiting the Village Hall car park. For your children's safety, please take an extra few seconds and use either of the footpaths rather than walking directly into the road, as we would hate there to be an accident. Thank you.

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Mr Downey (parent of Oliver in Reception Class) who has been selected as a new parent governor. We hope he enjoys his time on the Governing Board of West Hill Primary School.

NOROVIRUS SEASON

In order to reduce the spread of Norovirus this winter please remember that any child who suffers from vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48hours. Other advice from Public Health England states to:-

- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids
- Phone the GP or 111 if symptoms persist (more than 48hours)

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against Norovirus.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2019/2020

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2019/2020 academic year will open on 15th November 2019 and close at midnight on 15th January 2020. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019. Late applications will not be considered before timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

You can view the proposed admissions policy for the 2021-22 academic year on the school website by clicking on this link: <http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2021-West-Hill-admissions-policy.pdf>

Your views are invited on the policy. We propose to:

- Amend the catchment area. The proposed changes are to the northern boundary with Fenton primary school and to the eastern boundary with Ottery St Mary primary school and are shown in the proposed policy document
- consider all in-year applications received by 6pm on the same day together instead of up to 2pm
- confirm that all members of staff are considered to be a part of the school community for admissions purposes, including those employed by a third party where their duties are solely at the school
- confirm that all multiple birth siblings will be admitted where at least one can be admitted to a vacancy
- confirm that where a child from a service family provides a unit address, this will be deemed to be 1 metre from the school for admissions purposes
- confirm that where a sibling is offered a place to start in the following September, he or she will be considered to be on roll for the purposes of priority for the normal round of admissions
- update wording regarding the school uniform

The consultation is open from 1 November to 3 January 2020 and responses can be made either to the school (by email or letter) or to Devon County Council via www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

We will consider any responses we receive in determining the final version of the policy at a Governing Board meeting before the end of February 2021. Any person who believes the determined policy is unlawful may object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA MINUTES

The minutes from PTFA meetings are now being published on the school website. Please go to Parents, click on the PTFA hyperlink and you will find them at the bottom of the page. If you are unable to attend meetings, this is a way of finding out what has been discussed.

Winter Ball 2019 - What a Night!

The Ball on Saturday was such a lovely evening and HUGE thank you to everyone who made it a success! The evening started with a drinks reception as everyone arrived at an utterly transformed village hall in beautiful dresses (some with hair fabulously styled by the wonderful Clare Assante who raised £70 - thank you Clare!) and dashing suits and tuxes. The candlelit main hall with its internal marquee strung with fairy lights and lanterns was laid out for a sumptuous dinner on white-clothed round tables professionally served by The Pickle Shack Team. The after-dinner auction, comically compered by the brilliant Polly, contained an array of generously donated lots which were even more generously bid upon by the assembled guests - thank you all, and then the fabulous band 'Just Us' hit just the right tone as everyone got up to dance the night away! We raised a whopping £5K for the school - which will go towards enriching the education of all of our children.

Whilst the Ball Committee worked hard to deliver the event that we had envisaged, we also had a huge amount of help from lots of parents, teachers and the local community in collecting and donating raffle and auction prizes, setting up on the day, and clearing up after the event. We couldn't have done it without you, so many, many thanks.

It is now time for the existing Ball Committee to step down, and we know lots of you already have lovely ideas for future events! If you're interested in being part of the Ball Committee for 2020/21 please chat to one of us or send us an email to: westhillball@gmail.com. We will be arranging a hand over meeting in the near future.

Many thanks, The Ball Committee (Natalie Shabytah, Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Polly Whitfield and Elain Bailey).

WEST HILL PRINTED TEA TOWELS

As part of a PTFA initiative to raise funds for our school we have organised the production of two fabulous printed tea towels, which include a self-portrait of all the children and their teachers for the 2019/20 school year. Please see the attached order form for further details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL PRE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to the West Hill Pre School Christmas Fair on Sunday 8th December from 2-4.30pm, there will be lots of festive fun including a performance from the West Hill Primary School choir. All details on the attached poster.

THE KINGS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please see the attached poster advertising The Kings School Christmas fair on Friday 6th December from 6-8pm.

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier!

MESSY CHURCH -

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

November 22nd - Love

December 20th - Joy

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton

Headteacher