



NEWSLETTER 16

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was **97.1%**. This is below our target attendance of 97.5%.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We do not encourage children to bring mobile phones to school. However, if there is a valid reason that your child needs to bring a phone to school, please e-mail the school office to inform us. Please ensure your child is aware that they need to bring their phone to the school office on arrival at school and can then collect it at the end of the school day.

SCHOOL LUNCH CHOICES

We are experiencing some issues at lunchtime where children are ordering a meal at 9am and then changing their mind when they go to collect it at lunchtime. The meals are cooked to order so unfortunately we do not have spares for children to change their mind and swap options. We want to make parents aware of this in order to avoid any confusion or further issues.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see the attached for important dates this term.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

This term, all classes will receive a 'Science Workshop' from a local organisation. The Sidmouth Science Festival organisers and volunteers will be spending one hour with Classes 1, 2, 5 and 6 on Monday 10th February to share their expertise and promote science through a range of fun and exciting activities on the topic of 'Materials'. Classes 3 and 4 will receive a workshop from 'Seadream: Science & Engineering around Devon', kindly funded by the PTFA, on the topics of 'Light' and 'Sound'. These will take place on Tuesday 21st January. Reception Class will have their workshop in the summer term linked to their topic on 'Marine Life and Sea Creatures' with a local organisation to be confirmed.



LOST PROPERTY

We have another mountain of lost property looking to be reunited with their owners! Please take a 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.

FUNDRAISER FOR AUSTRALIA'S BUSHFIRES

John and Class 4 have created a fundraising event to raise money for the animals and habitats affected by the wildfires that are devastating Australian ecosystems. The prizes includes the opportunity to choose an endangered Australian animal to sponsor for your class. For £1 a go, children and staff can select a square on our map of Australia, where you think that the secret feature is located. There are lots of squares to choose from, so have as many tries as you want. From Monday 20th to Friday 24th January, Class 4 pupils will be taking entries during play each morning and afternoon in the playground as follows:

Monday-Class 6 (am) and Class 5 (pm)

Tuesday-Class 4 (am) and Class 3 (pm)

Wednesday-Class 2 (am) and Class 1 (pm)

Thursday-Reception (am and pm)

Friday-anyone absent or anyone who has forgotten their money

Please support this event by sending your child to school with £1.00 or multiples of £1.00 if they wish to buy more than one square.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea that they should not return to school for 48hrs after the last episode. This is to avoid spreading germs with other pupils or staff. This is in line with NHS guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

DINNER BALANCES

Please can you make sure your children's accounts are kept in credit at **all** times. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHOCOLATE TUB COLLECTION

The cut-off date for the competition is **Friday 17th January 2020**. Which class will collect the most tubs?

Please see the attached flyer for further details.



PLEA FOR SPARE SOCKS!

KS1 classes are running very low on their stock of spare socks! This is a plea for donations of any surplus socks you have for boys or girls to replenish our supply.

Also, if your child has any socks they have borrowed from school could these please be returned.

Many thanks

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

RUN A MILE CLUB - unfortunately the school playing field is still too muddy and slippery for Run a Mile Club to restart this Friday. Hopefully the weather will improve soon and allow the field to dry out sufficiently. We will notify you as soon as we are able to restart the club.

PTFA NEWS

FILM NIGHT

You should have seen from your Class WhatsApp that due to having very few children sign up to Film Night we regrettably have cancelled this event. For those that did sign up your money can be collected from reception. Sorry to disappoint those children that were attending.

PTFA MEETING

A reminder that there is a meeting this evening from 7.30pm at The Legion, all are welcome to attend. If you can't make it but have any ideas or suggestions for future events or fundraisers please do let us know! Many thanks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING ALL DADS!

Come and join other like-minded individuals for some fun and a curry at the British Legion West Hill on the second Friday of each month. Always good fun and we want as many new dads to come, meet the regulars, and get to know each other. Events through the year include card night, the Great British Legion Curry Off, Darts tournament and Rolling of the Barrel.

Come and join us this time, you will for sure enjoy yourself.

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

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

MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY

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

January 17th

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

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher