



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter for this school year and as a staff, we would all like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding during the period of school closure and partial re-opening. We hope you all have a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing the whole school back together in September.

SEPTEMBER RE-OPENING

In last week's newsletter we told you that the government guidance was released on Thursday 2nd July and we have been spending the last week studying this in depth to understand what school will look like in September.

Devon County Council released their template risk assessment on Friday 10th July which all schools adapt and personalise. This risk assessment has to be approved by governors (on Monday 20th July) and shared with staff before we break up so it means a very short time scale. We will ensure that our plans are shared with you on Tuesday 21st or Wednesday 22nd July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this prolonged difficult time.

STAFFING - SEPTEMBER 2020

After successfully interviewing on Thursday 9th July, we have appointed two Teaching Assistants to replace Mrs Adams and Mrs Jackson and can now confirm the following staffing for September:

	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Reception	Mrs Powley (Mon-Wed) Mrs Stevens (Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Jeffery
Class 1	Mr Sapwell	Mrs Broad
Class 2	Mr Joseph	Mrs Townsend
Class 3	Miss Kemp	Mrs Morris
Class 4	Mr Pantling (Mon-Wed) Mrs Pedley (Thurs, Fri)	
Class 5	Mrs Tovey (Mon, Tues) Mrs Bedford (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Quincey
Class 6	Mrs Harris (Mon-Wed) Mrs Bennett (Thurs, Fri)	

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your wonderful e-mails and messages of support over the last few months since lockdown. We have received some super e-mails and I would like to share some of them with you:

- 'I just wanted to send a note to say thank you for the special newsletter and the dose of common sense that it conveyed and the real sensitivity about stresses that it showed. I really appreciated the thought and kindness the newsletter conveyed to everyone.'
- 'I just wanted to say thank you for the e-mails today. I just wanted to let you know that it was very helpful and reassuring to read.'
- 'Great newsletter...you got the tone just right and it was spot on.'
- 'That was a brilliant e-mail. In two sides of A4, you'll have done more to reduce parental and children's stress than a month's worth of YouTube PE classes.'
- 'Thank you and all the teachers for your help and hard work in what is a very strange and worrying time'.
- 'You and your team are doing a brilliant job'
- 'Every newsletter is making me cry! Thank you for being real and in touch with us all.'
- 'I just wanted to say a very big thank you for your continued support via these newsletters. I feel so lucky to have found such a supportive, caring school'.
- 'I receive the school newsletter each week and read all articles with great interest. In these surreal times I have been particularly touched by all the articles included to support families in home schooling.'
- 'You really are an amazing school-such brilliant communication and reassurance. Thank you so much'
- 'It's really just a big thank you from us. We are both working pretty much full time from home so it is an incredible juggling act at times, but the support from the boys' teachers has been endlessly helpful, motivating and reassuring.'
- 'Just wanted to say again how much we appreciate all the work you are all doing to keep the whole community supported during these times'
- 'May I just pass on our thanks for your measured response and kind support during these strange and concerning times. Your letters and communication with us via newsletters have been great. The online google classroom resources have been brilliant too.'
- 'Thank you so much again for all the fantastic work you have been doing for the children and parents throughout the lock down period.'
- 'Superb job from you and your team in these very difficult circumstances'
- 'Thank you for all you have done in helping them settle back in'.

• 'I just wanted to email to thank you for enabling Year 6 to return to school. The social interaction with teachers and friends, and the routine of school have been a positive experience. Thank you for making his last few weeks at West Hill such fun, and for working so hard with all the challenges at the current time.'

• Thank you to everyone for the keyworker support you've provided so that I (and many others) could get back to work.'

SCHOOL LUNCHES - ACCOUNTS TO BE CLEARED

May I remind you to please check your child's dinner balance make sure your child is in credit by tomorrow, Friday 17th July at the very latest as we need to balance the accounts in order to move on to the next academic year. Thank you.

DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please contact the office for a refund or funds will be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

NEW MUSIC LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER

Sharon Andrews of SJA Music is a versatile and talented singing and piano teacher with many years of experience in all realms of music teaching. She can offer singing, piano and keyboard lessons:



-20 minute individual lesson £110 per term

-30 group lessons for singers only £90 per term

She brings an energy and joy to all she does and will encourage and enthuse your child at any level of music ability. If interested please contact the school or Sharon directly: 07988452451 email sjamusic@mail.com

READING TOGETHER DAY

Babcock School Library Service is supporting Reading Together Day, where families across the country are invited to take part in the celebration of reading together on 16 July 2020, coordinated by The Reading Agency. The aim of the Reading Together Day is to bring families, friends, schools and wider communities together - starting conversations, sharing stories, making connections, celebrating reading and having fun. People of all ages are invited to take part in sharing the love of reading for pleasure, to help build skills, increase confidence, support educational attainment and improve wellbeing.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/reading-together-day-announced-for-16-july-2020.html>

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday, the staff and I will look forward to seeing you all back here on Monday 7th September for the 2020 - 2021 academic year.

With my very best wishes for a lovely summer holiday.

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher