



NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week (week 5) the whole school's attendance was 97.9% which is just above our target of 97.5%. Well done everyone.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS, ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS AND HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the forms. We have sent home another set of forms to all parents that have not yet returned the originals, could we kindly ask that if you have received a second set of forms that you check, amend as necessary and return the forms to the school by **Tuesday 20th October**. Please return these forms by posting them in the letter box of the front door. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THESE IN BOOK BAGS as they may not be checked daily and could go astray.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child cycles to school on their own, please can you ensure they have adequate road safety? Children from our school have been seen cycling to/from school and seem to be oblivious to other car drivers. Cyclists have been seen not stopping at give way signs and have almost caused accidents. Other cyclists have been seen exiting the car park incorrectly and not cycling around the roundabout.

DRIVING TO/FROM SCHOOL

We have been contacted by a local resident who is almost every morning having to get out of the way of parents driving their children to school. This seems to be a particular issue for people having to walk in Higher Broad Oak Road around school-run time.

On Monday a local resident visited McColls at just around 3pm.

'Leaving the car park was absurd parents were racing into the car park paying no heed to other car users. My subsequent car journey home along West Hill Road and Higher Broad Oak Road was unbelievable, parents.....careless driving and driving too fast, with no attention to a 20mph MAXIMUM speed limit, which is a limit for good safe conditions.

Higher Broad Oak Road in particular has no pavements, so pedestrians, cyclist and horse riders have the same 'right' to safe use as car drivers.'

Please can we ask you all to respect the 20-mph speed limit and slow down for everyone's safety?

USE OF DISABLED PARKING BAYS

As you know, there are three parking spaces in West Hill Village Hall's car park which are designated for the use of disabled visitors (as a driver or a passenger) so they can park close to the Village hall. Recently, we have noticed that on a number of occasions, cars have been parked in these bays without showing the required 'Blue Badge' to confirm eligibility to park there.

If you are entitled to park in a disabled bay, please ensure that your Blue Badge is on display. Out of consideration for our disabled visitors, we respectfully ask that everyone else parks in one of the other spaces provided. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT CLUB FOR YEAR 2 PUPILS

After half term I am very happy to let you know that I will be running a Christmas Art and Craft Afterschool Club with the children in Year 2. We will be doing all things arty and promises to be a lot of fun. It will run up until Christmas, with the possibility of running it for a different year group after that. It will be every Tuesday, starting Tuesday 3rd November, 3.40 pm - 4.40 pm. The cost for each session will be £1.00 and will cover materials. If your child is interested in coming please can you let the office know by Friday 23rd October - this will enable me to sort out resources. I can take up to 8 children. Thank you.

Graham Harry

The O6 Youth Pastor

Online Recorder Club

For those who miss the recorder club, you are invited to have online recorder sessions starting from after half term. These will be short individual 15 min slots, after school, of fun and music! If interested, please contact Vanessa Tyrrell via email vjetyrrell@hotmail.com

READER HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a Reader Helper at West Hill? The following classes need help:

Reception - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (preferably morning)

Class 1 - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays (preferably morning)

Class 2 - Tuesdays and Wednesday morning

Class 3 - Tuesday to Friday mornings

Class 5 - Wednesday afternoons



With current Safeguarding regulations, a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you are able to start. We also ask you to undertake some basic safeguarding training and read 4 safeguarding policies. 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.

WRITING COMPETITION HOMEWORK

We are very lucky to work closely with the organisers of Sidmouth Science Festival who are promoting a 'Think Footprint - creative writing competition' in liaison with Jo Earlam, children's author of 'Rosa's Footprint'. We would like to encourage all children to take part in the competition and all entries will be awarded 15 house points. Please see the attached pdf document for further competition details.

All entries to be returned to Miss Kemp (Class 3) with your child's name and class on the entry by **Friday 6th November**. Good luck!

REMOTE LEARNING

Pupil may need remote learning for the following reasons:

1. they are waiting to book a COVID test for themselves or a family member
2. they are waiting for the results of a COVID test
3. they are self-isolating for 10 days (if they were unable to get a COVID test after a 5-day period)

In any of the above cases, please ensure your child continues with their education by accessing the daily lessons on **Oak Academy**: <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/schedule-by-year>

There are three daily lessons for each year group which are an hour-long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. Lessons related to other topics are easy to find if your child wishes to do more than the allocated three lessons. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home.

We are obviously able to provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for any pupils who do not have suitable online access- just let us know.

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

There are still a number of parents who have not yet applied for their child's secondary school place - please remember the application system will **close at midnight on 31st October 2020**.

Please apply on-line at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

PTFA NEWS

100 CLUB

The PTFA are launching this year's "100 Club" - a great opportunity to both support the school and to win cash prizes. These will be drawn each month with the winners being announced in this newsletter. This year, more than one ticket can be purchased per person and we are really hoping that you can involve family, friends, neighbours and others with a connection to the school to maximise both the benefit to the school and the size of the prize! Please see the attached letter and entry form - please make sure these are returned the end of October 2020.

Thank you to the parents in reception who have already completed their form which was included in their induction pack.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOX APPEAL

For the past 30 years St Michael's has supported the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal at Christmas, where children in poorer countries, regardless of colour or creed, get a shoebox full of Christmas goodies. With this global pandemic the need for these little boxes is greater than ever this year. Can you help us to fill boxes to bring a little cheer to children who may get nothing else for Christmas? All donations gratefully received no later than **November 4th**.

We don't have any leaflets at this time, the Samaritans purse office had to close because of Covid and they ask people to go on line to download information. The items that cannot be included in the boxes are; used or damaged items, war related items such as guns, knives, fighter planes, military figures; seeds sweets, chocolate, or food items; toothpaste, lotions our liquids including bubbles; Playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with

mainly words. They also ask for donations and these should be made on line at: [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher