



NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97%. This is below our attendance target of 97.5%.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with much regret that I have to inform you that Miss Spence will be leaving West Hill Primary School and her last day will be Thursday 19th December 2019.

Miss Spence has been at West Hill for 11 years and feels it is the right time to move on for her career development. She has taught many different year groups in her time here and is currently responsible for PSHE and RE across the school. I know she will be greatly missed by many of the children and parents.

Mr Pantling and I had a very productive day on Friday interviewing 6 suitable candidates for Miss Spence's replacement and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Pedley has been appointed. Mrs Pedley has experience of teaching a variety of Key Stage 2 classes in 3 different schools (2 of these in Devon) and has previously taught Year 4.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TOMORROW

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 18th October to take pupils individual photos as well as any group photos with brothers/sisters in other classes. We will be starting these at 9am and therefore will not be able to accept any pre-school children for photographs. Could we kindly ask that all children come to school with a school jumper or cardigan.

INVITE TO PARENTS OF CLASS 5 & 6 - TOMORROW

We would like to invite all parents of Class 5 & 6 to join the whole school in the village hall on Friday 18th October at 3pm to watch their children perform the dance routines they have been working on this half term with Miss Murray. We look forward to seeing you then.

READER HELPERS NEEDED



Class 3 are looking for a reader helper, preferably in the mornings on every weekday except Monday. Please see Miss Kemp if you are interested and can help.

With current Safeguarding regulations, a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you would be 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.

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2019 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

The application system for Secondary places in September 2019 is now open and will close at midnight on 31st October 2018 with the national offer day being 1st March 2019. Please apply on-line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all the parents in Reception and Class 6 who kindly provided cakes for the cake sale yesterday. Your generosity was much appreciated.

WINTER BALL - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm

Tables are still available for The West Hill Winter Ball - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm
The biggest night out in West Hill is nearly here! Help raise money for your child's school by gathering some friends for an evening of fizz, food and fun, including a fabulous live band! The village hall will be completely transformed by an internal marquee, a beautiful three-course meal will be created and professionally served by local-food hero's The Pickle Shack, followed by live music and dancing. The ticket price of £45 includes a glass of fizz on arrival!

If you have any questions about this year's event please let us know. We can take bookings for full tables of 12 or half tables of 6 or if you're new to the school, looking to get to know other parents, or just haven't a group organised we are happy to help! Just email the Ball Committee - westhillball@gmail.com - We look forward to welcoming faces old and new!

In addition, the lovely and very talented Clare Assante will be doing party hair on the day of the ball from noon. Please text Clare on 07814575281 to book!

Your Ball Committee (Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Natalie Shabytah, Polly Whitfield and Elaine Bailey - Westhillball@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH - TOMORROW

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

October 18th - Kindness

November 22nd - Love

December 20th - Joy

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



DAD'S NIGHT

Calling all fathers! 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. It's always good fun and we want as many new dads to come and meet the regulars and get to know each other. Events through the year include poker night, the Great British Legion Curry Off, Darts tournament and Rolling of the Barrel. Come and join us this time, you will enjoy yourself, that's for sure.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL



For approximately 24 years, members of St Michael's Church have collected gifts for children from the age of 2 years to 16 years and filled shoe boxes to send to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. These gifts are delivered to families in areas where there is poverty, through natural disaster or as a result of war. None of us can be blind to the needs of others in parts of the world where there have been disasters, so why not fill a shoebox with fun (non-war) toys, paper and crayons, toiletries and sweets appropriate for a certain age group and sex. Boxes and leaflets are available from the office now so please feel free to come and collect as many as you wish. Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by Monday 4th November.

OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are also supporting Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office. Items within the boxes can include, as long as unopened:

- toiletry items e.g. shower gel, shampoo
- gifts, toys, puzzles as long as nothing sharp or dangerous
- food items as long as in original packaging in case of allergies and a use by date beyond Christmas.

Please return your filled shoebox to the school office by Monday 4th November.

Have a lovely weekend and a great half term week.

With my best wishes

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher