



NEWSLETTER 14

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week, our whole school's attendance was **98.3%** which is above our target of **97.5%**. Well done everyone.

REPORTING POSITIVE COVID CASES AFTER 18TH DECEMBER

Public Health England has agreed a 6 day window after the final day of teaching in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. They are clear that beyond 6 days after the final day of teaching, school and further education staff are not asked to play a role in any contact tracing. It is also likely that the need to support the tracing process will reduce dramatically over the course of the 6 days as the majority of cases should be identified earlier in the week.

Please be aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. If you need to notify the school, please e-mail admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk with the subject POSITIVE COVID CASE. Staff will designate a limited period in the day to check notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate. Where necessary, the school will then make contact with you. **Please do not telephone the school as the phone lines will not be manned after Friday 18th December.**
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. As our last teaching day is on Friday 18th December, there should be no pupil contact tracing asks beyond Thursday 24th December.

- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after 24th December, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Ollie, Mari, Elsie W and Lilia from class 6 who recently took part in the Wellington School Maths Challenge. We are delighted with how hard they worked leading up to the event and the enthusiasm they showed. We are thrilled that they were awarded a silver certificate for their efforts. Only 7 schools out of 60 received a silver and 3 received a gold. This an amazing effort by the team. Well done.



CHRISTMAS ABROAD/QUARANTINE

If any of you plan to spend time abroad over the Christmas holiday, please ensure you check the list of Coronavirus travel corridors (countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate.)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

CHANGE IN ISOLATION TIME FROM 14 TO 10 DAYS

If you need to isolate for COVID-19 reasons, please note that the isolation time has now been cut from 14 to 10 days. This includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month (or if you did not have symptoms but your first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15th), your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

This year we were unable to attend the usual Christingle service, however Class 3 and Class 4 still made their Christingles and collected £77.83 for The Children Society.

As always our thanks and appreciation goes to Mrs Boulton, the Teachers and children of West Hill School for their wonderful support and participation in making our Christingle Service a happy occasion

Mac Dick

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



It was lovely to see so many children wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday and enjoying their Christmas lunches. A big thank you to the PTFA who supplied a Christmas cracker to every child.



RECYCLING PLASTIC

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your families are well. Many of you will be aware that last year we saved plastic from going to landfill while raising money for Dartmoor Zoo. This year, the scheme has been extended.



The large blue bin will be used to collect these tubs during the month of January.

We will leave the blue bin near the KS2 canopy and ask children in Years 2-6 to deposit them straight into the large blue on arrival at school.

Years 1 and Reception will leave them in their classroom to quarantine.

Thank you

Mr Pantling

BIRTHDAY TREATS

As we are unable to allow children to bring in birthday sweets or cakes for their class, it has been suggested that an alternative present such as a class book could be given which would remain in school after being quarantined.

DIGITAL LEADER BLOG

This Term, the Year 6 digital leaders - who help with all things computing around the School - have been finding out what each class has been up to and used this information to create a fantastic blog on Purple Mash. They have all worked incredibly hard to create this and even given up some of their lunch times to do so! All children (Year 2 and above) are invited to log in to view. On the blog, children will find an e-safety competition with winners receiving 15 house points each. This can be entered by typing a comment (all comments are approved before being published!).

To log in to the Purple Mash website:

1. Go to Purplemash.com
 2. Click on 'Find my school's login page'
 3. Type in 'West Hill Primary School' in the search bar
 4. Once on the school portal, type in username and password (username is child's first initial followed by their surname, or vice versa. E.g. sjones or sallyj. Password is class specific - please check with class teacher if unsure).
- Click on 'sharing' (globe icon) at the top and of the page and 'Digital Leader Blog'

YEAR 3 ARTS AND CRAFTS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Following our Christmas Craft Club this time I am very happy to let you know that after Christmas I will be running an Arts and Crafts afterschool club with children in Year 3. We will be doing all things arty and it promises to be a lot of fun. It will be every Thursday, starting Thursday 14th January at 3.20 pm. It will run up until February Half Term. 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 8th January - this will enable me to sort out resources. I can take up to 10 children. Thank you.

Graham Harry
The O6 Youth Pastor

DECEMBER 2020 SCOMIS ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please see the attached document regarding Online Safety.

PTFA NEWS

ROCKETFUND FUNDRAISING

Following the launch of Rocketfund on November 24th we have raised a wonderful £1,675. This however remains much lower than the grand target of £9k (initial target of £4.5k is set on Rocketfund) to fund the 32 new chromebooks. Whilst times are hard, please share as widely as you can to capture any potential donations. The project remains open until January 8th 2021.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/tech-enabled-education>.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Thank you to everyone that has supported the "West Hill's Gone Crackers" village Christmas trail, have fun spotting the crackers over the next week!

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

A collection is booked for Thursday 14th January, so please hold onto any clothing items you plan to clear out over the Christmas period. Collection bags have been sent home in book bags. Please see the attached flyer.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Happy Christmas, from everyone involved in the PTFA.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Please email PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk with any queries, fundraising ideas or offering of time.

Many thanks
Joanna and Nicola



Vacancy

West Hill Church Council Secretary

West Hill Church Council is seeking a new Secretary to support the work of St Michael's across the village.

The Secretary is the administrator for the Church Council; the main point of contact for the Council and Exeter Diocese and is responsible for the preparation and distribution of all paperwork that enables the Council to operate well. It is an interesting role and essential to assure the continuing smooth running of the life of the church in West Hill.

There is full support available from the Diocese with pro-formas for documents, written guidelines; telephone support and annual training for the role. Assistance will also be available from the current job-holder.

The Secretary should preferably be a full member of the Council but can operate successfully if not. It is a voluntary role

There are about half a dozen evening meetings each year plus the Annual Meeting, all other activities are undertaken when convenient in your own time.

For more details, please contact Revd Mac Dick on 01404 371064 or Richard Bonnie on 01404 812370 or write to westhillpcc@gmail.com

www.stmichaelatwesthill.weebly.com



Peace!
Joy!



***Glory to God in the
highest, and on
earth peace, good
will toward men.***

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Thank you all for your support in what can only be described as a very challenging term!
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2021.

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher

