



## NEWSLETTER 2

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week (week 1) the whole school's attendance was 98.6%, which is above our target of 97.5%. Well done everyone.

### ILLNESS/COVID

Over the last 2 weeks we have seen many children kept off school for runny noses or sore throats. Please note that these are not symptoms of COVID and there is no need to keep your child off school for either of these.

The guidance states: Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

#### 1. they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (or have a temperature of 37.8+C)
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms

#### 2. someone in their household is showing symptoms

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Please be aware of the current guidance if your child is ill.

If anyone in the school (pupil or adult) has any of the 3 symptoms of COVID they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

The school will need to be informed of:

- The date of onset of symptoms
- Which of the 3 above symptoms they are displaying
- The date booked for their Covid test
- The result of their test.

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and can return to school.

### **TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS**

The application system for Secondary places in September 2020 is now open and will close at midnight on 31st October 2019. Please apply on-line at:

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

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Due to the current restrictions in place, we have had to cancel most of our pre-planned events. We will let you have dates for any other dates as they occur.

### **PTFA PURCHASE "BOOKS FOR TOPICS"**

Our fantastic, hard-working PTFA have kindly given a significant amount of their time to purchase and cover 350 (!) books from the 'Books for Topics' sets recommended for Years R-6.

A huge 'thank you' to the PTFA for all their hard work and also to Adrian at Curious Otter Bookshop in Ottery for supplying the books at a 20% discount. Please see the attached document for further information and Follow these links to view the titles for your child's class:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/reception>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-1>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-3>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-4>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-6>

### **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS**

These will sent home in a sealed envelope in your child's book bag as we are unable to personally hand them at our Meet the Teacher evening which we are unable to hold this year. We will let you know via email when they are being sent out. The data will need to be checked and amended as necessary, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency.

### **ASTHMA INHALERS**

It is parent's responsibility to supply school with an in-date, named inhaler, and a spacer if necessary. Please ensure that you complete a new green form which can be obtained by emailing the school office (admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk).



### **FLU IMMUNISATION FOR ALL CLASSES**

All children in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that the vaccinations will be administered on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082      Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)

### **INCIDENT AT SCHOOL SCAMS**

The Police have received reports of parents being called on the phone, allegedly by their school, to say their child has been involved in an incident or taken ill. An example has been where a parent was called to say the child was ill and asked to dial 1 to be connected to right person to speak to. This child was at home that day so they knew it could not be correct so they attempted to ring the school but discovered the phone line had been held open reportedly to a high cost phone line. In another example the parents were asked to contact the school on the number provided, which again turned out to be a high cost phone line.

If your child is ill and we are asking you to call back, it will be to the school number 01404 812599.

### **DAY TO DAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

#### **COLLECTION AT HOME TIME**

As children have moved into new classes, can we please remind you to ensure that your child's teacher is informed of home time arrangements. If anyone other than a parent is collecting your child, you must ensure that your child's teacher or the office have been informed. If we have not been informed, we will have to make a telephone call to ensure that the information we have been given is correct. Please remember that this is for the safeguarding of your children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Parents of Year 5 and 6 children only if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home alone at the end of the day please email [admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)**

#### **LINES OF COMMUNICATION**

Good communication is very important to us at West Hill Primary School. If you do wish to contact your child's class teacher then please send an e-mail to them via the office. Thank you.

#### **HOME AND SCHOOL BOOKS**

Every child is given a 'Home and School Book' in which they record their reading, and their homework where applicable. We do expect the children to read each night and we would ask that you initial your child's book every night, stating what has been read. There is also a space for your comments at the bottom.

## **CLASS CURRICULUM/INFORMATION LETTERS**

These have been handed out to your children today, please check their book bags. These letters inform you of the learning that will take place in your child's class this term as well as other general information you would normally hear at Meet the Teacher evening. This information will help you to talk to your child in the evenings about different topics, and maybe to work together to collect some interesting artefacts, library books or information from the Internet. These letters are also archived on the school website [www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## **RAISING CONCERNS**

If there is a problem with your child, please contact your child's class teacher by e-mailing the school office as he/she is the best person to help. The problem will only be referred to me if necessary, but the majority of concerns can be solved successfully through liaison with the class teacher or, if it is an administrative query, through liaison with our administrative team.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **WEST HILL WASPS UNDER 7'S FOOTBALL**

West Hill Wasps will again be running an under-7s team this season and this is open to all children in Year 1 and 2. There will be weekly training sessions on a Tuesday at 4pm for an hour. There are a handful of 5 a side tournaments across the year, which Year 2 children can play in, however the main focus will be around the weekly training and having fun sessions that will hopefully get them all loving football! For more information please email [chris.ambrose84@gmail.com](mailto:chris.ambrose84@gmail.com).

### **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH WEST HILL**

St Michael's church are having a **Cafe Church Celebration of Harvest on Zoom**, on Sunday October 4th at the usual time of 9.30am.

Attached is an outline of the idea behind the celebration and some ideas for a couple of things they would love every household to bring with them. Hence the heads up - to give you time to get them together.

There will be the usual format with craft for the children to do on the day and small discussion groups for the grown-ups. The All-Age activity will be the bringing of these items, and thanking God for his provision for us, in good times and bad.

We will briefly share the perspective of this festival in the Old Testament, the New Testament, today and in the future, and hopefully give you food for thought!

We look forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes



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Headteacher