



## NEWSLETTER 14

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 93.5%. This is below our target attendance of 97.5%.

### SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea that they should not return to school for 48hrs after the last episode. This is to avoid spreading germs with other pupils or staff. This is in line with NHS guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### WOW MOMENT!

Well done to everyone in the school choir who performed last night at the BBC Radio Devon Star For Christmas at The Riviera Centre, Torquay along with the other 7 schools who were also selected as finalists. It was a brilliant evening and the children excelled themselves with their performance. Thank you to everyone who voted for us but unfortunately, we were pipped to the post by another school but we are all so proud of their hard work and achievement.

A big thank you to Mrs Bennett, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Sharples and Mrs Sycamore who accompanied them along with a special thank you to Mrs Sycamore who played the piano for them. Well done everyone-you were all super stars!



## **STOP A PHASE START A CRAZE! - BY BETH AND FREDDIE, CLASS 4**

Have you ever wondered where your single use plastic waste goes when you throw it away? Well, it goes either in the sea or it gets burnt or buried. West Hill Primary School are collecting large chocolate containers to reduce plastic waste. **We are also running a cool competition to see which class brings in the most empty confectionary tubs (as in the picture).** You could help your child win by donating chocolate boxes (but don't just buy them to make your child's class win!). Simply give the tub to your class teacher when it is empty.

### **Did you know?**

Every second 20,000 plastic bottles are sold in the world!

East Devon only recycles 54% of our waste.

You NEED to try to re-use as much single use plastic as you can.

### **More Facts**

If King Henry VIII wore plastic nappies they would still be around today!

Plastic is durable and it won't biodegrade. Would you like to be an animal eating a piece of plastic?

We hope you have got our message:

The cut-off date for the competition is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Which class will collect the most tubs? Thank you for reading.



Please see the attached flyer for further details.

## **100% ATTENDANCE**

Well done to the 52 children who have 100% attendance this term:

Reception: (4) Daniel A, William B, Oliver M, Eliza S

Year 1: (8) Lealan C, Sophie E, Zara E, Poppy F, Morgan J, Gabriel S, Samuel W, Ashdon W

Year 2: (4) Charlotte D, Alice P, Isla S, Henry W

Year 3: (7) Jacob A, Matthew D, Zara D, Emilia G, John H, Finn S, Chloe Y

Year 4: (10) Elise A, Sam B, George D, Toby G, May K, Ben M, Lucy R, Poppy R, Carter S, Freddie T

Year 5: (11) Aimee B, Hal C, Rose C, Thomas D, Maddie H, Ewan K, Reef L, Sophia M, Ollie P, Marianna T, Nathan Y

Year 6: (8) James A, Billy C, Martha H, Oliver K, Finlay M, Henry R, Louis S, Ayo T

We are very aware that some parents feel the 100% attendance certificates are unfair, particularly when a child has been absent due to illness or due to regular medical appointments, which are out of their control. We have therefore taken the decision to acknowledge names in the newsletter termly and just issue 100% attendance certificates at the end of the school year. We appreciate that we cannot always please everyone but we feel this is a compromise in the hope to keep everyone happy!

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Please take a look in the Lost Property cupboard and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. Thank you.



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### CRICKET CLUB

Alex Clements will be holding a Cricket club on Tuesdays at 3.30pm-4.30pm starting on Tuesday 14th January. There will be 11 sessions this term ending on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at a cost of £36.00. Please see the attached document for the sign up slip to be completed and returned to the school office with payment.

### ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to confirm that enough children have expressed an interest in the Orchestra to start on a trial basis for the first half term of the Spring Term. The first session will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8am in the Village Hall.

If you would still like to add your child to the list it's not too late to do so. Please let the school office have your child's name, age, instrument and how long they have played for/exam grade.  
Danny Murphy

## PTFA NEWS

As you may be aware, the PTFA has recently funded the purchase of a set of fifty recommended reading books for each class, plus dictionaries for Classes 4 to 6. We are extremely grateful to Adrian at the Curious Otter Bookshop in Ottery St Mary, who provided these books to us at reduced prices - matching larger companies like Waterstones, but also handled all the ordering very quickly! If anyone is thinking about buying a book, please do visit Adrian at Curious Otter so that we can show our support to him.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The next film night is taking place on Friday 17th January from 5pm at The Legion and we'll be showing 'Toy Story 4'. This is for children in Year 1-6 but we do ask that children in Year 1 are accompanied by a supervising adult. Price is £3.50 to include drink, popcorn & sweets. To book your child's place please complete the slip attached to the newsletter (or write the details on a piece of paper) and post with payment into the PTFA box in reception.

### PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January, at 7.30pm at the Legion. New members are always welcome to share ideas on both fundraising and spending.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - PRIMARY SPORTS CLUB AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

Please see the attached information regarding the primary after school sports club being run for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 at The King's School in Ottery St Mary on Mondays from 13th January 2020. Please contact Tracy Moran at The Kings School directly if you wish to book a place for your child.

### FREE TASTER SESSION FOR HONITON RUGBY CLUB

Honiton Rugby Club are offering a free taster session for Year 2, 3 and 4 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10am. Please see the school notice board for further details.

Have a great Christmas and best wishes for 2020.  
With my best wishes

*Boulton*

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher



**PTFA FILM NIGHT TICKET REQUEST**

I would like my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ (name/s) in  
year (s) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Film night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of \_\_\_\_\_ (£3.50 per child)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_