



NEWSLETTER 2

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole schools attendance was 98.1%, which is above our target of 97.5%. Well done to all.

WOW! A LETTER FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE!!

Last term Class 4 were busy writing to lots of people to highlight their concerns about the future of hedgehogs. Just before the summer holidays Thomas and Nathan were lucky enough to receive a reply from Buckingham Palace! A copy of the letter is attached to this newsletter if you would like to see it.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO...

The following children who have been selected as House Captains and Sports Leaders this year. Sports Leaders will be running activities during Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for the younger pupils.

House Captains: -

Moorland - Matthew and Louis
Elsdon - Alastair and Kate
Bendarroch - Martha and Oscar
Warren - Nathan and Natalie

Sports Leaders: -

Lydia, Sam, James, Oliver
Ben, Saffi, Georgia, Ava

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These were handed out to parents at the Meet the Teacher Evening on Tuesday 17th September. Due to Data Protection Regulations we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags so if you were unable to make the Meet the Teacher Evening please can you collect these from the office as soon as possible. These need to be returned as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency. **All 3 forms need completing on both sides, signing and returning to the office no later than Friday 27th September.**

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu Immunisations are available to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will be administered on Monday 14th October. A letter with a weblink for Parental Consent and information leaflet was

emailed to all parents/carers on Monday this week. If you would like your child to receive the flu immunisation this year online consent for Virgin Care must be completed by 29th September 2019. (PLEASE NOTE EXTENDED DEADLINE DATE) Please click on this link to access the website for your consent: (<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>)

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 15th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm

Thursday 17th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm. From 2pm for Class 3

Parent appointment lists will be out in the small playground in the fenced area from 8.45am and after school from Monday 30th September.

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 with the national offer day being 2nd March 2020. Please apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

SUPPORTING OTTERY ST MARY FOOD BANK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

This year, we are delighted to be working with West Hill Parish Church to support Ottery St Mary Food Bank. The food bank is a local store of non-perishable food operated by Churches Together in Ottery. Food is made available to those who are in 'food crisis': they have no food and no money with which to buy food.

In the spirit of giving, we are asking pupils at West Hill to bring **one item** of non-perishable food to school on Friday 4th October. Mac from West Hill Parish Church will be joining us on that day for a special Harvest assembly and will then take our donations to the food bank.

The food bank want only packets or tins, and are especially keen to receive:

- Tinned meat/fruit
- garden peas
- carrots
- sweetcorn
- rice pudding
- custard
- coffee
- sugar
- pasta sauces

Thank you in advance for your support with this good cause.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Each year in September we celebrate European Day of Languages. On **Friday 27th September** we would like to invite the children to join in and help to celebrate by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This can be either European or non-European as we

will also extend our celebration to include the rest of the world. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground and all the children will be able to try croissant or brioche. There will be a PTFA donations box if you would like to contribute. This will be entirely voluntary. We shall have activities throughout the day to raise awareness of our world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.



TAG RUGBY CLUB

Alex Clements will be holding a Tag Rugby club on Tuesdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm starting on Tuesday 17th September. There will be 12 sessions this term ending on Tuesday 10th December 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier! We'd love to meet as many of our new Reception class Mums too.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON AT WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL (UPSTAIRS)

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 1-3.30PM

Last year this community event raised over £600 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Hopefully, together we can beat that figure in 2019!

This year there will be a Raffle with some generous prizes donated by kind local businesses and of course, as much tea and cake as you could hope for.

If you're able to help with baking beforehand, all cakes will be gratefully received and if you are able to drop your cakes into the kitchen of the village hall on the morning of the event, this would be gratefully appreciated.

This event is a chance to bring the village together, make some friends, eat some delicious cake AND raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause.

Please come along, everyone is welcome. Michaela, Sarah & Sharon

MESSY CHURCH

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

September 20th - Goodness

October 18th - Kindness

November 22nd - Love

December 20th - Joy

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Boulton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher