



## NEWSLETTER 35

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Dear Parents,



The week before half term the whole school's attendance was 98.8% which is above our attendance target of 97.5%. Well done to everyone.

### WOW MOMENT

Following on from last week's Newsletter, Finn in Class 2 has also achieved his 100 book target in the Devon Libraries Book Track Scheme. He achieved this in 6 months and has now re-started with a target of 200 books.



### ART COMPETITION FINALISTS

Thank you to everyone who entered the art competition being held at St Michael's Church this weekend.

All of the teachers were very impressed by the standard and quality of the art created. There really were some super pieces! We loved the variety of materials and styles used, as well as the wonderful interpretations of the theme 'Creation.' You certainly made us very proud and gave us some VERY difficult decisions to make!

After much deliberation, three entries from each class were chosen and will be on display in the church this weekend. Please do visit and cast your votes for the winning ones. There is a special celebration service in the church at 10.00 am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June followed by the announcement of the winners of the art competition.

Finalists:

Reception Class: Lucy, Lealan, Samuel

Class 1: Isla, Bethany, Daniel

Class 2: Phoebe, Tayte, Romilly

Class 3: Darcy, Poppy E, Ava

Class 4: Maddie, Christiana, Millie

Class 5: James, Natalie, Martha

Class 6: Izzy, Grace, Louis

All the other wonderful entries are on display in the school for everyone to see.



Well done to everyone!  
Mrs Bedford and Mrs Powley

### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and after this time the side gate near the steps is locked. Any pupils arriving after this time will not be able to gain access to the school in the usual way as the new Stanley Security doors are set to automatically lock. Although Mrs Boulton stands on the gate near the school field, this is only to allow Reception parents to leave the school site and is not to allow late arrivals to sneak in! Any pupils arriving after 8.55am should instead be escorted by an adult to sign in at the school office.

### OUR TEACHER'S ROCK YOUTH CHOIR AND TEACHER'S ROCK CHOIR



On Saturday our Teacher's Rock Youth Choir children and Teacher's Rock Choir members, joined other children and teachers from Exeter, Plymouth, Torbay and Somerset in a massed rehearsal at Willowbrook Primary School. They are now three weeks away from a sold out concert at the Great Hall, Exeter University on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. They worked hard to perfect a wide selection of songs and Makaton signs. Even more exciting, was that they were filmed by the organisers of the Woofstock Music Festival where they will be seen on the big screen before Paul Young's show.

### SPONSORED BOUNCE & DRESS DOWN DAY - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE



Children have already brought home a sponsor form for the Sponsored Bounce on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please can these be returned with money collected by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We will also be having a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on 28<sup>th</sup> June so please can you make sure children are wearing clothing suitable for bouncing on the bouncy castle, and also provide a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola at the fete. Chocolate donations can be placed in the collection boxes in the playground on their way in to school or the box in the office. Thank you for supporting our PTFA.

### **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

The proofs of the class photographs will be coming home with the children tomorrow. Orders for copies need to be placed directly with the photographer and must not be returned to school.

### **CHANGE TO DATE OF EARLY 2020 MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

You may have seen the announcement over the weekend that **the Spring Bank Holiday will be moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. This is related to recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

### **CLASS 3 SHARING ASSEMBLY**

We would like to inform parents that Class 3 will be having their sharing assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10.10am. All parents and family of Class 3 are most welcome to come and watch in the Village Hall.

### **DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please see the office for a refund or funds can be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

### **PE KIT**

Please ensure that your child has a PE Kit in school, including plimsolls or trainers. We have noticed that a lot of children are taking part in PE wearing their school uniform and/or their school shoes. Thank you.

### **LONG HAIR & HAIR ACCESSORIES**

Please can we ask that all children with long hair have it neatly tied back at all times as part of our uniform policy. Furthermore we are noticing an ever increasing colourful range of hair accessories for the girls. Please may we remind you that our uniform policy states : *'Long hair on **both girls and boys**, should be tied back neatly, with plain or green/white checked bands or 'scrunchies', not bandanas.'*

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **PARKING IN DISABLED BAYS**

We have received several complaints from parents who have children with disabilities that able bodied people are parking in the disabled bays. Could we kindly ask that you do not park in the disabled parking bays if you do not hold a blue disabled badge. Thank you.

### **NEW CAR PARKING SIGNS**

A reminder that due to the increasing number of vehicles entering the turning area for dropping off and picking up children from West Hill Primary School/Pre-School and also those using the Village Hall car park, new one way system signs have been installed in an attempt to improve safety and minimise risk, particularly to children attending both the Primary school and Pre -School.

'No Entry' signs have been erected to the immediate right of the Village Hall car park exit point, to avoid drivers from taking a right turn from the car park into oncoming traffic. This is of particular concern at busy periods.

'Keep Left' arrows have been erected on the small circle and on the main roundabout to direct all outgoing vehicles round the roundabout, thus avoiding oncoming traffic.

Please can we ask for the co-operation of drivers who enter the area in ensuring that the new system operates for everyone's benefit and safety. Thank you.

## ORCHESTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Orchestra will be performing in the school assembly at 10.10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents of children in the Orchestra are invited to attend. The assembly will be their big performance this year; there will not be a party tea and parents performance on the last rehearsal date as we have done in previous years.

The last rehearsal of the term will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have an ever growing collection of lost property with a large amount of plastic pots and jumpers/cardigans. Unfortunately as most items are un-named it is almost impossible to ensure they are returned to their owner. Please can we remind you to label all items of your child's belongings including plastic snack pots and lunch boxes. Thank you.

## SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER/REPORTS

Please be aware that School Pupil Tracker is closing down on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and our school subscription expires on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. After 4<sup>th</sup> September, parents from Class 1 to Class 6 will no longer be able to log in and view your child's assessments or access any of their school reports. If you wish to keep copies of their school reports, please think about either downloading and saving them as Word documents or alternatively printing them.

## MUSIC LESSONS FOR PUPILS IN KEY STAGE 2 (CLASSES 3-6) IN SEPTEMBER

Peripatetic music teachers come to West Hill Primary School to give instrumental tuition to the children who would like to learn a musical instrument. The teacher is self-employed and will invoice you directly for lessons termly, with a term's notice required if the child wishes to stop. They are able to offer tuition for woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone), brass (cornet), violin and guitar. You will need to provide the instruments, but with the exception of guitar, these can be hired through Music Devon at reasonable rates.

For new starters (current Year 2 and upwards), in order to secure a place to start in September, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter, and return to Wendy or Jo by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Paperwork will then be sent home to complete. Once the music teacher has arranged their tuition time for West Hill School, to start in September, it is unlikely they will be able to accommodate any additional requests after July.

## CURRENT MUSIC LESSONS

May I remind you to email the music tutors to confirm whether your child wishes to continue their lessons as well as returning your contracts to the office by the 1<sup>st</sup> July (these were sent home on Friday last week).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Reminder

JUNE	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 4 multiplication tables check national voluntary pilot
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	- Class 3 Sharing Assembly - 10.10am. Parents of Class 3 pupils welcome to attend
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Class 3 trip
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	- King's Open Evening for Year 6 children & parents - 6.00pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	- PTFA Sponsored Bounce, dress down day and chocolate donations
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	- West Hill Summer Fete - 12noon-4.30pm
JULY	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Reception Class Trip
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Class 5 & Class 6 Summer Performance - matinee 2pm & evening 6pm. Parents of Class 5 and 6 pupils welcome to attend (ticket system)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	- Reception Class Sharing Assembly - 10.10am. Parents of Reception pupils welcome to attend

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	- Project week at King's School. Class 6 children going to King's in Sept at King's School all week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Full Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Class swap to meet new teacher/TA for September
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	- Trophies assembly - Reception Class end of term dance performance to parents (Katie Murray) - 3pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	- Last Day of Summer Term - Class 6 Leavers Assembly for parents led by pupils with tea and cake after - 9.10am - Family picnic on school field 12.15-1.15pm (Village Hall if wet) - 1.30pm end of term (children able to leave after registration at 1.15pm)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Occasional Day (school closed)
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY - 25<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> Children return to school on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September due to 2 non pupil days on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	

## PTFA UPDATE

### THE FETE

The 3rd prize in this year's raffle will be a luxury hamper, we have a large hamper ready to fill and need your help please! We are looking for donations of wine, spirits, goodies such as posh chocolates & biscuits, toiletries and gifts. Please place any donations into the hamper basket by the school office for us to collect. Your help in raising money for your child's school is greatly appreciated.

Please also continue to volunteer - we all need to do our bit to make it a success, even a short period on a stall will help make this a success. We are also keen for KS1 parents and family to help us at the Fete and we have set up a doodle poll in order for you to volunteer - just even for a short time to help us make this a success.

<https://doodle.com/poll/wu6u8iaqbpykg5ym>

Also please remember, don't disappear at the end - the field needs to be returned to its green and wonderful state. Gazebos and tables need to be cleared away, rubbish collected and sorted. We need you!

### ANY OTHER IDEAS?

What else can we do? - please shout!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MESSY CHURCH

Fun activities, informal worship and share food.

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer BBQ and party

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



### MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier!

### SUMMER HOLIDAY COACHING CAMPS

Please see the attached flyer for details

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

*Cheryl Boulton*

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher

Please return slip to Wendy or Jo by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

would like to learn \_\_\_\_\_ ( name of instrument).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian