



NEWSLETTER 10

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week, our whole school's attendance was **99.3%** which is above our target of **97.5%** and even higher than last year which was **98.9%** ! Well done everyone.

WOW MOMENT

We were excited to learn that our school has been nominated for an award by the Education Business Magazine's Research or Editorial team after hearing about our links with Exeter Area Arts giving the opportunity for West Hill to work with a master's student from the University of Exeter.

We have now been informed that West Hill Primary School has been shortlisted for the Art and Craft Award at this year's Education Business Awards. The awards recognise and celebrate the significant contributions made each year by schools and individuals that work in education.

The awards ceremony takes place live online this year, due to the current pandemic. The ceremony takes place on the **26th November at 1pm** and will run for approximately 90 minutes. You can register free here: <https://awards.educationbusinessuk.net/register>

REMOTE LEARNING

Any children who are self-isolating due to COVID related issues will be able to continue their education at home via Google Classroom (for Classes 1-6) and Tapestry (for Reception). A letter will be e-mailed to you from the office once you have informed us of your child's absence.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2021/2022

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2021/2022 academic year will open on 15th November 2020 and close at midnight on 15th January 2021. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019. Late applications will not be considered before timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year, children will be restricted to sending Christmas cards to pupils and staff in their own class bubble. They will be allowed to bring these into school on:

Monday 7th	Monday 14 th
Tuesday 8th	Tuesday 15th
Wednesday 9th	Wednesday 16th

Cards will be quarantined for 48 hrs and then given out in class on Friday 11th and Friday 18th December to bring home. Please do not send any cards into school on Thursdays or Fridays.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Our Christmas lunch this year will be held on the above date. Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, the children will not all be able to eat together in to the Village Hall as they have done in previous years, but will follow their current lunchtime routine. The menu for Christmas lunch is as follows:

MAIN MEAL - Roast turkey with all the trimmings

VEGETARIAN - Vegetarian roast

PUDDING - Christmas biscuit or yoghurt

They are also allowed to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.



CLASS 3 AND CLASS 4 CHRISTINGLE

Due to Covid restrictions we are unfortunately unable to hold our annual Christingle service in St Michael's Parish church this year. As an alternative the children in Class 3 and Class 4 will still be making their Christingle in class and will conduct their own mini service in school which will be recorded and shared as an assembly with the rest of the school on Thursday 3rd December. On Monday 16th November, the children brought home the Children's Society envelope as we usually support this charity by having a collection in the church. We appreciate that it is a financially challenging time for some of you but would appreciate any loose change that you can give to this worthy cause. Please can you ensure that the envelopes are returned to the school by **Thursday 3rd December** as they will then be collected.

Thank you for your support.

READER HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a Reader Helper at West Hill? The following classes need help:

Reception - Wednesday and Friday (preferably morning)

Class 1 - Monday (preferably morning)

Class 2 - Wednesdays

Class 3 - Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Class 5 - Wednesday afternoons



With current Safeguarding regulations, a Volunteer Application Form will need to be completed, references taken and a DBS check undertaken before you are able to start. We also ask you to undertake some basic safeguarding training and read 4 safeguarding policies. It is vital that children read in school every day and we really value the volunteers that generously give up their time. All that we ask is that you give a half-termly commitment.

UPDATED PRIVACY NOTICES

Our new Privacy Notices are now on our school website in our GDPR area. Please click on the hyperlinks below to view them.

[Privacy Notice](#)
[Pupil Privacy Notice](#)
[COVID-19 Privacy Notice](#)

PTFA NEWS

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Following the success of the pumpkin trail over the half term, the PTFA are organising a "West Hill's Gone Crackers" Christmas trail. See attached poster for further details.

AMAZON SMILE

If you shop Amazon, Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1041234-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to West Hill Primary School Parents, Teachers And Friends Association at no extra cost. See attached poster for details on how to set it up.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

The PTFA now have a specific email address!

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

SCHOOL'S OUTSIDE PROJECTS

Call out for anyone who is able to help install a path to the outside classroom, please contact your PTFA class rep or a member of the PTFA if you are able to help with supplies or labour.

CHILD'S ART

Please remember deadline date of the start of December for ordering your child's Christmas art work, the site has many other Christmas present ideas other than just cards. We as a PTFA receive commission on any orders placed.

<https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mychildsart.co.uk%2Forder&data=04%7C01%7C%7C7398c0efd4ca47dbcd5308d88106abdf%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637401212933559545%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=5xL%2F0bSm3RB1tpROEEeu%2F9s%2BiVXB%2BcF4H95%2FfTx%2BVus%3D&reserved=0>

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need last Friday, we raised a terrific **£434.11**

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL VILLAGE CALENDAR AND CARDS

A full colour, 13 page, A4 calendar and packs of 10 notelet cards, all with pictures from West Hill, taken by village photographers' are being sold in aid of St Michael's Church, see full colour leaflet or visit the church website for details: <http://www.stmichaelatwesthill.weebly.com>

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

With my best wishes



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