



NEWSLETTER 25

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 96.8% which is slightly below our target of 97.5%.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Class 6 had a wonderful week at Beam House, PGL. Even though the weather was not kind to them, the children were able to enjoy a great range of activities. The food was enjoyed with clean plates at every meal and no-one was homesick. All the children slept through the night after exhausting activities all day. Thank you to the parents, Mr Andrews, Mr Brown, and Dr Pickford, who came along and helped, and many thanks to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Harris for taking the children and to Mrs Boulton who went to visit them on Wednesday.



YEAR 5 ACTIVITY WEEK

Last week Class 5 enjoyed an action packed few days with activities ranging from a trip to Paignton Zoo to a print workshop in School. The children were impeccably behaved throughout the week and we are grateful to volunteers that accompanied us. Here is a selection of photos taken throughout the week.



GATES

We have noticed that many parents are walking up to the small black gates and trying to get their children's attention. This can be very unsettling for them as they have already said goodbye to their parents at the gate and to see you again can be hard for some of them and upsetting. Please can we ask you to avoid coming to the black gates and doing this and to share this with any grandparents or childminders who may drop off your children in the morning. Thank you.

PARKING ON BEECH PARK

Unfortunately we have noticed that bad habits are creeping back in and on Monday this week a parent e-mailed us the following photo showing how many cars were parked on Beech Park. This makes it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road, for cars exiting the car park and for cars entering the car park as Beech Park is not wide enough to accommodate 2 way traffic when there are parked cars.



As per our e-mail to parents on 8th February, please can we remind you of the following:

1. Do not park on Beech Park Road.
2. Only park in disabled bays if you are displaying a disabled badge.
3. Please inform grandparents/childminders if they are collecting.
4. Please do not double park between the rows in the car park.
5. Please do not leave cars unattended on the roundabout.

6. Please park as close to the kerb on the roundabout when dropping off in the mornings so that other cars can get past you.

7. Please encourage pedestrians to use the pavements when leaving school (rather than cutting across the car park/traffic) - particularly Key Stage 2 pupils exiting from the tennis court.

Thank you for your support with this.

TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned to school by **Tuesday 2nd April** in preparation for trophies assembly on Friday. Thank you.



OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON DINNER MONEY

Please can you make sure your child/ren's balances are paid up to date by the end of Friday 29th March. Your co-operation is much appreciated as it is our end of financial year and all accounts need to be in credit. Many thanks.

MENU AMENDMENTS

Due to the hall being used on Wednesday 3rd April (for the Year 3/4 Easter Service) we will be amending the menu and replacing it with a bagged meal as follows:-

Main	Sausage Roll
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage Roll
Sides	Chips and Vegetable Sticks
Dessert	Custard Biscuit

NB. There will be no jacket potato option on this day.

LEARN TO RIDE

Stephanie and Ed who provide the Bikeability training for local schools are offering a one off after school session in May to help children learn to ride a bike. Please see the attached letter from them and get in touch with them directly if you are interested in booking a place for your child.

MINDFULNESS AND YOGA LUNCH CLUB

Please see the attached letter from Kara Green regarding a new Mindfulness and Yoga Lunch time club that she will be starting after Easter on Thursday lunchtimes. To book a place for your child please contact Kara on 07778 127685 or by email karatwinkle@hotmail.com

SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER/REPORTS

Please be aware that School Pupil Tracker is closing down on 31st December 2019 and our school subscription expires on 4th September 2019. After 4th September you 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.

The leadership team are currently looking at alternative assessment options to use from September 2019 and will share this with you once a decision has been made.

ORCHESTRA - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be no orchestra on 2nd April, 30th April and 7th May.

DATE REMINDERS

Friday 29 th March	Class 1 sharing assembly 10.10am (for parents of Class 1)
Wednesday 3 rd April	Easter Service 1.30pm (for parents of Y3 & Y4)
Friday 5 th April	- Trophies Assembly (please ensure all trophies are returned) - Y3 & Y4 Katie Murray dance performance to their parents - 3pm - Last Day of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY 8 th - 22 nd April Tuesday 23 rd April-Teacher training Day Children return to school on Wednesday 24 th April 2019	

PTFA NEWS

Upcoming events:

Film Night - the next thrilling film night is scheduled for Friday 29th March, in the Legion at the usual time of 5pm. The popcorn and sweets have been bought, and the film will be the latest Johnny English one - Strikes Again (having watched it, it is hilarious!!). There is a tear-off slip at the bottom of this newsletter - or simply drop your child's name and £3.50 into the PTFA box in reception. As always, we would love some volunteers to help.

Cake Sale - the next cake sale will be on Thursday 4th April. This time it is the turn of Year 3 and 4 to bake and delight. Could we have some Easter themed cakes? Would the children and their parents also like to do the selling?

General fundraising - Can anyone assist in looking to collect old printer cartridges? The task is not particularly onerous, we just need someone to spend an hour or two.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING CURRENT YEAR 1 CHILDREN AND PARENTS

West Hill Wasps want to continue the under 7's next season with interested boys and girls. We will need parents keen to lead and coach the team. It is very rewarding and more fun than just watching from the side lines. No experience necessary and fully funded FA training will be given and supervision/ support/ guidance from the clubs other volunteer coaches.

Please contact Doug: dferguson@doctors.org.uk or 07815070899 for any further information. We'd love to have you involved in our community mixed club.

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORTS COACHING CAMPS WITH ALEX CLEMENTS

American Football Taster Day - Wednesday 10th April 9am to 3pm at Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Ottery St Mary

Multi Sports Holiday Club - Wednesday 17th April 9am to 3pm at Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Ottery St Mary

Please see the notice board for further details.

STEP UP AND DANCE - F-ABBA-ULOUS

An Abba themed dance/music course will be running on Tuesday 9th April to Thursday 11th April at Withycombe Raleigh Primary School, Exmouth.

Please see the notice board for further details.

ROTARY CLUB OF OTTER VALLEY - JUNIOR YOUNG MUSICIAN

Please see attached poster and entry form for the Junior Young Musician event on 4th June. Applications for entry need to be completed by 17th May.

MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY

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

March 22nd - Fit for Life

April 26th - Pets and Peace

May 17th - At the seaside

June 28th - Summer BBQ and party

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



See attached flier for the Mothering Sunday Celebration at St Michael's Church on March 31st at 10am.

Have a lovely weekend-I will be running Weston Super-Mare half marathon on Sunday morning so fingers crossed for the weather!

With my best wishes

Cheryl 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 29th March at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of _____ (£3.50 per child)

Signed _____ Mobile Number _____