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01404 812599 [Thursday 21st November 2019](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk). Website www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk

Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.9%. Well done to all.

WOW MOMENT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Bella, Y4, had a great day competing in the Devon Schools Ski Championships on Sunday for West Hill Primary School.

There were 63 ski racers from Primary and Secondary schools across Devon. Bella came 5th in the Girls Junior Racer category (under 12).

This is an annual event open to both novices and racers. We would love to enter a school team next year so please speak to Rachel or Jon Hall for further details.



POPPY APPEAL

We have been informed that we managed to raise a fantastic **£336.35** for this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who helped support our heroes by purchasing all the wonderful merchandise.



CHILDREN IN NEED



An amazing **£674.20** was raised for Children in Need with Moorland being the house that raised the most.

The final results were:

Moorland £195.35

Bendarroch £173.00

Elsdon £156.97

Warren £148.88

A big thank you to the PTFA for organising the event.

Well done also to Beth, Sam and Tom for raising **£160.40** for Children in Need with their cake sale last Friday. Thank you to everyone who bought their yummy biscuits and cakes.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

We are hoping to restart the school orchestra in January, possibly on a Tuesday morning before school in the village hall. Before we make a booking for the hall, please could you let the office know if your child would be interested in coming to rehearsals from 8am until the start of school so we can make sure we have enough numbers to play music.

Please could you reply to the office with your child's name, age, instrument and how long they have played for / exam grade. We will let you know before Christmas if there is enough interest to start running orchestra again.

Danny Murphy

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

After a very successful Christmas lunch last year we have decided to have another one this year. Your child will bring home a special menu form tomorrow that needs to be completed with their choices and returned by **Monday 2nd December 2019**. We are also asking that their dinner accounts are in credit on the day by £2.50 if in Key Stage 2 (free for children in key stage 1 - no payment necessary). If you did not receive the Christmas Lunch menu, please pop in to the office to collect one. **We would also like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a Christmas jumper if they would like.**



ROAD SAFETY

Last week a parent was approaching school in his car when an adult stepped off the pavement and into the road without looking to see if any cars were behind. Luckily the driver's reaction was quick enough to avoid hitting the pedestrian. Please can adults and children keep to the footpaths and leave the roads for the cars. Many thanks.

RUN A MILE CLUB

The school field is currently water logged so unfortunately there will be NO Run a Mile club on Friday mornings until further notice.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The children in KS2 were given an entry form last week for a competition to design a Christmas card for Hall & Scott Estate Agents. The winner will be presented with a £30 voucher by the Hall & Scott team along with four runner up prizes of a £10 voucher each. Prize winners will appear in the local paper and on the Hall & Scott website.

Selected entries will be displayed in the Hall & Scott windows and in their newspaper/online promotions and will include the name of the pupil and the name of the school. Please ensure you notify the school office when submitting an entry if you have any issues regarding this taking place for your child.

The children can create their cards in any medium they like (crayons, felt pens, paints etc) but the design **MUST** stay within the box. **PLEASE RETURN ALL COMPLETED ENTRIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.** The winner will be announced by Hall & Scott on 4th December.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We are becoming increasingly concerned over the number of parents and children leaving the tennis court at the end of the day and walking diagonally across the road towards the mini roundabout in order to reach the pavement. In doing this, you are often walking into oncoming traffic from cars exiting the Village Hall car park. For your children's safety, please take an extra few seconds and use either of the footpaths rather than walking directly into the road, as we would hate there to be an accident. Thank you.

PLAYGROUND TOYS

In the last few weeks we have had several incidents of children's toys being damaged, broken or lost at break/lunch times. If your child/ren decides to bring in a small toy (small enough to keep in their trays) can you please make sure it is not their favourite one as we cannot be held responsible for them getting damaged or lost.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2020/2021

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2020/2021 academic year will open on 15th November 2019 and close at midnight on 15th January 2020. 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.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

You can view the proposed admissions policy for the 2021-22 academic year on the school website by clicking on this link: <http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2021-West-Hill-admissions-policy.pdf>

Your views are invited on the policy. We propose to:

- Amend the catchment area. The proposed changes are to the northern boundary with Fenton primary school and to the eastern boundary with Ottery St Mary primary school and are shown in the proposed policy document
- consider all in-year applications received by 6pm on the same day together instead of up to 2pm
- confirm that all members of staff are considered to be a part of the school community for admissions purposes, including those employed by a third party where their duties are solely at the school
- confirm that all multiple birth siblings will be admitted where at least one can be admitted to a vacancy
- confirm that where a child from a service family provides a unit address, this will be deemed to be 1 metre from the school for admissions purposes
- confirm that where a sibling is offered a place to start in the following September, he or she will be considered to be on roll for the purposes of priority for the normal round of admissions
- update wording regarding the school uniform

The consultation is open from 1 November to 3 January 2020 and responses can be made either to the school (by email or letter) or to Devon County Council via www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

We will consider any responses we receive in determining the final version of the policy at a Governing Board meeting before the end of February 2021. Any person who believes the determined policy is unlawful may object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA MINUTES

The minutes from PTFA meetings are now being published on the school website. Please go to Parents, click on the PTFA hyperlink and you will find them at the bottom of the page. If you are unable to attend meetings, this is a way of finding out what has been discussed.

WEST HILL PRINTED TEA TOWELS

As part of a PTFA initiative to raise funds for our school we have organised the production of two fabulous printed tea towels, which include a self-portrait of all the children and their teachers for the 2019/20 school year. Please see the attached order form for further details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOMELESS SHOEBOX APPEAL FOR THE SOUTHWEST

I am collecting shoe boxes for the homeless again this year. If you would like to donate a box, please could you drop it to St Michael's Church in West Hill, clearly labelled for a lady or gent (no razors, sharp objects or hand sanitiser). I am also taking clean, good condition warm coats, blankets and sleeping bags. (Sorry, no duvets). The deadline is 11th December. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Thank you Michaela Chown

WEST HILL PRE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to the West Hill Pre School Christmas Fair on Sunday 8th December from 2-4.30pm, there will be lots of festive fun including a performance from the West Hill Primary School choir. All details on the attached poster.

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

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

MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY

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

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

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher