



NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week (week 2) the whole school's attendance was 98% which is above our target of 97.5%. Well done everyone.

ILLNESS/COVID

Please see the attached letter and leaflet from Devon County Council which contains helpful information regarding COVID-19 symptoms. Please read this to help you decide whether you need to keep your child at home.

OTHER USEFUL COVID INFORMATION:

Public Health England and Devon County Council have produced information for parents which you may find useful.

[Letter from Public Health England](#)

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKDFE/2020/09/23/file_attachments/1553147/COVID-19%20symptoms%20for%20social%20media%202.png

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/children-education/covid19-school-absence/>

If you are having problems accessing a covid-19 test for a school aged child (5years -18years) please try completing the form from Devon County Council: [Form for school aged children](#)

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

From Monday 28th September, we are asking all visitors and volunteers to wear a face covering (a mask or visor) if they have to come into the school building. We hope that you will support us with this in order to keep everyone safe.

REMOTE LEARNING

The DFE Guidance for full opening of schools states:

'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate

remote education. Schools are expected to consider how to continue to improve the quality of their existing offer and have a strong contingency plan in place for remote education provision **by the end of September**. This planning will be particularly important to support a scenario in which the logistical challenges of remote provision are greatest, for example where large numbers of pupils are required to remain at home.'

A pupil may need remote learning for the following reasons:

1. they are waiting to book a COVID test for themselves or a family member
2. they are waiting for the results of a COVID test
3. they are self-isolating for 10 days (if they were unable to get a COVID test after a 5-day period)

In any of the above cases, please ensure your child continues with their education by accessing the daily lessons on **Oak Academy**: <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/schedule-by-year>
There are three daily lessons for each year group which are an hour-long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. Lessons related to other topics are easy to find if your child wishes to do more than the allocated three lessons. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home.

We are obviously able to provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for any pupils who do not have suitable online access- just let us know.

We are currently in the process of setting up new classes on Google Classroom and will update you in due course.

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. Please apply on-line at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday 30th September our school photographer will be in to take individual photos of all the children. Due to the current COVID restrictions and time limitations we are unable to allow siblings in these photos as we are expected to keep all bubbles apart. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These will sent home (together with the Annual Consent Form and Home School Agreement) in a sealed envelope in your child's book bag next week. We will let you know via email which day they are sent out. The data will need to be checked and amended as necessary. Please return these as soon as possible to ensure that we have accurate and up to date information for your child.

ASTHMA INHALERS

It is parent's responsibility to supply school with an in-date, named inhaler, and a spacer if necessary. Please ensure that you complete a new green form which can be obtained by emailing the school office (admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk).



LUNCH ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER



As many of you may know, the government funds the school for the KS1 Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) based on the take up on 2 specific days of the year. In order to maximise our funding we are asking that **as many children as possible, particularly KS1, take advantage of our lunch on Thursday 1st October**

Main 1	West Country Sausages
Main 2 (V)	Quorn & Vegetable Fajitas
Sides	Carrots, Cauliflower or Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Cracknel
Jacket Potatoes	
Also Available	Fresh fruit, Salad, Bread, Yoghurt & Water

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR ALL CLASSES

All children in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. It is anticipated that the vaccinations will be administered on 30th November 2020, adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link: <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA are currently planning a couple of exciting fundraisers. We understand that this is currently a very difficult time for all and everything we do is voluntary.

We are hoping to raise funds to spend on increasing the options for an additional outdoor covered area within the school grounds and a gravel pathway on the field to allow access to the outdoor class room in all weathers. We will give more information in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children will be producing a Christmas card in school over the next few weeks so please look out for further information. Cards are all ordered online with your individual password.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH WEST HILL

St Michael's church are having a **Cafe Church Celebration of Harvest on Zoom**, on Sunday October 4th at the usual time of 9.30am.

Attached is an outline of the idea behind the celebration and some ideas for a couple of things they would love every household to bring with them. Hence the heads up - to give you time to get them together.

There will be the usual format with craft for the children to do on the day and small discussion groups for the grown-ups. The All-Age activity will be the bringing of these items, and thanking God for his provision for us, in good times and bad.

We will briefly share the perspective of this festival in the Old Testament, the New Testament, today and in the future, and hopefully give you food for thought! We look forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes



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