



NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.8%. Well done to all.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS, CONSENT FORM & HOME-SCHOOL-PUPIL AGREEMENT

These need to be completed and returned as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency. **All 3 forms need completing on both sides, signing and returning to the office no later than Friday 27th September.** Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

We have had a few cases of sickness and diarrhoea this week and just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that children need to be kept off school for at least **48 hours** from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea to stop the spreading of the bug.



Please can you remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly whilst they are at school. Thank you. Please see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are as follows:

Tuesday 15th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm

Thursday 17th October for all years from 3.40-6.10pm. From 2pm for Class 3

Parent appointment lists will be out in the small playground in the fenced area from 8.45am and thereafter before and after school from Monday 30th September.

SATS RESULTS

At West Hill Primary School we are very proud of our results and how well the children achieve at the end of each Key Stage. In July our results were all above 2018 national averages with many higher than last years' results. Well done to everyone at West Hill Primary School!

Below are the main headlines (2018 national figures in brackets as the 2019 national figures are not yet confirmed).

EYFS: **76%** (72%) achieved Good Level of Development.

Y1 Phonics: **90%** (82%) passed the phonics screening check.

Y2 Statutory Teacher Assessments:

		Achieved the standard	Exceeded the standard
Reading	School	55%	29%
	National	50%	26%
Writing	School	65%	19%
	National	54%	16%
Maths	School	55%	23%
	National	54%	22%

Y6 Statutory Test Results:

		Achieved the standard	Exceeded the standard
Reading	School	94%	58%
	National	47%	28%
Writing (Teacher assessment)	School	77%	23%
	National	58%	20%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	School	97%	71%
	National	44%	34%
Maths	School	81%	48%
	National	52%	24%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	School	77%	23%
	National	64%	10%

SCHOOL PICK UP MESSAGES AT END OF DAY

Please can you advise school as early as possible in the day of any alternative arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the day. Phone calls to the office after 3pm reach us at a very busy time in the day and run the risk of the message not making it to the class teacher in time. We do appreciate there will be times when an emergency occurs and late notification cannot be avoided.

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Our school funding is affected by the number of children having school meals on Census day, which this year is next week on Thursday 3rd October. The menu will be the regular menu for the day which is Salmon and Sweet Chilli Noodles or Cheese Pizza.

Please could we ask for your support and ask that as many children as possible have a school meal next Thursday. Many thanks

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

Aldi are currently running a promotion to give 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000. To be in with a chance of winning the school need to collect 300 Team GB stickers to complete an Aldi Kit for Schools poster. Stickers will be given to Aldi customers spending £30 or more until 2nd November. Please bring any Aldi Team GB stickers to the school office for us to add to our poster. Thank you for your support.

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 with the national offer day being 2nd March 2020. Please apply on-line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Each year in September, we celebrate European Day of Languages. On Friday 28th September we would like to invite the children to join in the fun by coming to school dressed in another country's traditional costume. This can be



European or non-European as we shall extend our celebration to include all languages and cultures. We shall enjoy a French breakfast in the playground from 8.30-9am with donations to the PTFA so please remember to bring your pennies. There will be an assembly led by Madame Shackleton and lots of

activities throughout the day to raise awareness of our wonderful world's rich and diverse linguistic culture.



PTFA NEWS

Welcome back to the PTFA. We are a charity that aims to raise funds to assist in providing funds to help the school. In the past few years we have organised film nights, cake sales, chocolate sales, the summer fete and the annual ball.

We have plans to go forward and are proposing a first meeting of the year, next Thursday 3rd October at 7.15pm in The Legion. Please come along and support your school.

We have a number of parents who have been helping for the last few years - but we do need some newer parents to give some of their time.

What's proposed:

A film night for the children - the latest blockbuster will be shown; A cake sale after school - parents and children get to show off their baking skills The Pre-school run a Christmas fair - we would like to run a chocolate tombola and sell some mince pies and mulled wine.

A Christmas tea -towel.

The Ball - see more details below

The Summer fete - a fantastic event at the start of summer

A 5K Run - we have been asked to organise a 5K run around the Village . What an event in the calendar this will be.

All monies raised go to provide essentials to help Mrs Boulton and her colleagues teach your children.

What else - we can do anything, just give us your idea, your support and enthusiasm. If you have an idea and it is fun, then let's do it.

But we need your support.

If you can make it along for a chat next Thursday please pop in, if not then make contact (massiejs@btinternet.com). You will not be on your own - we have a number of keen volunteers - but a few of us are in our last years' at school and we need to pass on our knowledge and enthusiasm.

Come on you PTFA!!!!

WINTER BALL - Saturday 9th November 2019 from 7pm

Hi everyone, it's time to dust down those tuxes and dig out your sparkliest dresses! The Ball Committee have been furiously planning this year's Ball to bring you a fabulous fun evening! We will be completely transforming our village hall once again to raise money for the school PTFA. A beautiful three-course sit down meal will be created and professionally served by local-food heroes The Pickle Shack, followed by live music and dancing.

The ticket price of £45 includes a glass of fizz on arrival!

We are hoping to seat as many parents and friends as possible - this year we are taking bookings for full tables of 12 and half tables of 6. Just get your friends together and email the Ball Committee - westhillball@gmail.com - to reserve yours! If you have any questions let us know.

We also need your help. We will be holding a raffle before and during the evening and a live auction on the night so if you can donate a product, service or experience or have entertainment/sporting/hospitality contacts who can help by offering something for the auction to raise money for our school then please send us an email.

We look forward to welcoming faces old and new at this year's event!

Your Ball Committee (Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Natalie Shabytah, Polly Whitfield and Elaine Bailey).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL



For approximately 24 years, members of St Michael's Church have collected gifts for children from the age of 2 years to 16 years and filled shoe boxes to send to children in foreign countries at Christmas time. These gifts are delivered to families in areas where there is poverty, through natural disaster or as a result of war. None of us can be blind to the needs of others in parts of the world where there have been disasters, so why not fill a shoebox with fun (non war) toys, paper and crayons, toiletries and sweets appropriate for a certain age group and sex. Boxes and leaflets are available from the office now so please feel free to come and collect as many as you wish.

OPERATION BRAMBLE - CHRISTMAS BOXES

We are supporting Christmas boxes for the families of children in hospital on the RD&E Bramble Ward and Neonatal unit at Christmas.

Wrapped and filled boxes can be delivered to the School Office. Items within the boxes can include, as long as unopened, :

- toiletry items e.g. shower gel, shampoo
- gifts, toys, puzzles as long as nothing sharp or dangerous
- food items as long as in original packaging in case of allergies and a use by date beyond Christmas.

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

All ladies welcome to join us at the British Legion at 8pm, the more the merrier! We'd love to meet as many of our new Reception class Mums too.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON AT WEST HILL VILLAGE HALL (UPSTAIRS)

FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 1-3.30PM

Last year this community event raised over £600 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Hopefully, together we can beat that figure in 2019!

This year there will be a Raffle with some generous prizes donated by kind local businesses and of course, as much tea and cake as you could hope for.

If you're able to help with baking beforehand, all cakes will be gratefully received and if you are able to drop your cakes into the kitchen of the village hall on the morning of the event, this would be gratefully appreciated.

This event is a chance to bring the village together, make some friends, eat some delicious cake AND raise much needed funds for this very worthy cause.

Please come along, everyone is welcome. Michaela, Sarah & Sharon

SIDMOUTH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Sidmouth Science Festival takes place from Saturday 5th - Sunday 13th October. There is an events programme on the festival website www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/ and Super Science Saturday on 12th October.

MESSY CHURCH

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

October 18th - Kindness

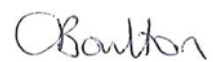
November 22nd - Love

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Boulton".

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher