



NEWSLETTER 21

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

The last week of term's whole school's attendance was **94.3%**. This is below our target attendance of **97.5%** and is likely to be due to unauthorised holidays being taken at the end of term. Please remember that holidays in term time are not considered to be exceptional circumstances and cannot be authorised.

ART MASTERPIECES IN SCHOOL

In my role of Arts Subject Leader, I am pleased to announce that West Hill Primary School will be taking part in the Masterpieces in Schools event, supported by a Royal Society of Sculptors artist!

One thousand schools registered to take part in this exciting national initiative and we have been selected by Art UK as one of the 125 primary and secondary schools across the UK.

This unique opportunity will allow our students to spend a memorable day in contact with a practising sculptor and an original artwork from their back collection that will enrich our pupils' knowledge, skills, and confidence around art. The artist will share with our pupils their bronze figurative and animal work, as well as the techniques of drawing and modelling that they use. The name of the artist will be revealed at a later date.

Mrs Bedford



PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parents' evenings are being held next week on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March. Appointment lists are now in the school office so please speak to Wendy or Jo if you still need to book a slot.

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5th MARCH



We would like to invite the children to come dressed as their favourite **book character** (be prepared to tell your class a little about who you are and why). We will spend the day off timetable celebrating books with some exciting events and activities planned for the children to enjoy.

PE FOOTWEAR AND VERRUCCAS

At West Hill Primary School we expect pupils to be barefoot for indoor gymnastic and dance sessions. If your child cannot be barefoot because they have a verruca then please ensure a note is sent to your child's class teacher to inform them.

The definitive National Subject Association guidance from Association for Physical Education (AfPE) 'Safe Practice in PE, School Sport and Physical Activity' current version states; 'In gymnastics,

barefoot work is the safest, whether on the floor or apparatus, because the toes can grip. Barefoot work in both gymnastics and dance can also improve aesthetics by allowing the foot and toes to move through a full range of flexion and extension, which in turn strengthens the muscles, bones and joints.' Many thanks for your support with this.

BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL

At West Hill Primary School we are very proud of our pupils and their achievements and we would like your parental support at home as we promote respect and manners in our school.

We will be reminding pupils in tomorrow's assembly that we are expecting to see the following:

- Saying please and thank you
- Holding doors open for others
- Showing respect to all adults
- Addressing adults by their name when spoken to (eg 'Yes, Mrs...../Mr ', rather than 'Yeah' or 'Yes')
- Lining up in silence when the whistle blows at playtimes/lunchtimes

At playtimes/lunchtimes we will be making a note of pupils who do not line up in silence and they will be expected to miss some of their playtime the following morning as a consequence.

CORONAVIRUS

We are continuing to follow advice from the Government, which has been updated this week to include the information below, copied directly from: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19th, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from these areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos

Please see the attached guidance poster from the Government.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that we are unable to administer non-prescription medication to children at school and that this should also not be brought on to the premises for a child to take unsupervised. If we are not given medication to look after we cannot guarantee that it is not taken by any other children and the consequences could be disastrous if taken by the wrong child.

If your child has been prescribed medication that needs to be taken during school hours we are able to assist with this if a green consent form is completed and signed. Forms are available from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

We have another mountain of lost property waiting to be reunited with its owners! Please look in the cupboard by the school office to see if there is anything belonging to your child. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of naming all belongings that come in to school, it is so much easier to return things if it is all clearly named. Thank you for your co-operation.

DATE REMINDERS

MARCH	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents Evening - 3.40pm to 6pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Full Governor's Meeting - 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
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Friday 6 th March	Bags2School to be returned to the KS1 playground
Friday 13 th March	Class 1 sharing assembly 10.10am
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th March	-Residential all week for Y6 -Activity week for Y5
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Service for parents of Y3 & Y4 children - 2.00-2.45pm
Thursday 26 th March	Y3 PTFA cake sale after school
Friday 27 th March	-Trophies Assembly - Y3 & Y4 Katie Murray dance performance to parents - 3pm -Last Day of Term
EASTER HOLIDAY 30 th March - 13 th April Tuesday 14 th April 2020 - Non Pupil Day (Teacher Training) Children return to school on Wednesday 15 th April 2020	

PTFA NEWS

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Your child/ren should have brought home a Bag 2 School bag for filling. Please can you make sure these are returned before 9am on **Friday 6th March** prior to their collection at 9.30am that day. Could you please drop the bags off under the canopy in the KS1 playground. Extra bags are available from the office if you need them. I am sorry but they cannot be dropped off at school before that, simply due to lack of space.

Thank you for helping raise money for our PTFA.



NEW BALL COMMITTEE URGENTLY NEEDED!

The West Hill Ball has been going now for 14 years and is both a valuable fundraiser for the school and a great local evening out. Every two years a new ball committee is formed to keep the event fresh. As last year's committee steps down we now urgently need a new group of parents to take this forward and plan the 2020 event! It can be as simple or elaborate as you like, its great fun to be involved in and the old committee are always here for advice. Please send us an email at westhillball@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 28th FEBRUARY 2019

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

MESSY CHURCH

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

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th



St Michael's Church, West Hill.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher