



## NEWSLETTER 36

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.3% This is slightly below our attendance target of 97.5%.



**DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER FETE  
THIS SATURDAY 12pm - 4.30pm**



### WOW MOMENTS

#### WEST HILL WASPS

West Hill Wasps U10s football team took part in the Ottery St Mary football tournament which attracts teams from across East Devon, Exeter and as far afield as Minehead. Allen, their manager, tells us that the boys played with great skill, tenacity but with enormous respect for their opponents. Two teams entered competing against 20 very good teams. One team reaching the Quarter Final losing to a late goal and the other team going even further reaching the final. This was after the heroics of winning two games on the most nerve wracking of penalty shoot outs. Unfortunately in the final the Wasps were beaten 2-0 but they should be very proud of getting so far against such strong opposition. West Hill pupils who should be proud of their achievement are Barney G, Harry F, Matthew H, Oscar F, Ben M, Billy C, Nathan F, and Zak C.

#### EAST DEVON SCHOOLS YEAR 5/6 AQUATHLON



Congratulations must go to Evan P, Anna F, Oscar F and Caitlin P, who took part in the East Devon Aquathlon held in Honiton last week.

They had to swim 100m and then run 1200m. We are delighted to announce that the team finished in 1st place. This is an amazing result and the children should be really proud of themselves. We are also delighted to announce that Evan P was the overall winner. Many thanks to Mrs Morris and the parents for attending the event.

## VILLAGE ART AND CRAFT FESTIVAL WINNERS

Many congratulations to all the children who took part in the Art Competition held at St Michael's Church last weekend. The event was a wonderful celebration of art and craft in West Hill. The art produced by our 21 finalists was proudly displayed and attracted a lot of attention and positive comments from all those who came to see. Visitors were able to vote for their favourite picture and the winners are:

Reception Class: Lealan + winner for EYFS

Class 1: Isla

Class 2: Phoebe + winner for KS1

Class 3: Darcy

Class 4: Millie

Class 5: James

Class 6: Izzy + KS2 winner + overall winner

All the finalists were given a prize of some beautiful drawing pencils and the overall winners also received a voucher/cash prize. Prizes were kindly donated by the Parish Council and special thanks must be given to the organisers of the event for inviting our school to be part of the festival.

We are very proud of the effort and creativity shown by so many of our talented pupils. Well done to you all!

Mrs Powley and Mrs Bedford

<https://stmichaelatwesthill.weebly.com/craft-flower-festival.html>

## WEST HILL AIR AMBULANCE LANDING SITE OPENED

The air ambulance landing site, allowing them to land throughout the night, has now officially opened on the school field. A 10-metre steel lighting column has been installed on the school's playing field and can be turned on by the Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) remotely from its control centre.

<https://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/air-ambulance-opens-landing-site-in-west-hill-1-6116941>



## STAFFING - SEPTEMBER 2019

We can now confirm teaching arrangements for September 2019.

	Teacher(s)
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs Powley (Mon-Wed) Mrs Stevens (Thurs, Fri)
<b>Class 1</b>	Mr Sapwell
<b>Class 2</b>	Mr Joseph
<b>Class 3</b>	Miss Kemp
<b>Class 4</b>	Mr Pantling (3 days) and Miss Spence (2 days) Days to be confirmed
<b>Class 5</b>	Mrs Tovey (Mon,Tues) Mrs Bedford (Wed-Fri)
<b>Class 6</b>	Mrs Harris (Mon-Wed) Mrs Bennett (Thurs, Fri)
<b>Y4,5,6 MFL (French)</b>	Mrs Shackleton (Mon pm)

The children will be visiting their new classes on the afternoon of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## REPORTS

Schools have a statutory duty to prepare annual reports for parents before the end of the summer term. The report must cover each pupil's achievements, general progress and attendance record. Reports for pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) must also include the outcomes of national curriculum assessments.

As School Pupil Tracker is closing, we have decided to launch a new format of report this year. We will be reporting in detail on English and maths with foundation subjects having a 1-3 star tick system to show attainment, progress and effort. There will also be a box for teacher comments and Head teacher comments.

Reports will be issued on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. For tighter security measures, we would prefer not to send reports home in children's book bags and we are asking parents, relatives or childminders to collect them directly from the class teachers. If this is not possible, then please let us know if you would still like the report sent home in your child's book bag. For Y6 pupils visiting King's and anyone absent that day, reports will also be available for collection from class teachers the following week (Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July). Class 2 parents will be able to use the side gate to access Class 2 in order to collect your reports and children that day.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on the new report format in order to make any amendments for next year. Please e-mail any comments to [admin@west-hil-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-hil-primary.devon.sch.uk) FAO Mrs Boulton



### SPONSORED BOUNCE & DRESS DOWN DAY - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Children have already brought home a sponsor form for the Sponsored Bounce on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please can these be returned with money collected by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We will also be having a **NON-UNIFORM DAY on 28<sup>th</sup> June** so please can you make sure children are wearing clothing suitable for bouncing on the bouncy castle, and also provide a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola at the fete. Chocolate donations can be placed in the collection boxes in the playground on their way in to school or the box in the office. Thank you for supporting our PTFA.

### ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE THIS FRIDAY

The Orchestra will be performing in the school assembly at 10.10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents of children in the Orchestra are invited to attend. The assembly will be their big performance this year; there will not be a party tea and parents' performance on the last rehearsal date as we have done in previous years.

The last rehearsal of the term will be Tuesday 9th July.



### AUTUMN TERM FRENCH CLUB

Lunchtime French Club will begin again in September 2019 for Years 1 and 2. The cost is £3 per session per child invoiced and payable at the start of each term. If you would like your child to start French Club or continue if they are currently in Year 1, then please fill out the form attached and return to the school office for my attention. Many thanks, Madame Shackleton

### WANTED! WASHING MACHINE

The washing machine in the school kitchen has broken beyond repair so if anyone has a working machine that is no longer required please contact the school office. This would be hugely appreciated.



## MENU AMENDMENTS WEEK COMMENCING 1 JULY 2019

Due to the Summer Show and the stage being in the hall we will be having bagged lunches on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. In order to avoid repetition and also losing Wednesday's roast we will be swapping the menus on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. The menu will be as normal on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The amended menu will be as follows:-

MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	
Main	Pasta Bake
Vegetarian	Vegetable Fahitas
Sides	Sweetcorn, Garlic Bread & Rainbow Salad Sticks
Dessert	Flapplejack or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	
Main	Roast Chicken with Gravy
Vegetarian	Potato topped Vegetable Pie
Sides	Roast or Boiled Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans
Dessert	Peaches and Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	
<b><i>BAGGED MEALS</i></b>	
Main	Beefburger in a Bap
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Burger in a Bap
Sides	Chips, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Dessert	Biscuit

Please note there will be no Jacket Potatoes available this day.

THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	
<b><i>BAGGED MEALS</i></b>	
Main	Sausage
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage
Sides	Wedges, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Dessert	Shortcake

Please note there will be no Jacket Potatoes available this day.

FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	
Main	Mini Battered Fish Fillet
Vegetarian	Veggie Fingers
Sides	Chips, Pasta, Peas or Baked Beans or Vegetable Sticks
Dessert	Peaches and Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit

## DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please see the office for a refund or funds can be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

## START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that school starts at 8.55am and after this time the side gate near the steps is locked. Any pupils arriving after the gate is locked should instead be escorted by an adult to sign in at the school office. They will not be able to gain access to the school via the side gate in the usual way as the new Stanley Security doors are set to automatically lock. Although Mrs Boulton stands on the gate near the school field, this is only to allow Reception parents to leave the school site and is not to allow late arrivals to sneak in!

## **CHANGE TO DATE OF EARLY 2020 MAY BANK HOLIDAY**

You may have seen the announcement over the weekend that **the Spring Bank Holiday will be moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. This is related to recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

We have an ever growing collection of lost property with a large amount of plastic pots and jumpers/cardigans. Unfortunately as most items are un-named it is almost impossible to ensure they are returned to their owner. Please can we remind you to label all items of your child's belongings including plastic snack pots and lunch boxes. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL PUPIL TRACKER/REPORTS**

Please be aware that our school subscription to School Pupil Tracker expires on 4th September 2019. After this date, parents from Class 1 to Class 6 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. Thank you.

## **MUSIC LESSONS FOR PUPILS IN KEY STAGE 2 (CLASSES 3-6) IN SEPTEMBER**

Peripatetic music teachers come to West Hill Primary School to give instrumental tuition to the children who would like to learn a musical instrument. The teacher is self-employed and will invoice you directly for lessons termly, with a term's notice required if the child wishes to stop. They are able to offer tuition for woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone), brass (cornet), violin and guitar. You will need to provide the instruments, but with the exception of guitar, these can be hired through Music Devon at reasonable rates.

For new starters (current Year 2 and upwards), in order to secure a place to start in September, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter, and return to Wendy or Jo by **Monday 1st July**. Paperwork will then be sent home to complete. Once the music teacher has arranged their tuition time for West Hill School, to start in September, it is unlikely they will be able to accommodate any additional requests after July.

## **CURRENT MUSIC LESSONS**

May I remind you to email the music tutors to confirm whether your child wishes to continue their lessons as well as returning your contracts to the office by the 1st July.

## **PTFA UPDATE**

### **THE FETE**

The Fete is almost with us. Please come along and support it. There are more stalls than ever - including 4 class stalls being run by the KS 2 children. We need as many people as possible turning up. It is fun, fun fun. Tell your neighbours and friends and get them onto the field on Saturday afternoon.

Your small band of volunteers are working hard to make this a success - but we still need your help - enjoy yourselves, spend as though there is no tomorrow! Most importantly join in - you are never too old for a bouncy castle or for a coconut shy, or to test your speed on a speed gun, or for the climax of it all - the eggathon!!

Many thanks to those of you who have donated an item for the luxury hamper, it's going to be a lovely prize for the lucky winner! It's not too late to donate, just drop any items into the hamper in reception. Also please remember to return your raffle ticket stubs to reception this week to be in with a chance of winning one of the amazing prizes on offer!

You may have seen our Facebook post earlier this week about re-usable plastic cups at the Fete this year? We're delighted to be selling re-usable Tar Barrels cups at the bar, just £1 each, you get to keep the cup or alternatively you can bring your own re-usable cups from home. #RefillNotLandfill

Could I also ask you all to bear in mind those who are clearing up - take your rubbish away or sort it properly into the correct bins!!

We have also got a photographer going around taking pictures so we have great memories of this event - if you don't want to be photographed please just tell him!

**NEXT EVENT** - Before the summer term ends we are due one more cake sale.

**FILM NIGHT** - Is there any interest in one more film night before summer finally hits us? Let us know if "yes", and what film would you like?

### **BAGS TO SCHOOL**

You should have now received your blue bag and we would request that they are filled to the brim and then dropped off on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July by 9.00am**, prior to their collection at 9.30am that day. Could you please drop the bags off under the canopy in the playground. I am sorry but they cannot be dropped off at school before that, simply due to lack of space. This is a big earner for the PTFA, so please do not skimp when going through your wardrobes!

### **ANY OTHER IDEAS?**

If anyone has any more ideas for fund raising please do let us know and we will look to see how we can turn them into money-earners. As always, we need your support.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **MESSY CHURCH - THIS FRIDAY**

Fun activities, informal worship and share food.

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer BBQ and party

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



### **MUMS NIGHT OUT - LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

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

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

*Cheryl Boulton*

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

would like to learn \_\_\_\_\_ ( name of instrument).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

**Please return slip to Wendy or Jo by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

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**AUTUMN TERM 2019 FRENCH CLUB**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ who will be in Class 1/Class 2 (please circle)

in September 2019 would like to attend a lunchtime French Club.

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_