



## NEWSLETTER 11

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week, our whole school's attendance was **97.8%** which is above our target of **97.5%**. Well done everyone.

2020 has been a hard year for us all but if we do our bit and follow the new national restrictions we will get through it together. Thank you to everyone for wearing masks at collection/drop off. Your support is much appreciated in keeping us all as safe as possible.

### TIER 2-HIGH ALERT-WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

The government has decided that [Devon will be under Tier 2 local restrictions](#) when lockdown ends (2<sup>nd</sup> December).



It means that from Wednesday 2 December:

- You must not socialise with anyone indoors who is not in your household or part of your support bubble, at home or in a public space.
- If you are outside, you can meet in groups of up to six people from different households.
- Everyone who can work from home should do so.
- You should reduce the number of journeys you make, avoiding busy times and routes on public transport, and car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Walk or cycle instead if possible.

- Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10.00pm and must close by 11.00pm.
- Some businesses such as non-essential retail, leisure and sports venues can reopen providing they are COVID-secure.
- You must continue to follow Tier 2 restrictions if you travel to a Tier 1 area. You should avoid travel to a Tier 3 area other than where necessary, for example for work, education, medical treatment or to carry out caring responsibilities.

[Full details of Tier 2 restrictions are available on the government's website.](#)

### **COVID SYMPTOM REMINDER**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature**-this means you have a temperature of 37.8+C
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Most people with coronavirus will have at least 1 of these symptoms**

If anyone in the school (pupil or adult) has any of the 3 symptoms of COVID they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus.

The school will need to be informed of:

- The date of onset of symptoms
- Which of the 3 above symptoms they are displaying
- The date booked for their COVID test
- The result of their test.

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID-19, they can stop self-isolating and can return to school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

### **REMOTE LEARNING**

Any children who are self-isolating due to COVID related issues will be able to continue their education at home via Google Classroom (for Classes 1-6) and Tapestry (for Reception). A letter will be e-mailed to you from the office once you have informed us of your child's absence.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM/PE KIT**

Please can we remind you that our school uniform policy states '*Smartness and high standards of appearance are expected at all times.*'

**School uniform:** Light grey trousers, light grey pinafore dress or skirt of a standard length (either on the knee or only marginally above). Plain green, black, grey or white socks or tights. Children should not be wearing leggings to school underneath their skirts.

**PE:** Boys and girls wear green shorts, a plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Tracksuits with the school logo may be purchased, if you wish. However, smart, non-uniform tracksuits may be worn in the winter for outdoor P.E. and sports afternoons. Please do not send children to school with brightly coloured leggings.

**Long hair** should be tied back neatly, with plain or green/white checked bands or 'scrunchies'. This is not only for reasons of smartness, appearance and health and safety.

### **APPEAL FROM RECEPTION CLASS TEACHERS**

In Reception Class we are always looking for ways to inspire and engage our children and are currently looking for 'loose parts' for the children to create pictures and models with as well as to use for counting and sorting. If you've had a 'lockdown sort out' of your shed and have any **nuts, bolts, cogs, spring, hinges, washers, picture hooks, old keys, Allen keys, small spanners ...or other bits and bobs**, we'd love to take them off your hands.

If you can help us, please feel free to post anything you have through the school letter box in an envelope FAO Reception Class teachers or otherwise contact:

[admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Thank you for any support with this.

Mrs Powley and Mrs Stevens

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

This year, children will be restricted to sending Christmas cards to pupils and staff in their own class bubble. They will be allowed to bring these into school on:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Cards will be quarantined for 48 hrs and then given out in class on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December to bring home. Please do not send any cards into school on Thursdays or Fridays.

### **TROPHIES**

If your child was presented with a trophy at the end of last half term please can we ask that they return them to Wendy or Elaine in the office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. Thank you.



### **MUSIC TUITION**

**BRASS LESSONS** - The last lesson will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will restart on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**WOODWIND LESSONS** - The last lesson will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and will restart on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**GUITAR LESSONS** - The last lesson will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and will restart on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**KEYBOARD LESSONS** - The last lessons will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and will restart on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**VIOLIN LESSONS** - The last lessons will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and will restart on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.



### CLASS 3 AND CLASS 4 CHRISTINGLE

Due to COVID restrictions we are unfortunately unable to hold our annual Christingle service in St. Michael's Parish church this year. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the children brought home the Children's Society envelope as we usually support this charity by having a collection in the church. We appreciate that it is a financially challenging time for some of you but would appreciate any loose change that you can give to this worthy cause. Please can you ensure that the envelopes are returned to the school by **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** as they will then be collected. Thank you for your support.

### READER HELPERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a Reader Helper at West Hill? The following classes need help:

Reception - Wednesday (preferably morning)

Class 1 - Monday (preferably morning)

Class 2 - Wednesdays

Class 3 - Thursday mornings

Class 5 - Wednesday afternoons



## PTFA NEWS

### ROCKETFUND FUNDRAISING

Following the cancellation of our two large fundraisers which support the PTFA a huge amount financially, and the need to fund 32 new chromebooks, we have launched an online fundraising website.

<https://www.rocketfund.org/tech-enabled-education>

We have an initial fundraising target of £4,500k to reach to allow us to part fund the invoice for this order, so please share this with family, friends and businesses as you see fit to support the education of our children at the school.

As of Wednesday morning, we had already raised a wonderful **£1090**.

Thank you to everyone that has donated so far. Any amount, small or large, is greatly appreciated.



ROCKET FUND

### CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Following the success of the pumpkin trail over the half term, the PTFA are organising a "West Hill's Gone Crackers" Christmas trail. See attached poster for further details.

### BAGS 2 SCHOOL

A collection is booked for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, so please hold onto any clothing items you plan to clear out over the Christmas period. Collection bags will be sent home in book bags this half term.

### CHILD'S ART

Please remember deadline date of the start of December for ordering your child's Christmas art work, the site has many other Christmas present ideas other than just cards. We as a PTFA receive commission on any orders placed.

<https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mychildsart.co.uk%2Forder&data=04%7C01%7C%7C7398c0efd4ca47dbcd5308d88106abdf%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637401212933559545%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=SxL%2F0bSm3RB1tpROEEeu%2F9s%2BiVXB%2BcF4H95%2FfTx%2BVus%3D&reserved=0>

## **SCHOOL MUFTI DAY**

Children are welcome to come to school on **Friday 18th December** in lieu of a donation. This will form part of 3 mufti days for the whole school, with funds raised per class going directly to those children. (In lieu of cake sales which are currently not possible). Proceeds raised to be agreed by the children and the teacher whether to save up throughout the year, or spend after each mufti day.

## **AMAZON SMILE**

If you shop Amazon, Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1041234-0](http://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1041234-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to West Hill Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association at no extra cost. See attached poster for details on how to set it up.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **WEST HILL VILLAGE CALENDAR AND CARDS**

A full colour, 13 page, A4 calendar and packs of 10 notelet cards, with pictures taken by village photographers of the village are being sold in aid of St Michael's Church

<http://www.stmichaelatwesthill.weebly.com>

### **BRAMBLE WARD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

See attached leaflet for details of how you can help.

### **BISCUIT RECIPE AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION**

Mac Dick from West Hill Parish Church has forwarded us a Christmas Star biscuit recipe and a request for the children to make Christmas tree decorations for the church. Please see the two attachments for further information.

### **DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE DIFFICULTY SLEEPING**

Please see attached information from our School Nurse if your child has any sleeping issues.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

With my best wishes



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher