



NEWSLETTER 11

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.9%. Well done to all.

WOW MOMENT- BBC RADIO DEVON'S STAR FOR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Some of you may have listened to BBC Radio Devon yesterday morning and heard the good news that our choir have been selected as one of the four finalists in the large school category for BBC Radio Devon's Star for Christmas (which we won last year). This means that approximately 53 pupils from KS2 will be going to Torquay on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December to perform at The Riviera Centre which starts at 7pm along with the other finalists. Public voting will begin soon and we will update you with further details as soon as we are informed.

We are awaiting further details about the event before booking coaches etc. and will keep you updated about arrangements. If your child is in the choir, you can e-mail devontickets@bbc.co.uk to claim your free tickets (max 4 per application).

CAROLS UNDER THE CANOPY-WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

As we now have 21 members of Y5/6 and both Mrs Bennett/Mrs Bedford out of school on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th, we are very sorry but we will have to cancel the carols under the canopy at 3pm on Wednesday 18th December. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

VILLAGE HALL DISABLED PARKING SPACES

As you know, there are three parking spaces in West Hill Village Hall's car park which are designated for the use of disabled visitors (as a driver or a passenger) so they can park close to the hall. Recently, we have noticed that on a number of occasions, cars have been parked in these bays without showing the required 'Blue Badge' to confirm eligibility to park there.

If you are entitled to park in a disabled bay, please ensure that your Blue Badge is on display. Out of consideration for our disabled visitors, we respectfully ask that everyone else parks in one of the other spaces provided. We will be monitoring the situation closely over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Cheryl Boulton (Head Teacher) and Ian Heard (Chair of the Village Hall)

VISION SCREENING

The children in our Reception class had their vision screening last week, and whilst the nurse was here, she advised us that children in our current year 2 (who had their vision screening whilst they

were in Reception) should now make an appointment at an opticians as their screening will have expired.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

We are hoping to restart the school orchestra in January, possibly on a Tuesday morning before school in the village hall. Before we make a booking for the hall, please could you let the office know if your child would be interested in coming to rehearsals from 8am until the start of school so we can make sure we have enough numbers to play music.

Please could you reply to the office with your child's name, age, instrument and how long they have played for / exam grade. We will let you know before Christmas if there is enough interest to start running orchestra again.

Danny Murphy

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

After a very successful Christmas lunch last year we have decided to have another one this year. Your child brought home a special menu form last week that needs to be completed with their choices and returned by **Monday 2nd December 2019**. We are also asking that their dinner accounts are in credit on the day by £2.50 if in Key Stage 2 (free for children in key stage 1 - no payment necessary). If you did not receive the Christmas Lunch menu, please pop in to the office to collect one. **We would also like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a Christmas jumper if they would like.**



CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas post-box will be operating from Monday 2nd December. The children will be able to post their cards to each other and to any adults who work in school (no cards please to friends outside the school as they won't get delivered!) The Year 6 elves will deliver daily for the last 3 weeks of term. Please make sure that all cards have the name and class of child on the envelope. Any with no class will have to be opened to try to track down who they are for.

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 Jo in the office by Friday 13 December at the latest. Thank you.



PARENTS OF CLASS 2 AND CLASS 4

We would like to invite all parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4 to watch their children perform their dances that they have been working on with Katie Murray in the village hall on **Friday 13th December at 3pm**.

MUSIC TUITION

BRASS LESSONS - The last lesson is today and will restart on Thursday 9th January.

WOODWIND LESSONS - The last lesson will be on Wednesday 4th December and will restart on Monday 13th January.

GUITAR LESSONS - The last lesson will be Tuesday 3rd December and will restart on Tuesday 14th January.



RUN A MILE CLUB

The school field is unfortunately still water logged so there will be NO Run a Mile club on Friday mornings until further notice.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2020/2021

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2020/2021 academic year will open on 15th November 2019 and close at midnight on 15th January 2020. Parents are invited to apply between those dates and express three preferences via the online application facility at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. Applications cannot be made online after the closing date, hard copy forms will have to be requested via the Helpline 0345 1551019. Late applications will not be considered before timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

You can view the proposed admissions policy for the 2021-22 academic year on the school website by clicking on this link: <http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2021-West-Hill-admissions-policy.pdf>

Your views are invited on the policy. We propose to:

- amend the catchment area. The proposed changes are to the northern boundary with Fenton primary school and to the eastern boundary with Ottery St Mary primary school and are shown in the proposed policy document
- consider all in-year applications received by 6pm on the same day together instead of up to 2pm
- confirm that all members of staff are considered to be a part of the school community for admissions purposes, including those employed by a third party where their duties are solely at the school
- confirm that all multiple birth siblings will be admitted where at least one can be admitted to a vacancy
- confirm that where a child from a service family provides a unit address, this will be deemed to be 1 metre from the school for admissions purposes
- confirm that where a sibling is offered a place to start in the following September, he or she will be considered to be on roll for the purposes of priority for the normal round of admissions
- update wording regarding the school uniform

The consultation is open from 1 November to 3 January 2020 and responses can be made either to the school (by email or letter) or to Devon County Council via www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

We will consider any responses we receive in determining the final version of the policy at a Governing Board meeting before the end of February 2020. Any person who believes the determined policy is unlawful may object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

PTFA NEWS

WEST HILL PRINTED TEA TOWELS

As part of a PTFA initiative to raise funds for our school we have organised the production of two fabulous printed tea towels (Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2), which include a self-portrait of all the children and their teachers for the 2019/20 school year. Please see the attached order form for further details.

100 CLUB

This is the final call for 100 club forms if you wish to be entered into the draw for the Autumn term months. All forms need to be received by Claire Ritchie by 3.30pm on Friday 6 December. The winning numbers will be picked on Monday 9 December with the lucky winners being announced in the newsletter on Thursday 12 December. It is really not too late to enter and there are plenty of numbers left!

The concept of the club is really simple - for just £1 a month (paid annually in advance) your name is entered into the draw. 50% of the income generated will be used to raise funds for use in the

school to enhance the education of pupils. The remaining 50% will be offered as cash prizes with 2 prizes each calendar month.

If you wish to renew and you have lost your form, don't worry just give Claire the cash/cheque. New members should print off the form attached. Thanks to everyone who is supporting the club this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPORTY STARS

Please see the attached flyer for details of next term's After School Clubs and a special one off event.

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT IN OTTERY ST MARY 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

Please see the attached flyer for the above event that will take place tomorrow from 4pm to 9.30pm.

HOMELESS SHOEBOX APPEAL FOR THE SOUTHWEST

I am collecting shoe boxes for the homeless again this year. If you would like to donate a box, please could you drop it to St Michael's Church in West Hill, clearly labelled for a lady or gent (no razors, sharp objects or hand sanitiser). I am also taking clean, good condition warm coats, blankets and sleeping bags. (Sorry, no duvets). The deadline is 11th December. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Thank you Michaela Chown

WEST HILL PRE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to the West Hill Pre School Christmas Fair on Sunday 8th December from 2-4.30pm, there will be lots of festive fun including a performance from the West Hill Primary School choir. All details on the attached poster.

MESSY CHURCH

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

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

Cheryl Boulton

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton

Headteacher