



NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.4% Well done to all.

'WOW MOMENT'

Last Wednesday, I travelled with 12 budding athletes and 2 parents to take part in the first Stockland's Cross Country event of this academic year. It was a first Stockland experience for many of the children, and for myself, and I was incredibly proud of the levels of determination and motivation shown by all who took part. We had some fantastic results, with all the children finishing in the top half of their races, nine finishing in the top ten and a special mention to William S and Oscar F who finished 2nd in their respective races. Well done to all! Mr Sapwell

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Each year at West Hill Primary School we celebrate European Day of Languages and this year was no exception! As a school, we feel strongly about the importance of learning new languages from an early age. Our everyday focus is French but EDL gives us a great opportunity to explore other world languages and cultures. Children began to trickle into the playground early on Friday morning having made great efforts to dress in costumes representing many different countries from around the world. They were enticed by the smell of croissants and pains au chocolat. We had a pot for donations to the PTFA and parents gave so generously. Each class focused on a different country and a number of activities were on offer, including learning how to say "Speak to Me" in a range of languages. A fun-filled day was had by all! A bientôt, - Madame Shackleton.



DATA CORRECTION

We have updated this year's Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results from last week's newsletter.

Unfortunately, the Year 2 and Year 6 data is presented to us by the government in different ways (some figures were cumulative, others were not). We have corrected this to ensure data is accurate and easily used for comparison purposes. Apologies for any confusion caused.

EYFS: **76%** (72% National 2018) achieved Good Level of Development.

Y1 Phonics: **90%** (82% National 2018) passed the phonics screening check.

Y2 Statutory Teacher Assessments:

		Achieved the standard	Exceeded the standard
Reading	School	84%	29%
	National (2018)	76%	26%
Writing	School	84%	19%
	National (2018)	70%	16%
Maths	School	77%	23%
	National (2018)	76%	22%

Y6 Statutory Test Results:

		Achieved the standard	Exceeded the standard
Reading	School	94%	61%
	National (2018)	75%	28%
Writing (Teacher assessment)	School	100%	23%
	National (2018)	78%	20%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	School	97%	71%
	National (2018)	78%	34%
Maths	School	81%	48%
	National (2018)	76%	24%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	School	77%	23%
	National (2018)	64%	10%

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. Unfortunately a number of forms are still outstanding and so we ask that all **3 forms need completing on both sides, signing and returning to the office by the end of this week.**

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 are now available in the school office if you have yet to book an appointment.

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

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

SUPPORTING OTTERY ST MARY FOOD BANK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

This year, we are delighted to be working with West Hill Parish Church to support Ottery St Mary Food Bank. The food bank is a local store of non-perishable food operated by Churches Together in Ottery. Food is made available to those who are in 'food crisis': they have no food and no money with which to buy food.

In the spirit of giving, we are asking pupils at West Hill to bring **one item** of non-perishable food to school on Friday 4th October. Mac from West Hill Parish Church will be joining us on that day for a special Harvest assembly and will then take our donations to the food bank.

The food bank want only packets or tins, and are especially keen to receive:

- Tinned meat/fruit
- garden peas
- carrots
- sweetcorn
- rice pudding
- custard
- coffee
- sugar

- pasta sauces

Thank you in advance for your support with this good cause.

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.

First meeting of the year - **We are having the first meeting of the year tonight at the Legion at 7.15pm.** All are welcome to attend. Please come and support us. You won't be asked to do anything you don't want to!!!

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.

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).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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

Cheryl Boulton

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Headteacher