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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week, our whole school's attendance was **99.3%** which is above our target of **97.5%**. Well done everyone.

2020 EDUCATION BUSINESS AWARDS

The winners of the 2020 Education Business Awards were announced on November 26th, live online for the first time. In eighteen categories, schools across the UK were recognised for the dedication and hard work of teaching and support staff, who have been put under particular pressure by the COVID 19 pandemic.

We are delighted to announce that West Hill Primary School was awarded winner of the Art and Craft Award particularly for the work with our Artsmark Gold Award. A big thank you goes to Mrs Bedford (subject Leader for The Arts).

If you wish to see a recording of the awards ceremony, please register at:

<https://awards.educationbusinessuk.net/register>. Our award is presented at 0:22:43.



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.

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 7th Dec.

Monday 14th Dec.

Tuesday 8th Dec.

Tuesday 15th Dec.

Wednesday 9th Dec.

Wednesday 16th Dec.

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

YEAR 5 AND 6 GET GOING WITH WARHAMMER CLUB

Last month, our Year 5 and 6 pupils (in separate bubbles, of course) got started with Warhammer Club. In the club, children learn how to build, paint and play games set in futuristic or fantasy settings. Some children last week built their first model and gave it a basecoat, while others have brought in their own armies to play against their friends. The club takes place every Friday at lunchtime.

We were stunned to have this week received 4 large boxes containing £100s of brand-new models, paints, brushes, tools and books for free from 'Warhammer Alliance' (who liaise with Warhammer Clubs in schools around the country) after Mr Pantling emailed to celebrate that 36 children are now taking part in the club and asked if they could help in any way, so a huge 'Thank You' to them. Every child received their own goody bag to keep.

Any other children in Year 5 or 6 who are interested in joining Warhammer Club should contact Mr Pantling for more details.



For the past 2 weeks many year five and six children have joined the Warhammer club run by Mr Pantling. Games Workshop have kindly given the club many figures, paints, glue, clippers, brushes and information books and we are very grateful we have got them. The members of the club are already enjoying it and we thank Mr Pantling for giving his time to run the Warhammer Club.

By Poppy and Lucy, Year 5 Warhammer Club members

CLASS 4 LOVING LEARNING TO CODE WITH LEGO WEDO 2.0



Class 4 have been learning how to follow instructions to build a wide range of Lego Projects using Lego Wedo 2.0. Once the models are built, the children need to learn how to use the coding software to control the lights, motors, motion sensors, speakers etc and to adapt the design to fulfil different requirements and solve new challenges. These challenges including building earthquake resistant homes, deadly predators, recycling machines and much more.



Mr Pantling and Mrs Pedley have been so impressed with the level of understanding the children have shown when using this brilliant resource. Thank you again to our wonderful PTFA for funding the purchase of all 11 sets.

We are sure that other classes will love coding using these kits in the near future!

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 11th December at the latest. Thank you.



Y2 and Y6 SATs UPDATE

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education announced [measures to support pupils taking exams and assessments in 2021](#) and said:

we recognise the difficulties that primary schools are facing in light of the ongoing disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore, we have altered our approach to the 2021 national curriculum assessments, and will focus on the most important summer assessments for schools, pupils and parents.

For 2021, we have removed:

- all key stage 1 (KS1) tests
- the key stage 2 (KS2) English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- the requirement to make and report teacher assessment judgements for science at KS1 and KS2

To further support schools, we:

- have delayed the statutory introduction of the multiplication tables check - schools may choose to take part on an optional basis
- have extended the timetable variation periods for phonics and KS2, to allow schools greater flexibility if pupils cannot take the tests on the scheduled dates because of coronavirus disruption
- have removed the requirement for schools to submit applications for pupils who need additional time in KS2 tests or notifications that they used an aid (such as a scribe or word processor)

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- the phonics screening check for year 1 pupils (and year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)
- KS2 English reading and mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment (excluding science)
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PTFA NEWS

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

"West Hill's Gone Crackers" is the village Christmas trail being organised by the PTFA. For a minimum donation of £1 you will receive a wooden cracker, upon which a joke can be written and hung on your gate/driveway for others to find. See attached poster for further details.

100 CLUB

Thank you to all of those who have supported the PTFA's 100 club this year.

First prize is £20 and second prize is £10. The winners of the first four draws are:

September first prize - Mrs Boulton	September second prize - Julie Spier
October first prize - Joanna Bromley	October second prize - Ruth Downey
November first prize - Gill Munday	November second prize - Mena and Chris Rickard
December first prize - Zara Parkes	December second prize - Sarah Knight

Please collect your winnings from the school office!

ROCKETFUND FUNDRAISING

Following the cancellation of our two large fundraisers that 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 Thursday morning, we have raised a wonderful £1,345. Thank you to everyone that has donated so far. Any amount, small or large, is greatly appreciated.

CHILD'S ART

The group portal remains open for orders with a cut-off date of **9th December** for any orders. It is recommended to order Christmas cards separately to other items, to ensure these arrive in time for your use. Please check the My Child's Art website for further delivery updates.

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BAGS 2 SCHOOL

A collection is booked for **Thursday 14th 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.

SCHOOL MUFTI DAY

Non-uniform is welcome on **Friday 18th December**, please bring in a donation to fundraise for each class. This will form part of 3 mufti days for the whole school, with funds raised going directly to the children's relevant class. (This is in lieu of cake sales which are currently not possible).

Proceeds raised will be agreed by the children and the teacher whether to save up throughout the year, or spend after each mufti day.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please email PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk with any queries, fundraising ideas or offering of time.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CARD 9AM FRIDAY HALL AND SCOTT

Hall & Scott Estate Agent are holding their design a Christmas card competition again. Please see the attached template to use and return to school by 9.15am on Friday 11th December. There are 3 prizes £25, £10 & £5 plus a £100 for the winning school.

SANTA AT MCCOLLS

The local Rotary Club will be collecting for local charities at McColls on **Saturday 19th December 2020** from 9am to 1pm. All donations will be used to support the local community.

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>

OTTERY ST MARY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Book Track is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand new reading challenge to replace Book Track. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize. The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (T&Cs apply)

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

With my best wishes



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher