



NEWSLETTER 33

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Dear Parents,



The week before half term the whole school's attendance was 97.4% which is slightly below our attendance target of 97.5%.

WOW MOMENT

The Rotary Club of Otter Valley held a Junior Young Musician Competition at Ottery Church on 4th June. Our school orchestra took part and won the shield for the best overall performance. Several of our children took part in individual pieces and had outstanding success.

In the Y2-Y4 group, Imogen in Class 4 came 2nd

In the Y5-Y6 group, Rebecca from Class 6 came 3rd, Jerry from Class 6 came 2nd and Evie, also from class 6, came 1st.

We would also like to give a special mention to Lucy (Class 2), Millie (Class 4), Martha and Charlie (Class 5) who also played solos.

Everyone who took part was brilliant as it takes a lot of courage to play in front of a large audience.

ARTSMARK OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who attended the Artsmark open afternoon yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents interested in what the school has been doing in the Arts. The pupils and staff have all worked very hard to show case the wonderful activities we offer at West Hill and the results we obtain. Thank you especially to Mrs Bedford for organising the afternoon, School Council and Miss Kemp for creating the feedback questionnaire and to Scott Massie, Jill Massie and Mrs Jackson for the wonderful refreshments.

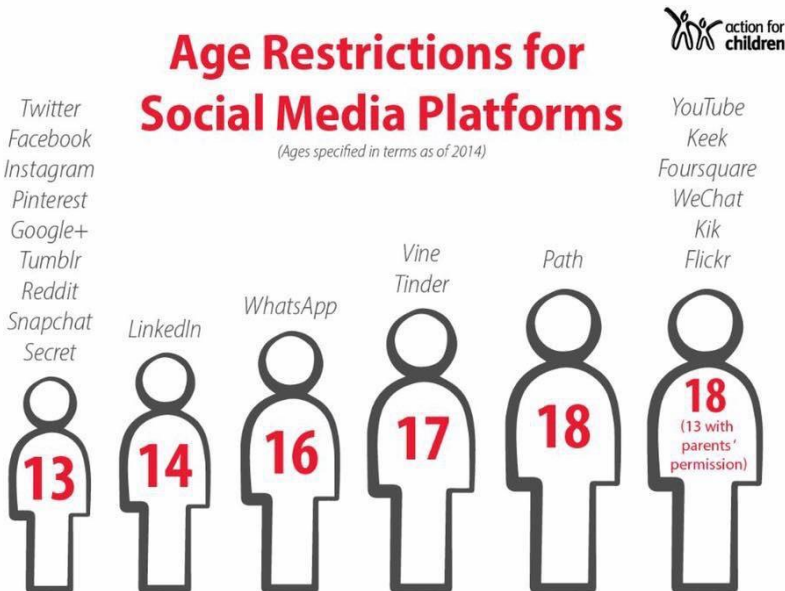


SIGNING UP FOR STALLS AT FETE

As you are aware the KS2 classes have all been asked to organise their own stall at the fete this year and have all been working very hard to organise this. Lists were placed under the canopy on Monday 3rd June for volunteers to run the stall for each class for 30 minute intervals but unfortunately we have only had one volunteer! The lists will now be passed to each KS2 class teacher so please see them if you are able to help with volunteering for a 30 minute slot. Many thanks.

APPS/APPROPRIATE AGE LIMITS

In recent newsletters we advised parents of appropriate age restrictions for computer games at home such as Fortnite (rated 12.) Please be aware that age restrictions also apply to social media platforms such as WhatsApp. WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. Since May 2018 the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old. National Online Safety have produced a 'What parents need to know about What'sApp' (the green poster below). To access this please see <https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/WhatsApp-Parents-Guide.pdf>



SUN CREAM & SUN HATS

Due to the recent spell of sunny weather we are advising all children to bring a named sun hat to school with them. Water bottles are a must as well and children are free to replenish these throughout the day and access water at all times. **With regards to sun cream please make sure your child/ren come to school with this applied, we are unable to allow sun cream to be kept in the children's trays and we are unable to apply it for them due to children who may have allergies within the school.** We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

PHOTOS IN SCHOOL AND GDPR

As we are at the time of the school year with end of year performances may we remind you that you are welcome to take photos and videos of your children or other family members, but please be sensible with the images of other people's children who may appear in the background. Please do not publish these on social media without the parent's permission. Thank you.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM MUMPS AND MEASLES

Please see the attached information from Public Health England about protecting your child from mumps and measles.

GUITAR LESSONS

Due to unforeseen circumstances there were no guitar lessons on Tuesday 7th May. Mr Wall will hold lessons on Friday 7th June in lieu of the missed lessons. Please can you ensure that your child brings their guitar and music to school with them that day. This will be in addition to the regular lessons on Tuesday 4th June.

WEST HILL RUNNING CLUB WIN

Last evening West Hill Runners entered an inter club running event where teams of 3 entered a long distance relay event. West Hill entered 6 teams into the competitive event and one of our teams won the overall U11 category, Sam, Evan and Oscar. Sam also won first place in the fastest split time for his leg of the race. It was a well turned out event and all the children ran brilliantly.

ASSEMBLY VISITOR



Yesterday in assembly Chris Webster visited with Ben Chrisene from Exeter City. Ben is only 15 years old (4 years older than some of our Year 6 pupils). Ben shared his football career with the children and talked about his determination and hard work to get where he is.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Reminder

JUNE	
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th	- Class 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 10 th - Friday 28 th	- Year 4 multiplication tables check national voluntary pilot
Wednesday 12 th	- Full Governors' Meeting - 6.30pm
Friday 21 st	- Class 3 Sharing Assembly - 10.10am. Parents of Class 3 pupils welcome to attend
Tuesday 25 th	- Class 3 trip
Thursday 27 th	- King's Open Evening for Year 6 children & Parents - 6.00pm
Friday 28 th	- PTFA Sponsored Bounce
Saturday 29 th	- West Hill Summer Fete - 12noon-4.30pm
JULY	
Wednesday 3 rd	- Reception Class Trip
Thursday 4 th	- Class 5 & Class 6 Summer Performance - matinee 2pm & evening 6pm. Parents of Class 5 and 6 pupils welcome to attend
Friday 5 th	- Reception Class Sharing Assembly - 10.10am. Parents of Reception pupils welcome to attend
Monday 8 th	- Project week at King's School. Class 6 children going to King's in Sept at King's School all week
Wednesday 10 th	- Full Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 17 th	- Class swap to meet new teacher/TA for September
Friday 19 th	- Trophies assembly - Reception Class end of term dance performance to parents and school (Katie Murray) - 3pm
Wednesday 24 th	- Last Day of Summer Term - Class 6 Leavers Assembly for parents led by pupils with tea and cake after - 9.10am - Family picnic on school field 12.15-1.15pm (Village Hall if wet) - 1.30pm end of term (children able to leave after registration at 1.15pm)
Thursday 25 th	- Occasional Day (school closed)
SUMMER HOLIDAY - 25th July - 31st August Children return to school on Wednesday 4 th September due to 2 non pupil days on 2 nd & 3 rd September	

PTFA UPDATE

FAMILY CAMPING ON SCHOOL FIELD

Camp on the school field to raise money for the PTFA/school. Saturday 15th June until Sunday 16th. Games and activities for the kids. Bring your own food and drink. Tents or campers. School families only! Toilets available. Subject to weather/field conditions. £25 a pitch. See the attached flyer.

THE FETE

The small band of merry volunteers are starting more regular meetings to ensure that we have everything sorted out for our Fete. Volunteers are still needed for a variety of small tasks on the day - please shout, if you can help? The more helpers, the less everyone has to do and the more fun it will be for everyone. To quote Donny Osmond "Help us, help us, please...!!!"

Remember the Facebook page where details of everything going on will be posted.

Please look out for fete raffle tickets that will be coming home in the book bags soon. Prizes include: £100 cash prize, a three course meal for two at 'The Pig', a luxury hamper plus lots more fabulous prizes.

For your chance to win, please return the ticket stubs, and the correct money, in an envelope to the PTFA postbox in the school's reception. If you require more tickets, please include a note to the PTFA asking for more tickets, with your child's name and class number.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

ANY OTHER IDEAS?

What else can we do? - please shout!

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

Fun activities, informal worship and share food.

June 28th - Summer BBQ and party

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



WEST HILL PLAY PARK

Please be aware that the play park will be closed for two days during the week of 17th June to allow maintenance work to be carried out (weather permitting).

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Boulton".

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher