



## NEWSLETTER 8

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Dear Parents,



### **ATTENDANCE**

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.6%. Well done to all.

### **WEST HILL'S SPORTING SUCCESS**

It has been a very busy few weeks at West Hill when it comes to sport, and I have been so blown away by the amount of success we have had that I felt it needed a dedicated section in this week's newsletter to update you all.

#### **Cross Country Champions**

One of the main areas of competition recently has been out in the mud, running in various cross-country competitions. We had our second Stockland event involving our four teams and all the children performed brilliantly, with most children improving their position from the first event! Well done again to Oscar and William who both came second in their races.

Our next outing was to King's for their cross-country event. This time we were able to take four teams of six children, allowing other enthusiastic runners to join our team of twelve from Stockland. The standard of running was very high but even against such stiff competition, West Hill performed outstandingly and won every single team event they entered. A special mention to Bronte, Oscar and William who came first individually in their races, as well as Caitlin, Poppy and Ollie who came second and Toby and Ava who came third. This extraordinary success meant that all our teams qualified for the East Devon Games at Bicton! Thank you to Mrs Townsend and Mrs Morris for going with the children, and all parents who helped.

The East Devon games were fast upon us the first week back from half term and yet again, the children did West Hill proud. Both the girls' teams came third in their events, whilst both the boys' teams won their respective events and qualified for the Devon Winter Games at Paignton in March!

#### **Away from running...**

Whilst the running has been keeping us very busy, we have managed to squeeze in even more sport into this first term already! Our Year 4 football team had a very wet football match against Stockland at West Hill that, after a high quality game, we came out 7-1 winners, with Toby scoring a hat trick.

Our Year 5 and 6s have been busy as well, with a Year 6 football match and a 5/6 Hockey tournament at Stockland. The footballers won 2-0 whilst our hockey girls played very well in what for many of them was their first experience of competitive hockey, but found themselves on the losing side in their games.

Mr Sapwell

## **YEAR 6 SHARING ASSEMBLY**

We would like to inform parents that Year 6 will be having their sharing assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 10.10am. All parents and family of Year 6 children are most welcome to come and watch in the Village Hall.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED-FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Next Friday we will be supporting Children In Need across the school. Children may come to school in mufti (non-school uniform) in exchange for a donation. This will be as part of an inter house competition to see which house can raise the most money (please see attached poster from the PTFA). Children can wear Pudsey Bear headbands/accessories and come to school with their faces painted if they wish.

## **CAR PARK SAFETY**

We are becoming increasingly concerned over the number of parents and children leaving the tennis court at the end of the day and walking diagonally across the road towards the mini roundabout in order to reach the pavement. In doing this, you are often walking into oncoming traffic from cars exiting the Village Hall car park. For your children's safety, please take an extra few seconds and use either of the footpaths rather than walking directly into the road, as we would hate there to be an accident. Thank you.

## **BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**

Now that the clocks have gone back, Devon County Council is reminding all road users to 'be bright, be seen' as it gets darker and weather conditions get worse. More vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders, are reminded to be alert and make themselves visible by wearing reflective or fluorescent clothing while out and about on Devon's roads.

Motorists should take extra care to look out for other road users, particularly in poor weather conditions such as fog, mist and rain, which may reduce visibility. They are also urged to give cyclists and horse riders more space when passing them in the road.

## **ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2019/2020**

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2019/2020 academic year will open on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and close at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 2021. Any person who believes the determined policy is unlawful may object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.

## PTFA NEWS

### **WINTER BALL - THIS SATURDAY 9th November 2019 from 7pm**

Finally, the 2019 Ball is here - we hope everyone attending is looking forward to it as much as we are! We've had some astounding prizes donated for our auction and raffle this year but there's still room in the Trolley of Treats for last minute items! Please pop any contributions - think Christmas hamper - into the big bag in the School reception area today or tomorrow (we're particularly lacking in the gin/interesting mixers/artisan beer/posh chocs/biscuits department if that helps!). Remember all money raised goes straight into improving resources and experiences at school for your children.

On Saturday, if anyone can spare an hour or two from 12 noon to help us set up tables etc. we would be very grateful - it's a big task and many hands make light work! Similarly, on the Sunday we need the hall looking ship shape again before noon so any assistance you can offer around 10am would be wonderful.

If anyone has any queries ahead of Saturday night, please email ([westhillball@gmail.com](mailto:westhillball@gmail.com)) or chat to the Ball Committee - Gill Munday, Stacey Salter, Kate Salter, Natalie Shabytah, Polly Whitfield and Elain Bailey

### **PTFA MINUTES**

The minutes from PTFA meetings are now being published on the school website. Please go to Parents, click on the PTFA hyperlink and you will find them at the bottom of the page. If you are unable to attend meetings, this is a way of finding out what has been discussed.

### **100 CLUB RENEWAL TIME!**

Renewal forms for the PTFA's 100 Club were sent out last week via book bags. If you haven't got yours, don't worry as you can complete the attached form or just find Claire Ritchie and give her £12 and she'll do the rest!

We are also really keen to get new members into the club especially from KS1. 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 two prizes each calendar month. Winners are announced through the school newsletter. The Club aims to have 100 members (hence the name) and is open to anyone with a link to the school. Friends, family, staff and community members can all take part and you can have more than one entry!

To enter all you need to do is complete the form, add payment and post in the PTFA box in the school office or see Claire Ritchie in the playground. The 100 Club is a great way to support the school with very little effort and who knows, you could be a lucky winner!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE

West Hill Pre School Christmas Fair is on Sunday 8th December 2-4.30pm in West Hill Village Hall. Details to follow soon.

### MESSY CHURCH -

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

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Love

December 20<sup>th</sup> - 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