



NEWSLETTER 9

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Dear Parents,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was 98.3%. This is above our attendance target of 97.5% so well done to all.

PARKING

We are having numerous incidences in the village hall car park and would like to request that you take more consideration when opening and closing car doors. Please think about where you park your cars, how you park your cars and please can I ask you keep the roundabout flowing at all times, this is not somewhere to park your cars, it is only for a quick drop off/pick up. Can I also ask that you don't park along the top of Beech Park especially on the speed bump. We really appreciate your co-operation for the safety of our pupils.

POSTING PHOTOGRAPHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please may we remind all parents that any photographs taken in school which contain other children should not be published on any social media sites as you do not have consent from other parents to do this. If you are aware of any parents who break this rule, it is really important to inform us so that we can deal with it appropriately. Thank you for your support with this.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Don't forget to please return all completed entries for the Christmas Card competition to the school office by Monday 12th November. The winner will be announced by Hall & Scott on 30th November.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB

Graham Harry (O6 Youth Worker) will be running a Christmas Craft Club for up to 12 KS2 pupils. This will be held after school on Wednesdays for 4 weeks (21 Nov, 28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec) at a cost of £1.00 per week. The club will be held in the staffroom so children can be collected from the tennis court canopy at 4.30pm.

Places are available on a first come, first served basis. Please see the school office if your child wishes to join.

FIRE SERVICE 'STAYING SAFE' PRESENTATION

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will be visiting the school on Thursday 15th November to give a Staying Safe Presentation to children in Year 2 and Year 5. Within each session the children will learn about:

- The role of the Fire Service
- How to identify hot and cold items
- The dangers of matches, lighters and candles
- How to make an emergency 999 call and the consequences of hoax calls
- How to plan a safe escape route from your home in case of fire
- The value and importance of smoke alarms
- How to adopt the stop, drop and roll method if clothing became involved in fire

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service would value the opportunity to engage with all pupils in these classes, however, they do understand that some parents/guardians may wish to withdraw their child from the session. If you would like to opt out of your child attending then please see the school office to complete the opt out form we have been provided with.

NOROVIRUS SEASON

In order to reduce the spread of Norovirus this winter please remember that any children who suffer from vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48hours. Other advice from Public Health England states to:-

- Keep hydrated by drinking fluids
- Phone the GP or 111 if symptoms persist (more than 48hours)

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against Norovirus.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2018/2019

The application facility for places in Primary Schools for the 2018/2019 academic year will open on 15th November 2018 and close at midnight on 15th January 2019. 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.

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



On Friday 16th November we will be supporting Children In Need by inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing all things spotty for The Big Spotaacular. Donations will be collected on the roundabout in the morning.



On Friday 7th December the school Orchestra will be doing a Christmas performance in the Sharing Assembly at 10.15am. Parents of children in the orchestra are invited to join us for this event. The last Orchestra session this year will be on Tuesday 11th December finishing at 4.45pm as usual.

WEST HILL VILLAGE BREAKFAST CLUB

After much parental demand our school's breakfast club has now been up and running for half a term. We are very concerned however with the particularly low numbers of pupils who have been attending and unless this improves, Andrea Chipps will have to decide whether this is a profitable venture for the future. At the moment she is paying for 2 members of staff, the hire of the Village Hall and the breakfast food. If this is something that could interest you, then please contact Mrs Andrea Chipps by email (westhillbreakfast@gmail.com) or phone (07561 188736). Fingers crossed that this service can continue with more parental support.

MEMBERSHIP

We do need more people to show support and if necessary to help (even just for selling cakes). Please help. We remain keen to have at least one nominated representative from each year who can contact their class and keep them up to date with events. Any volunteers? The next meeting is on **Thursday 15th at 2.00pm in the staffroom.** All welcome.



FILM NIGHT FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 TO 6

The Film night is on Friday 23rd November 2018 at 5.00pm in The British Legion and we will be showing The Incredibles 2. A form to complete is at the end of this newsletter. Could you please complete it and return (there is a PTFA mailbox in reception at the school). Parents of Year 1 children are requested to stay with their children for the duration of the film. Tickets will also be on sale in the playground in due course. The price of £3.50 includes sweets and a drink. Could we please have some parent volunteers to make up the children goody bags and to help set up and tidy up at the end?

PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PTFA has traditionally sold mulled wine, mince pies and a chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair being held on Sunday 25th November, between 2.00 - 4.30pm. Could I have a few volunteers to help? It is not too onerous and does help add to the PTFA's funds.

WINTER BALL - 10th NOVEMBER

The Winter Ball is nearly here! Thank you for getting your food/drink/music choices and payments to your table co-ordinators - we look forward to seeing you for a fantastic evening on 10th November!

Following the popularity of the 'Barrow of Cheer' - a beautiful lilac wheelbarrow filled with goodies which was won and wheeled home from the Spring into Summer party earlier this year - we have had donated an amazing £199 Heavy Duty Draper Cart. This generously proportioned, light-weight but strong steel mesh waggon can be used in the garden for moving all manner of things or at festivals for transporting camping equipment or kids, but it's first task could be getting your cart load of goodies home from the village hall! The WAGGON of WONDER will be the grand prize in this year's raffle and there is still room in the cart to fill it with loads of lovely treats and need your help! If you could donate some wine, spirits, posh chocs/biscuits, or any non-edible goodies that you'd like to see in this trolley of treats, please bring them into school and pass to any ball committee member or leave in the designated box in the school office for us to collect! Your help in raising money for your child's school is greatly appreciated.

WAGGON OF WONDER and raffle tickets are on sale in the playground this week... £5 a ticket for some amazing prizes - please bring your money to school at pick up and drop off! Get ready to party...

Want to look absolutely fabulous at the Winter Ball? Would you like your makeup done by a professional on the day? Jai Prettejohn has been a professional make-up artist for 15 years and specialises in making people feel beautiful and confident in their own skin!

Jai will be offering make-up that will compliment your chosen outfit and personal style - whether that be naturally fabulous, full party glam or somewhere in between - using products that are all naturally based, not tested on animals and sustainably & ethically sourced. Vegan friendly and Gluten Free products are available too. Jai usually charges £45 for an event makeup session but will be offering sessions at just £30 with £15 of each booking going towards the school to add to our fundraising efforts. Every booking will also receive a free gift and 10% off any makeup orders placed. If anyone would like to purchase products before the event, such as lipsticks, mascara etc

they will also receive a free gift & discount - please contact Jai via text, WhatsApp or Facebook messenger on 07734214139 to make your booking!

COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH

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

November 16th - Friendship

December 14th - Christmas Story

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher



PTFA FILM NIGHT TICKET REQUEST

I would like my child/children _____ (name/s) in
year (s) _____ to attend Film night on Friday 23rd November at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of _____ (£3.50 per child)

Signed _____ Mobile Number _____