



NEWSLETTER 15

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Best wishes to you all for 2020.



ATTENDANCE

In the final week of last term the whole school's attendance was 80.9%. This is below our target attendance of **97.5%** and was due to over 30 pupils being off sick in the last week of term.

ASSEMBLY VALUES

Each term we will be focussing on a termly value in assemblies on Wednesdays and Fridays. This term will be Achievement. Each week we will have a different theme:

Week 1 - Introduction to the value.

Week 2 - What do we achieve on a daily basis?

Week 3 - Achievement outside of school (hobbies/clubs)

Week 4 - Achievement within school - individuals/teams/classes

Week 5 - Story of Helen Keller's achievements and sign language

Week 6 - British Values and Trophies assembly

COATS/WINTER WEATHER

As we are now in winter, please can all parents ensure that their child/children come to school with a coat each day. Each day, children spend between 1 hour and 1 hour 15 minutes outside during their 3 play times and we do not have enough spare coats for everyone who forgets. Thank you for your support with this.

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea that they should not return to school for 48hrs after the last episode. This is to avoid spreading germs with other pupils or staff. This is in line with NHS guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

MUSIC TUITION

VIOLIN LESSONS - These will restart on Monday 20th January

GUITAR LESSONS - These will restart on Tuesday 14th January

WOODWIND LESSONS - These restarted on Wednesday 8th January

BRASS LESSONS - These restarted today Thursday 9th January

RECORDER LESSONS - These restarted on Wednesday 8th January



STOP A PHASE START A CRAZE! - BY BETH AND FREDDIE, CLASS 4

Have you ever wondered where your single use plastic waste goes when you throw it away? Well, it goes either in the sea or it gets burnt or buried. West Hill Primary School are collecting large chocolate containers to reduce plastic waste. **We are also running a cool competition to see which class brings in the most empty confectionary tubs (as in the picture).** You could help your child win by donating chocolate boxes (but don't just buy them to make your child's class win!). Simply give the tub to your class teacher when it is empty.

Did you know?

Every second 20,000 plastic bottles are sold in the world!

East Devon only recycles 54% of our waste.

You NEED to try to re-use as much single use plastic as you can.

More Facts

If King Henry VIII wore plastic nappies they would still be around today!

Plastic is durable and it won't biodegrade. Would you like to be an animal eating a piece of plastic?

We hope you have got our message:

The cut-off date for the competition is **Friday 17th January 2020**. Which class will collect the most tubs? Thank you for reading.

Please see the attached flyer for further details.



LOST PROPERTY

Please look in the Lost Property cupboard and claim anything that belongs to your child/children. Thank you.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CRICKET CLUB

Alex Clements will be holding a Cricket club on Tuesdays at 3.30pm-4.30pm starting on Tuesday 14th January. There will be 11 sessions this term ending on Tuesday 24th March at a cost of £33.00. Please see the attached document for the sign up slip to be completed and returned to the school office with payment.

ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to confirm that enough children have expressed an interest in the Orchestra to start on a trial basis for the first half term of the Spring Term. The first session will be on Tuesday 14th January at 8am in the Village Hall.

If you would still like to add your child to the list it's not too late to do so. Please let the school office have your child's name, age, instrument and how long they have played for/exam grade. Thank you.

Danny Murphy

PTFA NEWS

As you may be aware, the PTFA has recently funded the purchase of a set of fifty recommended reading books for each class, plus dictionaries for Classes 4 to 6. We are extremely grateful to Adrian at the Curious Otter Bookshop in Ottery St Mary, who provided these books to us at reduced prices - matching larger companies like Waterstones, but also handled all the ordering very quickly! If anyone is thinking about buying a book, please do visit Adrian at Curious Otter so that we can show our support to him.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The next film night is taking place on Friday 17th January from 5pm at The Legion and we'll be showing 'Toy Story 4'. This is for children in Year 1-6 but we do ask that children in Year 1 are accompanied by a supervising adult. Price is £3.50 to include drink, popcorn & sweets. To book your child's place please complete the slip attached to the newsletter (or write the details on a piece of paper) and post with payment into the PTFA box in reception. **Please ensure that slips and payment are received in school by drop off on Wednesday 15th January.**

PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January, at 7.30pm at The Legion. New members are always welcome to share ideas on both fundraising and spending.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - PRIMARY SPORTS CLUB AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

Please see the attached information regarding the primary after school sports club being run for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 at The King's School in Ottery St Mary on Mondays from 13th January 2020. Please contact Tracy Moran at The Kings School directly if you wish to book a place for your child.

CALLING ALL DADS!

Come and join other like-minded individuals for some fun and a curry at the British Legion West Hill on the second Friday of each month. Always good fun and we want as many new dads to come and meet the regulars and get to know each other. Events through the year include card night, the Great British Legion Curry Off, Darts tournament and Rolling of the Barrel. Come and join us this time, you will for sure enjoy yourself.

MESSY CHURCH

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

January 17th

February 14th

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th



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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER?

Please see the attached flyer regarding open evenings with Devon Primary SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training) who provide high quality teacher training for the teachers of the future.

SPEECH, LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS

Please see the attached flyer regarding free workshops offered to parents of children with speech, language and communication needs.

With my best wishes

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Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher



PTFA FILM NIGHT TICKET REQUEST

I would like my child/children _____ (name/s) in
year (s) _____ to attend the PTFA Film night on Friday 17th January at 5.00pm.

I enclose payment of _____ (£3.50 per child)

Signed _____ Mobile Number _____