



## NEWSLETTER 30

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Dear Parents,



Last week the whole school's attendance was 97.7%. This is above our attendance target of 97.5% so well done everyone.

### A MESSAGE FROM DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST TO CLASS 4

Year 4 at West Hill are amazing Wildlife Champions. On my recent visit to find out more about their hedgehog project, I was amazed at how much they already knew about these incredible animals and the action that they have taken to help Hedgehogs at school and at home, as well as the campaigning they have done to get more people involved. At Devon Wildlife Trust, we spend a lot of time and energy trying to reach people with our messages about how vital it is to protect our wildlife and I love working with students like these because they are helping us to do our job, spreading the messages far and wide. Thanks for an amazing morning looking at your hedgehog homes, letters and TV news slot - awesome!! If everyone cared as much as you, we would make a world of difference. I am already looking forward to seeing you all again.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Martin".

**Devon**  
Wildlife Trust 

Paul Martin. Education Team Leader - Devon Wildlife Trust.

To find out more about how you can help Devon's wildlife visit <https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/>

### CLASS 5 BIKEABILITY WEEK - 8<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019



Parents & Carers of children in Class 5, please look out for all the information being sent home on Friday about our annual Bikeability Week. Please read the information carefully and return the consent form to your child's class teachers. The information and consent form is being sent out now to give you time for your child to practice cycling and for any bike repairs to be arranged. Please return all forms by half term (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May) so we can confirm the total number of pupils who will be taking up this opportunity. Please speak to Mrs Bedford if the information you have been sent does not answer any questions.

**Take YOUR CHILD'S CYCLING seriously, don't miss out on Bikeability!**

## THE KING'S SCHOOL TRANSITION CHOIR - YEAR 5 and 6

The King's School are starting a choir on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May for pupils in Year 5 and 6 attending schools that feed into King's. Their aim is to provide an opportunity for your son/daughter to extend their vocal skills, sing in a large ensemble and meet with pupils from different schools, whilst also enabling them to become more familiar with The King's School itself.

The choir is free of charge and will take place on Thursdays in the Music Department at the King's School from 3.45pm-4.45pm. The children will be met at the gate in the coach park by a member of staff and taken to the Music Room. They will be returned to this gate at the end of the session. Refreshments will be available for pupils during a break in the singing.

If you are interested, please complete the attached consent form and take along with you to the first session. There is no need to pre-register or book a place.

## TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned to school by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** in preparation for trophies assembly on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Thank you.



## VIOLIN LESSONS

Due to bank holiday Monday on 7<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs Bull will be holding her violin lessons tomorrow, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May instead. She has informed the children but please make sure they bring their violins and music to school with them on Friday. There will be no music lessons the following week due to KS2 SATs.



## GUITAR LESSONS

Due to unforeseen circumstances there were no guitar lessons on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Wall will hold lessons on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## MUSIC LESSONS

There will be **no** music lessons for all years during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> - 18 May due to KS2 SATs, with the exception of Woodwind lessons which will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year starting at 1.15pm. If there are any parents who are free on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9am, then Mrs Bennett would appreciate half an hour of your time to help with erecting 8 gazebos. Also, if you have a gazebo and are willing to lend it to us for the day then please let the school office know. Thank you.

## SUMMER CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 16th MAY

The government funds the UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) based on the take up on 2 specific days of the year. On Thursday 16th May this will be one of the days and we hope that you will support us with as many children as possible having a school meal on this day. Thank you for your support. We will be amending the menu slightly as follows:-

Main	Sausage
Main Vegetarian	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Creamed potatoes & baked beans
Desserts	Fresh fruit platter
Jacket Potato	Cheese, beans or tuna
Available each day	Fruit, salad, bread, yoghurt & water

## CLASS 4 SHARING ASSEMBLY

We would like to inform parents that Class 4 will be having their sharing assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10.10am. All parents and family of Class 4 are most welcome to come and watch in the Village Hall.

## Y1 & Y2 DANCE PERFORMANCE



We would like to invite the parents of children in Y1 and Y2 to watch their end of half term dance performance in the village hall at 3pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. This is a unit of dance that the children have been working on with Katie Murray throughout this half term and I know they would love to show their hard work to you.

## PTFA UPDATE

### THE FETE

The small band of merry volunteers is 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.

Also, could I take this opportunity to remind you all that the PTFA have a Facebook page where details of all school events will be published. Search 'PTFA West Hill Primary School' to find and follow us. To make sure you don't miss a post in your news feed, go to Settings>News Feed Settings>News Feed Preferences>Prioritise who to see first and click on our image (or so I am told this is how it works!).

Please do like & share our posts, we'll be posting updates on the Summer Fete over the next few weeks.

### ARTSMARK OPEN AFTERNOON

As you may have seen, the school is having an Artsmark Open afternoon, on Wednesday 5th June, between 2.00pm and 3.15pm. All are invited into school with children displaying and presenting a wide range of art activities. Mrs Bedford has asked if the PTFA could sell refreshments. Is there any volunteers to help sell some coffee, tea and juice (and cake)?

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MESSY CHURCH

Fun activities, informal worship and share food.

May 17<sup>th</sup> - At the seaside

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer BBQ and party

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



Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher