



## NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents,

I should like to extend a very warm welcome back to you all and hope that you had a lovely summer break. I would particularly like to offer a special welcome to our new Reception children and families as well as five new children in other year groups across the school. Everyone has settled back to school so well and all seem very happy to be enjoying fewer Covid restrictions this academic year. It was so lovely to see everyone together again for assembly on the first day back and we realised it's been 18 months since this last occurred.

### COVID REMINDERS

As Covid-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education-particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for second doses by mid-September.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Please refer to the Warn and Inform letter issued on 14<sup>th</sup> September for:

- what to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19
- what to do if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)

For further information, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

### NEWSLETTER AND SCHOOL WEBSITE

The newsletter will continue to be issued every **Friday** and its purpose is to keep you informed about what's going on at school and within the local West Hill community. It will be sent by e-mail so please advise us of any changes to your e-mail address.

### ASSEMBLY VALUES

Each half term we will be focussing on one of our 6 school values in assembly: Respect, Friendship, Achievement, Happiness, Co-operation and Responsibility. This term's value is Respect.

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome back

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September - Introducing respect

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September - Respect for our family

Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September - Respect for our pets

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October - Respecting the world

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October - Respect for places

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October - Evaluation

## **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Parents' evenings will be held again via telephone appointments during week beg. 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Further information will follow on how to book an appointment.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS - WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.


## **PLAYTIME SNACK**

Please can we remind you that Key Stage 1 are provided with a free piece of fruit/vegetable from the government for their morning break but unfortunately this is not extended into Key Stage 2 so they may bring their own healthy snack for morning break. Appropriate snacks for morning/afternoons are fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, plain crackers, plain rice cakes or plain bread sticks. It would be helpful to label any plastic pots which often get left in the playground each day. **Please remember we are a nut, sesame and kiwi free school.**

## **CLASS CURRICULUM LETTERS**

These are written by each class teacher and will be sent out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. These letters inform you of the learning that will take place in your child's class this term. This information will help you to talk to your child in the evenings about different topics, and maybe to work together to collect some interesting artefacts, library books or information from the Internet. Curriculum letters are also archived on the school website [www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## **ASTHMA INHALERS**

It is parent's responsibility to supply school with an in-date, named inhaler, and a spacer if  necessary. Please ensure that you complete a new green form which can be obtained by emailing the school office ([admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)).

## **SCOPAY APP NOW AVAILABLE.**

For parents not yet using SCOPAY, did you know you can pay for dinner money and trips and events all online. Using SCOPAY allows you to top up your child's account anywhere, anytime using a credit or debit card.

All parents have access to SCOPAY, if you have not yet registered to make online payments, please let the office know and an access code will be issued to you. To find out more, visit [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com).

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

Music lessons started this week. Lessons will be on the following days:

Keyboard - Monday or Thursday

Guitar - Tuesday

Woodwind - Wednesday

Brass - Thursday

Please ensure that your child remembers to bring their instruments on the relevant day. Thank you

## **SPORTYSTARS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

SportyStars are offering clubs for both KS1 and KS2. For more information please see the attached flyer.

## **FLU IMMUNISATION FOR ALL CLASSES**

Message from the immunisation team

Dear Parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net). Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

**School Age Immunisations Team**  
**Virgin Care Services Limited**

## **DAY TO DAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### **COLLECTION AT HOMETIME**

As children have moved into new classes, can we please remind you to ensure that your child's teacher is informed of home time arrangements. If anyone other than a parent is collecting your child, you must ensure that your child's teacher or the office have been informed. If we have not been informed, we will have to make a telephone call to ensure that the information we have been given is correct. Please remember that this is for the safeguarding of your children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Parents of Year 5 and 6 children only - if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home alone at the end of the day please email [admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)**

### **LINES OF COMMUNICATION**

Good communication is very important to us at West Hill Primary School. With Covid, we are still restricting parents into the school office so if you need to contact your child's class teacher then please send an e-mail to them via the office which will be passed on. Thank you.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL BOOKS**

Every child is given a 'Home and School Book' in which they record their reading, and their homework where applicable. We do expect the children to read each night and we would ask that you initial your child's book every night, stating what has been read. There is also a space for your comments at the bottom.

### **RAISING CONCERNS**

If there is a problem with your child, please contact your child's class teacher by e-mailing the school office as he/she is the best person to help. The problem will be referred to me if necessary, but the majority of concerns can be solved successfully through liaison with the class teacher or, if it is an administrative query, through liaison with our administrative team.

## PTFA NEWS

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the PTFA fete on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 12-4.30pm. Please bring as much loose change as possible for the variety of stalls.

Mac Dick and West Hill Wally will be appearing in the stocks and hope to see some of you throwing wet sponges at them for a small donation.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Following requests from a number of different clubs and organisations we have made the decision to limit the community news section to West Hill Village news only and will not be advertising any events that are not exclusively for West Hill Primary school children. We are also unable to accept requests to promote local/family businesses. If you would like to advertise a club or event we suggest that you contact 'Whats on in West Hill FaceBook page'.

### WEST HILL PLAY AREA

Message from Jamie Buckley-Community Engagement and Funding Officer-EDDC:

Children and young people aged 11 and under that live regularly in West Hill can help West Hill Parish Council and us to improve West Hill play area. There are a few thousands of pounds available to spend on new play equipment, which has come from new homes created in West Hill. This may sound like a lot, but it costs more than you'd think, for example a roundabout would be about £1,500 and a metal basket swing about £4,000. All the equipment that's currently in the play area will be staying there and this money will be spent on new equipment.

Please take 5 minutes to fill in our online questionnaire before 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> September

2021: [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/west-hill-play-area](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/community-engagement/west-hill-play-area) if you are:

- A child or young person that lives regularly in West Hill and is aged 11 or under.
- The parent or carer of a child or young person aged 11 or under that lives regularly in West Hill that needs help to have their say.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

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

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher