



NEWSLETTER 2

01404 812599 Friday 24th September 2021. Website www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole schools attendance was 95.5%, which is below our target of 97.5%, although we do appreciate that this is down to the current situation with COVID.

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 14th 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>

If your child needs to have a PCR test please could you email admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk with the following information:

- Date of LFD test if taken
- Date of onset of Covid symptoms
- Date PCR test taken
- Date PCR result received
- Result of PCR test
- Last day of isolation if you receive a positive result

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held again via telephone appointments during week beg. 18th October. Further information will follow on how to book an appointment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 29th September. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to offer photos with siblings due to our Covid cases and additional restrictions we have been advised to implement.

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Our school funding is affected by the number of children having school meals on Census day, which this year is Thursday 7th October. The menu will be the regular menu for the day. Please could we ask for your support and ask that as many children as possible have a school meal on that day. Thank you.

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 are being sent out today. 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

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).

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS AND CONSENT FORM

Due to Data Protection Regulations we are now unable to send these home through the children's book bags. These will be handed out to parents next week at the morning drop off or afternoon collection as follows:

Monday - Class 1 and Class 2

Tuesday - Class 3 and Class 4

Wednesday- Class 5 and Class 6

These need to be returned as a matter of urgency, as we need to ensure we have the most up to date contact details if we need to contact you in an emergency. **Both these forms need checking/completing, signing and returning to the office no later than Friday 8th October.**

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS - YEAR 6 PARENTS

A reminder to parents of Year 6 children that the application system for secondary places in September 2022 is now open and will close at midnight on 31st October 2021. Apply online at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu Immunisations are available to all children from Reception to Year 6 and will be administered on Thursday 25th November. A letter with a weblink for Parental Consent and information leaflet will be emailed to all parents/carers once we have received it from the immunisation team.

NHS NUMBERS - MESSAGE FROM THE VIRGIN CARE IMMUNISATIONS TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers

We are receiving feedback that a lot of parents are requesting their NHS number and having to wait to receive a letter back. Please do not wait for a letter, if you have the NHS number then please do add it to the electronic consent but if you are experiencing problems with this, we have ensured that this is not a mandatory field therefore please continue with the consent without the NHS number.

For the schools that are yet to receive their electronic consent links we are sending these out in a phased way and you will receive them in due course.

Many thanks.

Immunisation Team

School Age Immunisations Team

Virgin Care Services Limited

PTFA NEWS

AUTUMN FETE



We have received lots of positive comments about the fete, and so in turn we'd like to thank every individual for their help, from those organising, volunteering, and attending, you all helped to make the day what it was.

We are in the process of adding up the funds raised and look forward to sharing the figure with you next week.

PTFA AGM

The PTFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th October. The AGM is a chance for you to hear what the PTFA have accomplished over the past year, and to see if you'd like to become an active member (we promise you won't automatically be assigned to undertake any specific tasks!).

One role we need to re-fill is the Treasurer role, a key role that is vital to the running of the charity. Nicky Dew has been invaluable with covering this for us for a number of years, thank you very much Nicky! There is no pressure to cover for a certain number of years. Please express any interest by emailing PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk.

We'd love to see you at the AGM. Time/location will be confirmed in October.

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 'What's on in West Hill' Facebook page.

HALF-TERM MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Sporty Stars will be running a half-term multi-activity club in the October half-term. Details can be found in the attached flyer.

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 29th September 2021: 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



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher