



West Hill Primary School



NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's current attendance is currently **95.6%**. Although this is below our target of 97.5% we appreciate that this is due to the ongoing situation with COVID cases in school.

Week 5 Word of the Week: **Consideration**



Noun

1. careful thought, typically over a period of time

"After careful consideration, he made his next move."

Noun

2. thoughtfulness and sensitivity towards others:

thoughtfulness for other people

"He showed no consideration for her feelings."



We would love to hear from you if your child makes great use of our 'word of the week' (or any of the other new vocabulary they have been taught) at home, so please email wotw@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk to let us know!

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

If you need to email the school please do so via admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk. Please do not respond directly to emails from westhill-pri@scopay.com - this is for outgoing emails only. We are not be able to receive any incoming emails sent to this address.

COVID REMINDERS

If your child has 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 (if any)
- Date PCR test taken
- Date PCR result received
- Result of PCR test
- Last day of isolation if you receive a positive result

MESSAGE TO PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FROM STEVE BROWN- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEVON

Our Director of Public Health, Steve Brown, has set out clear advice to parents:



- If your child has **symptoms of coronavirus**, they should not go to school. **They should take a PCR test - not a lateral flow device test** - and they should self-isolate pending the result of that test. Lateral flow device tests are only for people who show no symptoms of having the virus.
- If your child is identified as a **close contact**, including if someone in your household tests positive, they should take a PCR test. However, unless they have symptoms of coronavirus, they are not required to stay off school while they wait for the test results.
- If your child tests **positive with a routine lateral flow device test**, they should stay at home and arrange a PCR test. They should isolate whilst awaiting the result of the PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should continue self-isolating. If the PCR test is negative, they can return to school, but they should continue to routinely take the lateral flow device tests twice a week.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held again via telephone appointments during week beg. 18th October. We have allocated **1 telephone appointment per child**. If you are a split family, instead of offering two separate telephone calls, we will offer you a joint TEAMS meeting to take place online after half term. Please e-mail your class teacher via admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk to request this.

To book an appointment please click on the class link below:

Reception: <https://forms.gle/VMofTeEwHhXByVH9>

- Year 1: <https://forms.gle/ekk4sRyqxjwEFMJJE7>
Year 2: <https://forms.gle/rTm3T9KojXeA6Ps77>
Year 3: <https://forms.gle/JuPWxGcPgT9gDsHN7>
Year 4: <https://forms.gle/oz2cZWjcdYnRb7kt7>
Year 5: <https://forms.gle/M82X7kfBDA7rTees9>
Year 6: <https://forms.gle/hUdvuiYx2vtZjJsE8>

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS, CONSENT AND MEDICAL REVIEW FORMS

Please check, complete, sign and return all forms to the office no later than today Friday 8th October.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - GAUGING PARENTAL INTEREST

Pre-school are considering starting an after-school club for West Hill Primary School children in the Village Hall Mondays to Thursdays. This would be a fantastic resource to parents. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached form to register your interest.

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>.

AMENDMENTS TO ADMISSIONS POLICY 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023

The following amendments were made in August 2021 to the determined policy for **2021-22** to comply with the revised School Admissions Code 2021:

1. priority for children adopted from state care outside England was added to oversubscription criterion 1
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These are available to see at:

<https://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/parentspupils/policies/>

HARVEST ASSEMBLY-WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Wednesday 20th October and will be taken by Mac Dick from West Hill Parish Church. In the spirit of giving, we are asking our pupils to bring **one item** of non-perishable food to school that morning which will be donated to the Ottery St Mary food bank.

The food bank are especially keen to receive:

- tinned meat/vegetables/fruit/puddings
- long life cartons of milk and juice
- packets of rice, pasta, noodles, cereals, tea bags, sugar
- jars of coffee, pasta sauce

Thank you in advance for your support with this good cause.

POSITIVE ROUTINES AND SLEEP

We all know that good mental wellbeing depends on getting the right amount of sleep every day:

- children aged 3 to 5 need 10 to 13 hours
- children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours
- young people aged 13 to 18 need 8 to 10 hours

Please help your child(ren) to develop a routine to reduce screen time and prioritise sleep, which is vital for wellbeing, for example, by switching off their phone/iPad at least 2 hours before bed.

PTFA NEWS

100 CLUB

This year's 100 Club is now open. The form is attached to this newsletter, if you require a paper copy please request one from the school office by emailing the admin@ address. Please return your forms by Friday 15th October. Thank you for supporting your PTFA and good luck!

PTFA AGM

Please note the PTFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th October, 18.30 in the **School Staff Room** (details attached).

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.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 22nd October will be a non-uniform day for all children. Please bring in a donation in a sealed envelope, labelled with child's name and class. All money raised will go towards that class, with each class being able to spend it on items/activities, agreed by the children. (For years 1-6 this money will be added to any carried over from last year's efforts).

AMAZON SMILE

Please see attached poster for details on how to sign up to Amazon Smile (this only needs to be actioned once, and then sign in via AmazonSmile rather than the normal site). A % of all sales made on AmazonSmile go towards our PTFA funds if you have us selected as a charity.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Please drop off any used **inkjet** printer cartridges, within a sealed bag to the school office post box. These will help earn the PTFA money through a recycling scheme. Details of wanted printer cartridges can be found here: <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/inkjetcartridges>.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

A Bags of Help clothes bank is situated in the McColls' car park, which is collected on a fortnightly basis. Donations made to this bank are weighed by Bags of Help who in turn give us a payment, based on the weight. Please do alert us if you ever spot it full before we do!

PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we have a PTFA Facebook page? Please follow "PTFA West Hill Primary School" for up-to-date information and reminders of events.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Please see the flyer attached for this year's Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 10th at 11.30am at West Hill Parish Church.

OCTOBER HALF TERM CHILDCARE

Sporty Stars are providing an October half-term camp at St Johns School in Sidmouth. This is for children aged 4-12 and includes a range of activities including zorbing, archery, swimming, nerf wars, bouncy castles, sports and forest school. Details can be found in the attached flyer.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher