



**END OF TERM UPDATE**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**STAFFING UPDATE**

We are very pleased to announce that we have made some successful staffing appointments for January 2022:

Mrs Burkill- Reception Class Teacher (Thursdays/Fridays)

Mrs Hedges - Reception Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Muldoon - Year 5/6 Teaching Assistant

Mrs Rickard - 1:1 Teaching Assistant

We look forward to welcoming them all to West Hill in January 2022.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The children shared a wonderful Christmas Dinner on Wednesday this week. There was lots of Christmassy fun and a very festive atmosphere. A big thank you to our kitchen staff for such a delicious lunch and to the PTFA for supplying the crackers.



## COVID-19 UPDATE

From 14th December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and **children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 - whether Omicron or not - should take a LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.** Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Once notified by Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students are strongly recommended to take a LFD each day for 7 days and **report the results through the [online reporting system](#) and to their setting.** If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow [national guidance](#). This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.

## VOCABULARY PROJECT UPDATE



### Vocabulary Project update

As part of our school's focus on vocabulary, the teachers have been looking for children who has used 'tier 2' either in schoolwork. Well done to the following children for being selected to have their work on display in the special vocabulary board in school for the Autumn term:

Year Group	Child	Language used in sentence / piece of writing
Reception	<b>Delphi and Georgie</b>	equal
Reception	<b>Elliott</b>	plotting
Reception	<b>Thomas</b>	motivated
Year 1	<b>Alice</b>	crunching (and a lovely poem!)
Year 2	<b>Clemmie</b>	roasting; temper; heavenly
Year 3	<b>William</b>	scuttle; gliding; fluttering; twirling
Year 4	<b>Sam</b>	transparent; sturdy; revealed; luminous; hovered; fluid; misfortune; erased; galaxy; lush; untouched; dreaded
Year 5	<b>Lizzie</b>	withered; fumbled; withdrew; ageing; reverberated; quivering; reveal; declared; sacrificed; strode; trickling; glance; swaying; cascading; tread; pebbled; bellowed; slay; statement; sorrowfully; witnessed; monstrous
Year 6	<b>Lucy R</b>	founded; destitute; passionate; ragged; accommodation; polluted; squalid; relentless; impoverished; absurd; risible; optimistic; gratitude; altruistic; compassionate; sympathetic; unsanitary; grim; feeble; frail; arduous; accompany; torturous; destitute; appreciative; destination; daunting; imposing; tender-hearted; consideration; meagre; indebted; munificent; obliging

A special mention for John in Year 6 for using the word 'anthropomorphic' at home! Please do email [WOTW@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:WOTW@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk) if you child is using any great vocabulary at home.

## RAINBOW WARRIORS MINFULNESS & YOGA LUNCH CLUB

Unfortunately we missed this item from last week's newsletter. This club continues next term on a Tuesday, for classes 4,5 & 6, and Thursday lunchtime, for classes 1,2 & 3. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Space is limited as we practice in the ICT suite. Mats are provided. Payment for the 12 week term is £48. Please email Kara or call to book or for further information, [karatwinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:karatwinkle@hotmail.com) 07778127685

## SERVICE AT CHURCH - 4pm

The Crib Service is now being held outside in St Michael's car park on December 24th at 4.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

## LEARNING BEHAVIOURS CHAMPIONS-AUTUMN 2021

At West Hill Primary School, we truly believe that 'learning' is the first step to success. All children have the potential to learn, but 'learning to learn' equips our pupils with the skills to be effective, lifelong learners.

We aim for our pupils to acquire the skills necessary to be:

- **Independent**
- **Motivated**
- **Resilient**
- **Cooperative**
- **Problem-solvers**

**We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn.**

This term's Learning Behaviour Champions are:

Summer Term 2021	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
<b>Independent</b>	Benji	Evelyn	Alice	Thomas P	Daniel	Maisie	Imogen
<b>Cooperative</b>	Pippa	Thomas H	Sophia M	Tiffany	Eloise	Anouk	Georgie
<b>Resilient</b>	Mya	William	Esther	Ash	Alice	Tim	Darcy
<b>Motivated</b>	Eilidh	Alice	Abigail	William G	Sam	Benjamin	Toby G
<b>Problem Solver</b>	Toby	Sam	Oliver M	Eloise	Loula	Millie	Lawrence

They each receive 25 house points for their teams.

## ATHLETICS WINNERS

West Hill Primary took part in the Year 5/6 Athletics Sports-hall Championship, with Year 6 competing on Monday 29th November and Year 5 on Monday 6th December. Every child in each class took part in running, throwing and jumping events. This competition was against other Year 5/6 schools in the local area. The children gave their all and supported each other superbly.

We are pleased to announce that Class 6 at West Hill won the Championship overall, beating all the other Year 5 and 6 teams.... and Class 5 at West Hill came in second place! Many children

scored a best overall in different disciplines. What an incredible achievement by both classes! This is the second year running that West Hill have won this event.

Many thanks to Mrs Moran at Kings for organising, and to her super Year 10 helpers who were such a credit to their school.

We will now be sending a combined Year 5 / 6 team to take part in the East Devon finals at Kings on January 27th.

Well done to all our fabulous pupils in Year 5 and 6 for showing such grit, determination, and plenty of sporting prowess!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term and sincerely hope that we can all return to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** without any further Covid-19 restrictions.

Have a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

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