



NEWSLETTER 12

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **96.1%**. We are aware of quite a few winter bugs around school at the moment, which is affecting our attendance figures.

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

Please note that this will be the last newsletter for 2021 as Friday 17th December is the last day of term.

ILLNESS/COVID

Please be aware of the current guidance if your child is ill. If anyone in the school (pupil or adult) has any of the 3 symptoms of COVID they must be sent home, self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. The 3 symptoms are:

- **new and persistent cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual.
- **a high temperature**- this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature.)
- **a loss or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you receive a positive PCR result please email the school to let us know so that we can prepare work for Google Classroom (Y1-Y6) or Tapestry (Reception). The emails will be monitored out of school hours so please let us know as soon as possible in order to inform the classteacher. The email to report test results is: admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk.

If your child is absent due to any of the 3 COVID symptoms above, please let us know when reporting their absence as you will then be advised to book a PCR test. The date of their return to school is determined by the date that they start showing any of these three official COVID symptoms or if they had no symptoms, from the date of the positive test result. We also need clear evidence of the test results to allow your child to return to school or to authorise their absence.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Rowe (Reception TA since September 2021) will be leaving us on Friday 17th December. She has decided to go back to the NHS and has obtained a

new job as a Practice Nurse. We thank her for her time supporting our new Reception pupils and hope she will be very happy in her new job.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER



If you did not order your child a Christmas lunch please remember to send them into with a packed lunch as dinners cannot be ordered on the day.

Don't forget that children can wear their Christmas jumper on the day with other non-uniform clothes.



WEEK 10 WORD OF THE WEEK:

custodian



noun

a person who has responsibility for taking care of or protecting something or keeping something in good condition

noun: custody

imprisonment: the man was being taken into custody



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!

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas post-box has been operating this week and continues to do so until next Friday 17th December. The children can post cards to each other and any adults who work in school. The Year 6 elves deliver daily. Please make sure that all cards have the name and class for each child on the envelope.

DISABLED PARKING SPACES

Please can we remind you all that the disabled spaces in the Village Hall car park should only be used by people who are registered disabled and display a blue badge. Please be respectful as registered disabled drivers are unable to park in these designated spaces if other drivers are using them. Thank you.

TROPHIES

We will shortly be awarding trophies for this half term. If your child was the recipient of a trophy earlier this term, can we please ask that the trophy is returned to the school office as soon as possible so it can be awarded to the next deserving winner.

VIRGIN CARE FLU VACCINATIONS

Virgin Care will be attending school on Monday 13th December to administer flu vaccinations to children whose parents have consented online. If you missed the cut off for consent, Virgin Care can advise you as to where else you can go to get your child vaccinated.

LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of mislaid possessions currently residing in the Lost Property cupboard just inside the main front door. If you are missing any items, please can you check the cupboard. Any unclaimed unnamed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY PLACE STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022

We would like to remind you that if your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018** they are due to start primary school in September 2022. The closing date for applying online is **15 January 2022**. You can apply here:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Allocations of primary school places will be announced in England on **19 April 2022**.

TERM DATES

Term ends on Friday 17th December at 3.30pm. Spring term starts for children on Wednesday 5th January 2022 as Tuesday 4th January 2022 is a non-pupil day.

PTFA NEWS

100 CLUB WINNERS:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our 100 club this year!
Well done to our winners, please collect your winnings from the school office.

September 1st prize: Holly Jones number 30
September 2nd prize: Rachael Jewell number 89

October 1st prize: Claire Panzeri number 84
October 2nd prize: Colin Spier number 67

November 1st prize: Grant Capel number 47
November 2nd prize: Nicola Davies number 5

December 1st prize: Kate Vaile number 62
December 2nd prize: Tammie Clarke number 29

CHRISTMAS NON-UNIFORM DAY

The final day of school this term, Friday 17th December, shall be our second Non-Uniform Day. Any donations raised from this day will go into the individual class pots, for the children to decide how the money is spent. Please see poster attached.

Please note that this event is separate from the school's Christmas jumper day on Wednesday of the same week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPORTY STARS - SPRING TERM

Please see attached flyer re booking Sporty Stars for next term.

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

Come and have a pub style Christmas singalong at the British Legion from 6-8pm on Saturday 11th December. The West Hill Singers will be singing for your enjoyment and need lots of cheery voices to join in and make it a fun evening. Family Christmas favourites, some carols and a bit of George Ezra and Oasis.

Bring your neighbours, friends and family, grab a pint or a glass of wine or two and come and blow away the winter blues with us and raise the roof with an upbeat singsong.

This is a free event but donations are encouraged in our big bucket for the West Hill Primary School PTFA.

The lovely Sharon Andrews will print some lyrics for you all, but in the meantime grab your hairbrush, warm up with some scales and practice in your kitchen.

All friends welcome.

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend,



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher