



NEWSLETTER 14

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **98.5%**. This is a great start to the new year. Well done everybody.

OFSTED

As you know, we received our OFSTED inspection on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Two HMI inspectors spent time in school observing lessons, looking in pupils' books and talking to pupils, staff and governors.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the Parent View survey at such short notice.

The inspection was a very rigorous but positive process. The final report will not be released for approximately 3-4 weeks as all reports must pass through Quality Assurance. The report will judge the school for Overall Effectiveness as well as the following areas:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years

Until the report is received, we are unable to share the outcome with you but are hoping that the report will be released before February half term.

CHANGES TO SELF- ISOLATION FOR POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

PUPILS WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an **LFD test every day for seven days** and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

HOLIDAYS AND QUARANTINE

You should plan your holidays within school and college holidays as usual. Avoid seeking permission to take your children out of school or college during term time.

You should refer to the [guidance on travelling abroad from England](#) before booking and travelling.

All pupils travelling to England must adhere to travel legislation, details of which are set out in the guidance on [travelling to England from another country](#).

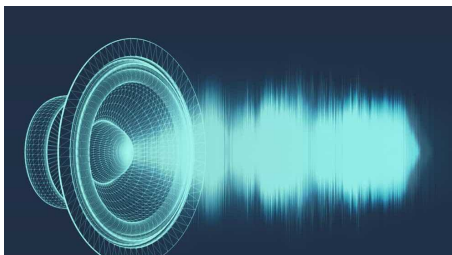
Please keep in mind that you and your children may need to quarantine when you return from a trip overseas. Any quarantine should also fall within the school or college holidays.

WEEK 13 WORD OF THE WEEK: audible

Adjective: audible

able to be heard

"some ultrasound is audible to dogs"



Noun: audio

sound, especially when recorded, transmitted, or reproduced.

"the machine can retrieve and play audio from a CD-ROM"

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!

BE SEEN - BE SAFE ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, we welcomed representatives from West Hill Parish Council. They are running a campaign to highlight pedestrian safety when walking around West Hill's unlit lanes during the dark Winter evenings. They have kindly donated a hi-vis jacket to every child in the school to wear on these dark evenings and to improve visibility amongst road users.

They also have a limited number of hi-viz vests in various sizes which they are offering free to any adult who would like one, as well as some reflective 'dinosaur' stickers which can be stuck on helmets, bikes, pushchairs and even clothing. They will be available outside McColls on Saturday 22nd January from 10.00am to midday.

Be Seen - Be Safe.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL MENU - THURSDAY 20th JANUARY

We have a Census Day coming up next Thursday 20th January. Our school funding is affected by the number of children having school meals on each Census Day. Please can we ask for your support to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner that day. We have **changed the menu** to offer one of our most popular options on the day, as follows:

Main Meal: West country sausage and curly fries

Vegetarian Meal: Vegetable sausage and curly fries

Both served with sweetcorn and beans

Jacket potato

Pudding: Iced strawberry smoothie

All options are gluten and dairy free

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We have received a letter of thanks from The Children's Society for money raised this Christmas.

"A total of £380.32 from the Children's Society collection boxes was banked at the West Hill Post Office on 21st December 2021 in the name of The Children's Society. Additionally, the children's candle boxes and the Christingle Service raised together a further £325.86.

Therefore, the grand total collected this Christmas was a wonderful £706.18. As always our thanks and appreciation goes to the teachers and children of West Hill School for their wonderful support and participation in making our Christingle Service a happy occasion."

Well done everybody!

READER HELPERS NEEDED: CALLING ALL PARENTS/CARERS!

Thank you to the additional volunteers who have come forward this week to help with reading. We would still welcome volunteers on the following days:

Reception - Monday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Wednesday mornings

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday (both mornings)

Year 4 - Any day!

Year 5 - Monday - Thursday

Year 6 - Any day!

We appreciate that with ongoing restrictions, some may feel hesitant volunteering to hear pupils read and/or help change reading books; however, we would welcome anyone who had any time at all to spare (preferably afternoons). Please email admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk FAO the relevant teacher if you think you have the time to spare to help with this.

COATS/WINTER WEATHER

As we are now in winter, please can all parents ensure that their child/children come to school with a coat each day. Each day, children spend between 1 hour and 1 hour 15 minutes outside during their 3 play times and we do not have enough spare coats for everyone who forgets. Thank you for your support with this.

LOST PROPERTY

Unfortunately, we had to throw out a large number of unclaimed uniform and lunch items in the last week of the Autumn term. We even had a small number of hardly worn coats that went unclaimed. Please remember to name all items you send in to school. If it is named, we can ensure it gets back to your child.

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY PLACE STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022

We would like to remind you that if your child was born between **1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018** they are due to start primary school in September 2022. The closing date for applying online is tomorrow (Saturday 15th 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 **19th April 2022**.

ART AND CRAFT CLUB

Apologies but Graham Harry is unable to resume Art and Craft Club on Thursday 20th January for Class 2 and 3 children who attended last term. Instead it will resume on Thursday 27th for 3 weeks.

ROADWORK NOTIFICATION

We have been informed from Devon Highways that West Hill Road will be closed from **7th March 2022 until 18th March 2022**. The section of road affected will be from the junction with Eastfield for approximately 100m to the west. A diversion route will be signed via the B3180. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

This is due to rescheduled drainage repair work along West Hill Road.

PTFA NEWS

Each class has raised some fantastic funds over the year to be spent solely on their class. We are pleased to enclose the totals:

	Money Raised	Remaining to spend
Reception	£109.10	£109.10
Year 1	£169.10	£70.15
Year 2	£284.96	£204.96
Year 3	£243.50	£69.75
Year 4	£287.90	£65.98
Year 5	£236.41	£138.61
Year 6	£184.56	£93.11

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend,

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