



## NEWSLETTER 19

01404 812599 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Website [www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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Dear Parents/Carers,



### ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **84.8%**. This is to be expected with the number of Covid cases we have experienced across the school recently, but hope that now cases are decreasing our attendance will increase again.

### OFSTED REPORT

We were really hoping that our Ofsted report would be available for staff and parents before February half term. However, having made some enquiries to Ofsted at the start of the week, I have been informed that unfortunately this will not be possible for 2 reasons:

1. Sometimes the quality assurance checks and other processes can take a little longer than planned.
2. Ofsted do not share draft or published reports during the school breaks and as we have five school working days to share the report with parents and staff before it appears on our website, Ofsted will now have to wait until the school return before they can share this with us.

This is not the outcome we wanted having already waited for 5 weeks but once the report is received, we will send it out to you as soon as possible and apologise for the delay.

### NEW VIDEO REASSURES CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS ABOUT THE VACCINE

Children aged five to 11 years old who are clinically at risk from coronavirus, or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed, [are now eligible for a lower, paediatric dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.](#)

Two leading paediatricians have [recorded a short video](#) explaining that the paediatric dose of the vaccine, which has been approved by the Joint Committee for Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI), is safe, and that it is being used widely in this age group in other countries.

Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions such as chronic heart or kidney conditions.

Featured in the video, Dr Corrine Hayes, says:

"Having the vaccine will help protect the most vulnerable children and their families from COVID-19. If you have any concerns, please talk to your GP or consultant, we're always happy to help."

And Dr Emily Chesshyre, says:

"I want to reassure children and their parents that this lower dose has been approved following a robust safety review and that many children elsewhere in the world have already been safely vaccinated."

Children who are eligible will be contacted by their GP or the local NHS inviting them to book an appointment. This group is not currently able to book through the national booking system.

## WEEK 19 WORD OF THE WEEK: affection

**Noun:** (abstract)

a gentle feeling of fondness or liking.

"she felt **affection** for the wise old lady"



**adjective**

readily feeling or showing fondness or tenderness.

"his **affectionate** nature"

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](mailto:wotw@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk) to let us know!

### PARENTS' EVENINGS

You should have received an email on Tuesday with details of how to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Two household families will be able to schedule a Teams call with their child's teacher to allow both parties to attend. Please contact the office using the admin@ to organise this.

**We would politely ask all parents to book an appointment during the 2 week window as we will not be taking requests from parents to book appointments at other times.**

### 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.

## A SYMBOL OF HOPE



On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Valentine's Day) a parent captured this beautiful rainbow across West Hill from the Village Hall car park.

Across the world Rainbows are a symbol of hope in many cultures. In Christian culture, a rainbow promises better times to come - the Abrahamic god sent one to Noah after the great flood to tell people they could go forth and multiply without fear of another flood. In Western art and culture rainbows are frequently represented as a sign of hope and promise of a better future.

### **PRACTICE YOUR FRENCH AT HOME WITH LANGUAGE ANGELS HOME SCHOOL**

Key Stage 2 pupils have been trialling a new French scheme since January called Language Angels which we have now purchased. Pupils can now log in to the new [Language Angels Home School](#) site using the username and password below to enable pupils to continue their foreign language learning journey whilst at home.

#### Your school login details

USERNAME

WestH8687

PASSWORD

lahome

The Home School site is a stripped back version of the normal site. Pupils will have access to a selection of units (each containing 5 lessons, no assessment etc.) which they will be to use to continue their foreign language learning at home. There is a PowerPoint, some printable worksheet activities, karaoke songs and access to the interactive games area.

Units are divided into 3 different levels of challenge to make it easier for pupils to



pick the units that best suit the level of challenge and stretch they are looking for.

The site is simple to use.

1. Go to [www.languageangels.com](http://www.languageangels.com)
2. Click LOGIN in the top right corner of the screen.
3. Select the HOME SCHOOL option.
4. Enter USERNAME and PASSWORD.
5. Select the UNIT you want.
6. Select your LESSON and click START LESSON.
7. Enjoy learning using all the resources provided in your lesson.
8. Click BACK TO DASHBOARD to select your next lesson.

Parents and pupils can watch a video of how easy the site is to use by visiting this page: <https://languageangels.pages.ontraport.net/hs>

### **SMART WATCHES**

Since Christmas some children have been wearing a smart watch to school (presumably a Christmas gift that they are quite rightly delighted with!) Many smart watches have the same capabilities as mobile phones and allow students to communicate via text and also through social media. We believe that if misused, smart watches have the potential to disrupt the learning environment and also could cause safeguarding issues.

Unfortunately, smart watches are not permitted in school if they have any or all of the following:

- Camera
- Video recording app
- Messaging ability
- Ability to make and receive phone calls
- Games
- Voice recording

Fitness Tracker style watches (e.g. Fitbit) are permitted providing they have none of the features above.

If your child has a smart watch (or any others with the above features), please make them aware that they must not be worn to school after half term.

Many thanks for your support in safeguarding all pupils.

### **PTFA NEWS**

#### **RAINBOW RAFFLE - BUY YOUR TICKET NOW!**

Thank you to everyone that has provided a donation to fill their class hamper. We hope to get photos of the hampers to you when available.

During half term the raffle tickets (for a chance of winning any of the 7 hampers) are available to purchase from <https://raffall.com/285496/enter-raffle-to-win-west-hill-rainbow-hampers-hosted-by-west-hill-primary-school-ptfa>. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, thank you to all that have entered!

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Spring Ball Committee have commenced plans and would like to share the date of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Please keep the date free!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### RAINBOW WARRIORS & MINDFULNESS

There are places available at the lunchtime clubs:

Tuesday - Year 2,3,4,5 & 6

Thursday - Reception & Year 1

Sessions are 30 minutes and cost £4, payable in advance for the term (£24 for 6 weeks)

To book or for more information please email Kara: [karatwinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:karatwinkle@hotmail.com) or call on 07778127685

### CRICKET CLUB

Clements Coaching is running an after school cricket club starting after half term on

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Sessions are 1 hour long and cost of £3.

To book please email Alex: [aclementscoaching@hotmail.com](mailto:aclementscoaching@hotmail.com) or see attached flyer for more details

With my best wishes for a lovely half term break,



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher