



West Hill Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school's attendance last week was **98.1%**, which is above the school's target of **97.5%**. Well done and thank you everyone.

WEEK 32 WORD OF THE WEEK:

collaboration



Noun: collaboration: the action of working with someone to produce something.

Verb: collaborate: Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler have **collaborated** on a number of books.



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!

RAISING CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS

Whilst we are very proud of our school, we know that no one gets things right all of the time. We are committed to working with you to provide the absolute best for all of our children and this includes responding quickly and proportionately to concerns that you raise.

If there is a problem with your child, please contact your child's class teacher initially by e-mailing the school office as he/she is the best person to help. The problem will be referred to me if necessary, but the majority of concerns can be solved successfully through liaison with the class teacher. Please see our complaints policy for the correct escalation procedures:

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

DINNER MONEY ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

For children who are leaving the school at the end of term please make sure all outstanding balances are cleared. If the account has funds please see the office for a refund or funds can be transferred to the younger sibling. Thank you.

REPORTS

Over the last month, teachers have been very busy writing end of year reports for every child in their class which is a very lengthy and time consuming task. End of year reports will be sent home with pupils at the end of school on Monday 18th July. If you would prefer to collect your report from the school office, please e-mail admin@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk to inform them. They can be collected between 3.30pm-4pm on Monday 18th July and any days during the rest of that week.

END OF TERM FAMILY PICNIC

As announced in the summer term diary dates, we would like to invite you to join us for a family picnic on the school field on the last day of term (Tuesday 26th July) from 12.15-1pm. After this the pupils will return to class to collect their belongings before term ends at 1.15pm and children are collected in the usual way from the playgrounds.

With Covid, we have been unable to do this for the past few years so we are hoping as many of you can join us as possible to celebrate our first 'normal year back at school without any lockdowns!

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal or they have Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 pupils), they are entitled to have a packed lunch provided from the school kitchen.

This would be a ham, cheese or tuna sandwich, a piece of fruit, a cookie and a drink. Please let the office know by Thursday 21st July if you require this to be provided, otherwise we will assume you will bring your own picnic on that day.

HOT WEATHER/SUN CREAM REMINDER

Please make sure your child/ren come to school every day with sun cream **already** applied along with named sun hats and water bottles. The recommended **daily intake** for children is:

6-8 glasses of fluid each day (approx. **2 pints or 1 litre**)

Water can also be flavoured naturally with mint leaves, ginger, or frozen fruit, however plain water is best.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/think2drink-h2o>

BIKEABILITY WEEK

This week we had Year 5 taking part in Bikeability Week. You may have seen groups of children cycling around the village learning about road safety and dealing with traffic. In small groups they learnt how to prepare for on-road cycling, start and finish an on-road journey, recognise typical hazards, let others know what they are about to do, know where to ride on the road and pass parked vehicles and side roads. Thanks to Steph and Chris, who ran the course. We are very proud of all that the children have achieved this week.

MUSIC LESSONS FOR PUPILS IN KEY STAGE 2 (CLASSES 3-6) IN SEPTEMBER



Music teachers come to West Hill Primary School to give tuition to the children who would like to learn a musical instrument. The teachers are self-employed and will liaise with you directly regarding lessons & invoicing.

If your child currently has music lessons in school please confirm, via email, to their teacher whether or not you would like to continue receiving lessons in September. You should give them a term's notice.

For new starters (current Year 2 and upwards), in order to secure a place to start in September, please email the music teacher for your chosen instrument, they will contact you with further details.

- **Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone:** Darren Cooke, djc1music@googlemail.com.
- **Violin:** Sally Bull, sallybull@talktalk.net
- **Guitar:** Andrew Wall, guitarwithsmoo@gmail.com
- **Keyboard, singing:** Sharon Andrews, SJAmusic@mail.com
- **Cornet, trumpet, Eb horn, baritone, trombone:** Gail Denning, gaildenning@outlook.com
Individual or groups lessons available, if a few children would like to start a new instrument together.

Please note, **only one music lesson is allowed in school time** to minimise disruption to your child's learning. Music lessons slots are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

INCREASING COVID-19 CASES

As you are likely to have heard, cases of Covid-19 are increasing in the community and this week we have also seen cases in school. The guidance remains that anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as Covid-19 and has a high temperature or feeling unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others. Testing is no longer expected for most people, although is required for those who are clinically vulnerable and may need access to antivirals and other treatments.

Please remember to let us know if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and to ensure they return to school after 72 hrs (as long as they do not have a temperature.)

Thank you for your support with this.

PTFA NEWS



The Summer Fete is only a week away! Here are a few reminders of ways you can help:

- Return raffle tickets by Friday 8th July (either money and stubs, or unsold tickets)
- Returned sponsored bounce forms by Friday 15th July.
- We NEED more volunteers. Face painters, and game stalls. Without you the stalls cannot run for the duration.

Please let us know if you can help, either via your class rep or to PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk.

GAZEBO REQUEST

To save the PTFA team putting up a pre-historic puzzle of a marquee/gazebo that we have in storage, we thought we'd check if there are two available in the village that we could borrow for the day to cover our bar area at the Fete? Please let us know ASAP if you are able to help.

2ND HAND UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who sent in second hand uniform for our stall at the Fete. We now have enough good quality uniform but are still accepting hamper donations!

MESSAGE FROM MAC DICK

Do come along to the church stall and have a go at throwing wet sponges at Mac who will be in the 'Stocks'! We are also very happy to invite Mrs Boulton or Mr Pantling to take a turn in the 'Stocks'!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST HILL WASPS FOOTBALL CLUB

West Hill Football club are looking for anyone interested in coaching the next season's under 6s (this year's Reception class). No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm. The club is a FA chartered standard club and all coaches complete the online FA training to help learn coaching drills, child welfare and first aid. You'll be joining 10-15 other wonderful parents who coach. Why not get involved instead of having to watch from the sidelines. If interested please contact David Salter on 07929864016 or Doug Ferguson on dferguson@doctors.org.uk.

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend.



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher