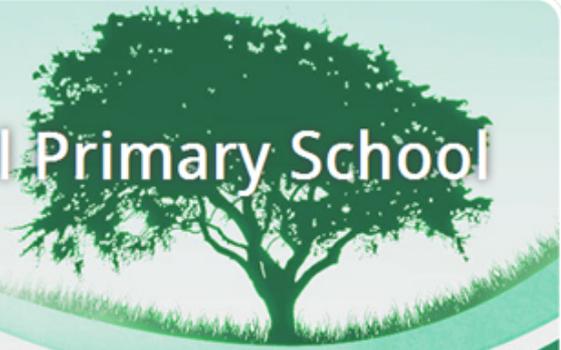




West Hill Primary School



NEWSLETTER 28

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **98.4%**, which is above our school target, so well done everyone.

WEEK 28 WORD OF THE WEEK: **preservation**



Noun: preservation: the act, process, or result of **preserving** something: the activity or process of **keeping something valued alive, intact, or free from damage or decay**

Verb: preserve: maintain something in its original or existing state

Example: They worked hard to **preserve** the forest for all the animals that lived there.

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!

CHANGES TO MENU NEXT WEEK INCLUDING JUBILEE LUNCH

Wednesday's roast option has been changed from roast chicken to roast turkey. We then have a special traditional English meal available on Thursday for the Jubilee celebration replacing the scheduled option. We will be serving fish and chips with vegetable sticks and Victoria sponge for pudding. The vegetarian option will be a cheese and onion sausage roll. Children can also bring a packed lunch if preferred.

JUBILEE DAY - THURSDAY 26TH MAY

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special Jubilee Day on Thursday 26th May. Lunch will be a traditional English affair (as above) with tables set up in street party style. There will be a choir performance and an ice cream for everyone in the afternoon kindly provided by the PTFA.

Children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothes and wearing a crown which can either be home-made or one from their dressing up box.

We are also attaching a Jubilee themed resource 'In the News this week' (Picture news) for children to do at home if they wish.

PARKING IN BEECH PARK

On Monday morning there was another near miss in Beech Park with one of our pupils. This was due to poor visibility caused by large amounts of cars parked as well as a car travelling particularly fast. **For everyone's safety, please can we ask you NOT to park cars in the road leading to school but to use the Village Hall car park, McColls car park or park around the green area in Beech Park.**

Please can we also request cars approaching the Village Hall car park to drive with caution knowing there are numerous pedestrians in the area. Equally please can we ask parents to ensure they supervise their children when crossing roads and cross in appropriate places with good visibility. Thank you.

LATENESS

Yesterday was our school census day where we have to report school data. It was quite shocking to see our data for lateness. In the Spring term (January to Easter) we had 177 'late' sessions recorded (this is where pupils arrive at school between 8.55-9.10am). If your child arrives after the gates have closed, please ensure they are accompanied into the school office. Please note that if a pupil arrives after 9.10am the session is marked as unauthorised absence.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school by 8.55am when the gates are closed and the school day begins. Arriving late at school can cause anxiety for children who do not like entering a full classroom when lessons have already started.

TROPHIES

Please can we ask that all trophies are returned to school by **Monday 23rd May** in preparation for our next trophies assembly on Wednesday 25th May. Thank you.



WEBSITE

Following feedback from a website review carried out by a new school governor, we have decided to add a search button to our school website. Hopefully this facility will help you to find things more easily! Please see: <https://west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/>

TERM DATES REMINDER

Please remember that next Friday 27th May is a non-pupil day and school is closed to pupils. The following week, 30th May to 3rd June, is half term, followed by the extra day on Monday 6th June due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday falling during half term.

SCREEN TIME AND SLEEP

If your child has a TV, mobile phone, or gaming device in their room, it's hard for you to control how much time they're spending on it and you can't easily monitor what they're watching. Keeping screens in family spaces is the safest approach.

Screens in bedrooms could also affect your child's sleep. The [Sleep Foundation reports](#) that around one third of children and more than half of 10 to 19-year-olds don't get enough sleep. We know screen time is likely to be one reason behind this.

Children's sleep is affected by screen time when they stay up late to play games and watch shows, leaving them tired and cranky in the mornings. And the [blue lights](#) from their devices could also affect them, making them feel less sleepy at bedtime. Turning off devices at least an hour before bedtime [helps them get a good night's sleep](#).

OFSTED - SEND DEEP DIVES

We have been informed that Devon County Council have received a call from Ofsted informing them that they will be conducting a re-inspection of their SEND provision on 23rd - 25th May 2022. The re-visit will be led by an Ofsted HMI who will be accompanied by a CQC inspector.

They are aware that Ofsted will be undertaking some deep dives of students with EHC Plans and also may want to meet with a few education leaders/SENDCos.

As part of the inspection there is a survey for parents of children who have special educational needs. The survey is open until 12 noon today, Friday 20th May 2022.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DevonCountyCouncilRe-visitLASEND/>

SCIENCE WRITING COMPETITION - NEW DEADLINE DATE

Don't forget to submit an entry for this year's Science Writing Competition. The theme is "If I were a tree". Children need to write an original story of up to 500 words in which they imagine they are one of the trees planted this year as part of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy. The competition deadline is Friday 17th June, however all entries need to be pre-judged and three entries from each key stage will shortlisted by Miss Kemp. Therefore can all entries be sent in by **Friday 10th June** ready to be shortlisted and collected by Jo Earlam or Jon Ball the following week. The winners will be invited to read their stories at the Sidmouth Festival in August.

PTFA NEWS

SPONSORED BOUNCE - SAVE THE DATE

Our Sponsored Bounce will take place on Friday 8th July. Sponsorship forms will follow after half term along with summer fete raffle tickets.

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 9th July is fast approaching. We hope it will be another fun-filled day for children, parents and West Hill village. If you would like to help make lighter work of the organisation towards the day, please email PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.sch.devon.uk, or speak to Joanna Bromley or Nicola Davies at drop off/collection. Many thanks!

We are collecting prizes to be raffled at the school fete. If you or someone you know might be able to offer a prize we would be so grateful. These can be handed into the school office or please contact me directly on 07411397331 and I can collect. Thank you, Sarah

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPORTYSTARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SportyStars will be running two after school clubs starting in June. KS1 will be offered MultiSports on Mondays and KS2 will be offered Archery Tag on Tuesdays. Booking details are attached.

MUSICAL WORKSHOP

Katie Murray, our wonderful dance teacher at West Hill Primary School, will be running a two day musical workshop 'Magical Musicals' over the Summer Holidays and wondered if it might be of interest to any of our children? Details are attached.

WEST HILL SCARECROW COMPETITION

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the West Hill Pre-School Committee are hosting a Jubilee/Platinum/Royalty themed scarecrow competition over the bank holiday weekend (Thursday 2nd June 2022 to Sunday 5th June 2022). Everyone is welcome to take part. West Hill Parish Council are kindly sponsoring the competition and offering:

1st Prize: £50

2nd Prize: £25

3rd Prize: £10

Along with highly commended certificates.

The theme for the competition will be Royalty/Platinum/Jubilee, but any scarecrow is very welcome to enter! Please can you ensure that scarecrows are positioned well within the boundaries of your property and to keep pathways and roads clear.

If you wish to take part in the competition, we ask for a suggested minimum donation of £3 to the Pre-School. Please email whpreschoolevents@gmail.com with your name, address and a contact phone number by midnight 30th May 2022 and a member of the Pre-School will send you a link to make the donation online. Alternatively, you can place your donation in an envelope with your name, address and a contact phone number, labelled 'Scarecrow Competition' and delivered to the Pre-School by Friday 27th May 2022 (last day of term).

A map of all the scarecrow locations will be distributed for free on social media and a limited number of paper copies will be available at McColls shop on Thursday 2nd June 2022. Any donations are very welcome for those wishing to walk around the village and view the scarecrows. A collection bucket will be in McColls for the duration of the weekend. Judging will be held over the bank holiday weekend, so we ask all scarecrows to be assembled by Thursday 2nd June 2022.

To enter please email: whpreschoolevents@gmail.com

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend.



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher