



NEWSLETTER 16

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **97.6%**. This is just above of target of 97.5%, so well done everyone.

LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE TO PARENTS

The latest Government advice to parents of children attending schools is published here. It has the most up to date advice on face coverings, testing, close contact guidance and rules for self-isolation. If you need any clarity on what to do if your child tests positive or is a close contact, this is the most up to date source of information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

1. LFD tests

The guidance above states '*Parents and other visitors are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering a childminder, nursery, school or college.*'

2. Face masks

Although face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas at school, we have reintroduced the wearing of masks from Friday 28th January due to recent increasing Covid cases and additional enhanced measures following advice from DCC Health & Safety team.

With this in mind we would ask any adults to take a lateral flow test before coming into the school as a volunteer and to wear a face mask in communal areas. Thank you for your support with this.

SELF- ISOLATION FOR POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

Children and adults who are self-isolating with COVID-19 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 do not have a temperature. They can return to their education or setting immediately on day 6 following a second negative test.

All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

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

Children identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an **LFD test every day for seven days** and continue to attend school 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](#).

WEEK 16 WORD OF THE WEEK: triumph

Noun: triumph

A great victory or achievement.

"Finishing first was a huge **triumph**".



Verb: triumph

achieve a victory; be successful.

"Exeter Chiefs **triumphed** over the rest of Europe"

Adjective: triumphant

Having won a battle or contest; victorious.

Triumphant Novak Djokovic celebrates his Wimbledon Final win over Matteo Berrettini.



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!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents Evenings are scheduled for the first 2 weeks back after half term (Monday 28th February to Friday 11th March 2022). Teachers will be offering a 10 minute telephone call per child. Further information about booking your appointment(s) will follow on 4th February which will allow you a 3 week window in which to book an appointment. 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 and not ask teachers for appointments at other times.

CURRICULUM LETTERS

The curriculum letters for the current term were sent by email on Monday 24th January. They are now also uploaded to the website for your information.

READER HELPERS STILL NEEDED

We still welcome volunteers to help with reading on the following days:

Reception - Monday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - We have enough. Thank you!

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday (both mornings)

Year 4 - Any day!

Year 5 - Monday - Thursday

Year 6 - Any day!

We appreciate that with our current Covid outbreak, some 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.

ARRIVING FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS

We would like to remind you that the school gate closes at 8.55am. If children arrive after this time, they need to be taken to the office **by an adult** and sign into the late book. They will then be marked on the register as late. Increasing numbers of children are arriving after this time, which leads to disruption to the rest of the class and missed learning. Please can we remind you to be on time to give your child the best start to the day.

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.

ART AND CRAFT CLUB

Art and Craft Club continues for those already signed up on Thursday 3rd and 10th February from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

LET'S STOP ABUSE TOGETHER



At least **one in ten** children experience sexual abuse before they turn

16.

[Find out more](#)

Let's **Stop Abuse Together.**



It's estimated that one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn 16 years old. That's equivalent to three children in every classroom.

Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if they're concerned.

[The government's new Stop Abuse Together website](#) can help you learn to spot the signs, and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe, and know when to reach out for more support.

If you feel something's not right, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. No matter what's happened, there's always someone who will listen to you and take what you say seriously.

All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe.

SPRING BALL

The spring ball is due to be held this May, but due to a very limited number of people currently interested in organising this, it may not be possible! It is only with your help that events such as these can occur. The PTFA team also have two big events in the spring/summer to organise (Queen's Jubilee and Summer fete), so cannot commit to running this event with only their small team. Please email PTFAWH@west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk if you can be of any assistance to the ball planning team. Not only is the ball a fundraiser for the PTFA, but a brilliant night out within the village!

RAINBOW RAFFLE AND HAMPERS

To celebrate equality and to coincide with LGBT History month, we will be holding a raffle for rainbow hampers. Please see the attached poster for each class' colour. The aim is to fill your class hamper with only items in that colour! It can be anything such as toys, food, drinks, games, toiletries, books etc. You will have until half term to make any donations via the school office and raffle tickets (for a chance of winning any of the hampers) can be purchased using the following link: <https://raffall.com/285496/enter-raffle-to-win-west-hill-rainbow-hampers-hosted-by-west-hill-primary-school-ptfa>

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend,



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