



NEWSLETTER 25

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for what we hope will be an exciting summer term with lots to look forward to! I hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful weather.



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance in the week before the Easter break was **97.5%**, which is our school target. Thankfully we are now returning to pre-Covid levels of attendance.

REMOTE LEARNING

The temporary provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 expired on 24 March 2022. As a result the 'Remote Education (England) Temporary Continuity (No.2) direction' no longer has effect.

On 8th April 2022 Devon County Council contacted schools to say:

'We would not expect schools to provide remote learning while pupils are off school because they are unwell with covid/flu.'

In line with the other primary schools in our Local learning Community (Ottery, Payhembury, Feniton and Tipton) and in line with absence for all other illness, we will no longer be providing online learning via Tapestry (Reception Class) or Google Classroom (Classes 1-6) if your child is off school with Covid.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last two years with online learning as we know how challenging this was for parents.

RUN A MILE CLUB

Mrs Boulton will be resuming Run a Mile club from Friday 6th May. This is open to any interested Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3-6). Please meet on the school field at 8.30am in your running kit and bring your school uniform in a bag to change into. Parents of children participating are very welcome to stay to spectate or even to join in with the running.

A mile is equivalent to 7 laps of the field but pupils can always run a lap then walk a lap so please do not be put off by the distance. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Boulton.

HEAD BUMPS

Following recent whole school First Aid training we have been advised to change the way in which we inform parents/carers of a head bump/trauma.

If your child has a bump to the head whilst at school you will receive a 'bumped head e-mail'. If we feel that the bump needs further clarification a conversation will be had at pick up or via a telephone conversation during the school day.

You should check your emails daily to ensure that this information is not missed and to ensure that monitoring is continued following the end of the school day.

WEEK 25 WORD OF THE WEEK: devotion

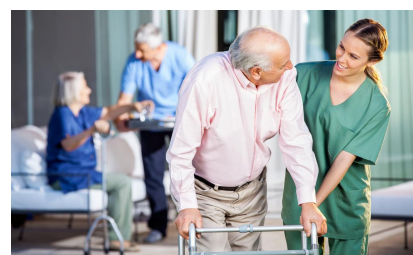
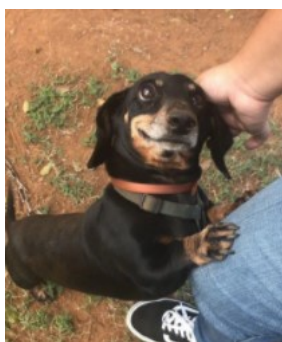
Please note that as we have now completed a full year's cycle of 'word of the week', we will be revisiting words introduced the previous summer.

Noun:

love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person or activity.

Examples: **Devotion** is what a dog feels for his kind master.

Their complete **devotion** to the care of the elderly was admirable.



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!

RUCKSACKS

It has come to our attention that many children in Years 3 and 4 are bringing rucksacks into school instead of book bags. This is a health and safety issue as cloakrooms and exit routes are being obstructed with many of them ending up in piles on the floor due to lack of space in the Elliott cloakroom.

Please note that our school uniform policy states:

'All children need a green book bag (briefcase-style bag) for carrying their reading books, pencils and belongings. These are available from Thomas Moore, in Exeter. Rucksack style bags are allowed in Year 5 and Year 6 only (due to limited cloakroom space in other year groups)'

<https://west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/School-Uniform-and-Appearance-Policy-July-2021.pdf>

We appreciate that some children in Year 3 and 4 cycle to school and will therefore need to bring a rucksack, but otherwise please ensure any additional items which do not fit into a book bag e.g. Forest School clothes are brought in a named bag which squashes more easily onto the pegs. Thank you for your support.

SCIENCE WRITING COMPETITION

Children have been invited to take part in this year's Science Writing Competition (see attached for details). We are delighted that local author Jo Earlam and the Word Forest have agreed to organise this.

"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.

The winners will be invited to read their stories at the Sidmouth Festival in August.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please see the attached Calendar of Events for the latest dates for your diaries this term.

VALUES

Our termly value is **Care** and we will be discussing this each week in our Monday assemblies:

Week 1 - 25th April - Care for our school

Week 2 - 2nd May- Bank Holiday

Week 3 - 9th May- Caring for our friends

Week 4 - 16th May- Caring for the environment

Week 5 - 23rd May- Caring for our families

LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

To see the spring term Learning Behaviour Champions, please see the attached document.

Our learning behaviour this term is **problem-solvers** which is discussed each week in our Wednesday assemblies.

PTFA NEWS

100 CLUB WINNERS:

Well done to our winners, please collect your winnings from the school office.

January: 1st prize: Charlotte Ferguson

2nd prize: Jenni Marshall

February: 1st prize: Elisa Ulanowsky

2nd prize: Lucille Kent

March: 1st prize: Grant Capel

2nd prize: Kirsty Trude

April: 1st prize: Noirin Evans

2nd prize: Kathie Treen

BREAK THE RULES

We hope everyone enjoyed the Break the Rules day at the end of last term, we can confirm that the following was made (black text) and put towards individual class fund totals (red text):

Reception - £67.00 (£109.10)

Class 1 - £59.00 (£129.15)

Class 2 - £65.60 (£270.56)

Class 3 - £63.30 (£69.75)

Class 4 - £63.50 (£65.98)

Class 5 - £69.10 (£207.71)

Class 6 - £68.20 (£161.31)

EUROVISION PARTY!

Join us on Saturday 14th May for a fun filled social raising funds for the school! It will be a wonderful opportunity to get together and have a great night. Please see the attached poster for more information.

A save the date will be circulated in the near future for a Winter Ball Date. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.

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!

REQUEST FROM THE PTFA FETE BBQ TEAM

The village fete will be on **Saturday 9th July** and the BBQ is one of the main fundraisers for the PTFA. It takes a lot of work from volunteers and the generosity of many local businesses to make it such a success.

- If you think you'll be able to assist on the day, please contact Andy on andyritchiedevon@outlook.com. We will need around 30 volunteers in shifts across the day to help with set up, cooking, serving and clearing away between 9am and 5pm.
 - If you have a gas BBQ that you'd be happy to lend for the day, please contact Dan on danulanowsky@hotmail.com. We can arrange collection and return by trailer.
 - If you know a business that might be willing to donate or heavily discount something useful (meat/vegan equivalent, bread, sliced onions, lettuce, tomatoes, sauces, gas etc.), please contact Keith on keithjones555@yahoo.co.uk
- Thank you in advance for your assistance

COMMUNITY NEWS

TABLETOP SALE IN AID OF HOSPISCARE

West Hill Pre-School Committee are taking part in a table top sale in aid of Hospiscare next Saturday 7th May. We are asking for donations of hand-me-down clothes and toys to sell. Please bear us in mind if you are having a clear out over the next few weeks as we would be very grateful for good quality, complete, clean and saleable items. Please can you leave them in the foyer of the Village Hall by 29th April and a member of the committee will collect them. All proceeds raised will go to the Pre-School and Hospiscare. Many thanks.

With my best wishes for a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and see you back at school on Tuesday 3rd May.



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher