



NEWSLETTER 26

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Dear Parents/Carers,



ATTENDANCE

The whole school's attendance last week was **97.3%**, which is just below our school target.

RUN A MILE CLUB

Run a Mile Club with Mrs Boulton started again this morning. After two years, it was great to see so many children having fun by taking part in this. The club is open to children in Years 3-6. Meet on the school field at 8.30am in your running kit and bring school uniform in a bag to change into before school. Parents of children participating are very welcome to stay to spectate or even to join in with the running.

A mile is equivalent to 8 laps of the field but pupils can always run a lap then walk a lap so please don't be put off by the distance.

WEEK 26 WORD OF THE WEEK: camaraderie

Noun:

Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.

"There was a great sense of camaraderie within the group and everyone mucked in together".



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!

STOCKLAND CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, I took a team of runners to Stockland for the final cross country of the year. Having been postponed twice, it was with a great deal of excitement that we arrived at the venue, especially as for some of the children it was their first taste of the event. Every one of the runners

did their very best and should be extremely proud of themselves; it is never an easy event to run and for the Year 5 children they were directly competing against Year 6 too! We had a lot of success, with the Year 3/4 girls team of Rose, Gracie and Erin all finishing within the top ten of their race, including first place for Rose. Ted came second in the Year 3/4 boys race, whilst there were many other excellent results from the other runners. Thanks also to Fiona Laitinen for assisting the team on the coach. Well done to all, and I will be holding try outs for next year's Stockland races before the end of this year, so if you have been inspired to get your running shoes on, please come along! Mr Sapwell.

JUBILEE DAY

We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a special Jubilee Day in school on Thursday 26th May. We have lots of exciting plans for the day including a whole school lunch with tables set up in street party style, a choir performance and an ice cream for everyone.

Children are invited to 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.

BLUE BADGE SPACES

Please be aware that a number of parents and children using the school, pre-school and Village Hall need to use the disabled spaces in the car park. Please can you refrain from using these spaces if you are not in possession of a blue badge. Thank you.

RUCKSACKS REMINDER

It has come to our attention that some children in Years 2, 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. 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 these years 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.

PTFA NEWS

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.

SUMMER FETE 9th JULY

We are now 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

REQUEST FROM THE PTFA FETE BBQ TEAM

The Summer Fete 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

CRICKET CLUB

Alex Clements Cricket Club will be starting again on Thursday 12th May and running until 7th July for years 3-6. Please see attached flyer for details on how to book a place for your child.

TABLE TOP SALE IN AID OF HOSPISCARE

A table top sale is taking place in the village hall this weekend in aid of Hospiscare. The Pre-School committee have been inundated with lots of excellent quality donations to sell and raise funds for the Pre-School (including brands like Jojo, John Lewis, Kite, M&S and Next to name a few). Funds raised will go to the Pre-School and contribute to projects like our recent garden upgrade or improving our wonderful resources.

Crafters, bakers, sewers and jewellers together with florists, booksellers and artists plus many more will also be there raising money for Hospiscare. Refreshments will be available all day and musicians too. Please do come along and help raise essential funds whilst having a great day.

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 sunny weekend (although I hope it's not too hot as I'm running the Ottery 10k on Sunday morning!)



Mrs. Cheryl Boulton
Headteacher