

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Each Friday in assembly we give out a number of awards to individual and groups of children who have been 'spotted' during the week being kind and polite or showing determination in their reading or other areas of the curriculum. This is a fabulous end to the week as we recognise the fantastic things going on around the school on a daily basis. You may not know that I also like to give out certificates and trophies your children may have earned in their out of school clubs eg swimming, football, Brownies or Cubs. Please feel free to send these in on a Friday and I will gladly celebrate what your children have been doing as part of our celebration assembly.

We also like to look at the children's homework and reading records and the class with the most earn a little bit of extra playtime the following week. The children need to have 5 signed reads and a signature on their homework card to be counted each week. Please help them in this friendly competition as many children are telling us they are doing the work but they are forgetting to ask for your signatures each week!

We have again been requested by the local council to allow the school to be used for polling on **Thursday 3rd May**. I took this to the school governors last night and a decision was made to close the school on this day so that you are not left with short notice of closure if we have to change our minds as we did last year, when we tried to stay open. We have asked the local council to find a different venue for the day but they state that they are unable to do so.

Finally, a few children have started to wear hoodies instead of coats. Please ensure all children have a coat in school at all times as the weather is very unpredictable and the children do go outside to play unless the weather is particularly bad. Hoodies are not warm enough, or waterproof (despite what your children may tell you!).

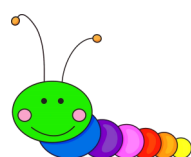
Kind regards,



Cup winners	12.01.18	19.01.18
Friendship Trophy	Isabelle Sheldon	Oliver Marley
Courtesy Cup	Foundation Girls -Heidi, Lyla, Sienna, Poppy, Iris	Samuel Iacoban
Perseverance Trophy	Isabel Uren	Jessica Cook
Reading Award	Oscar Carus	Olivia Thomas
Class Cup	Year 6	Year 3
House Cup	Bigbury	Bovisand

Hungry Caterpillar News

In the Club this week, the children have been learning about parts of the plant which we eat ready for when we start growing our own food after half term. We will be hosting another 'Dig It Day!' this year on Monday 12th March and will be inviting members of the community in to help us plant and make the most of our fabulous surroundings.



Key Dates for 2018

2 Feb Y2 Class assembly 2.45pm

7 Feb Family Topic session 2.30pm

9 Feb End of Term 3

19 Feb Start of Term 4

19 Feb Parents Evening (Y4 only) 3.40pm—7.00pm

21 Feb Parents' Evening (NOT Y4) 3.40pm—7.00pm

22 Feb Parents' Evening 3.40pm—5.30pm

21 Mar Y3/4/5 Performances 2pm and 6pm

29 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4

17 Apr Start of Term 5

11 May Y1 Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

17 Jul 2.30pm Open Afternoon

Warburtons' Visit to Year 1 and Year 2



Weekly Cup Winners



A message from the governors—Scott Kerrison

Since leaving the Military in 2014, I have gained a background in building and facilities management as well as health and safety and security. As such I have started to work closely with both the Headteacher and school caretaker to look at all aspects of the building to ensure it continues to be safe and fit for purpose. As well as this I have been looking at emergency lockdown procedures with a view to ensuring we as governors help to make Widewell Primary Academy a safe and secure place of education for your children.

Both my children have attended Widewell and as such I have had a parental connection with the school for a lot of years, and I believe the school to be a fantastic place of education with dedicated friendly staff. This is what prompted me to volunteer to become a governor and to give something back to the school.



Internet Safety Session

Internet Safety course on Wednesday 31st January 1-3pm, a basic introduction to keeping your children safe on-line. This is a free session. Creche available but places must be booked in advance. Contact Lorna to book places, 07436839934
lorna.trend@horizonmat.com or via the office

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

We have recently introduced a new reading scheme for children in years 2 to 6 called Accelerated Reader. This allows children to take a short online quiz after reading a book. If they achieve a good score in this quiz they can earn points which will eventually lead to prizes. They can also work towards joining the Millionaire's Club (when they have read a million words) and the 100% club (when they score full marks in the quiz). We are about to order a very large collection of new books and would ask that you help your child to look after these as they often return to our library in a sorry state (eaten by pets and ruined by leaking water bottles are the two most common problems!). We will send out further information about this new scheme before half term.

WORLD BOOK DAY and WIDEWELL BOOK FAIR

Advance warning of World Book Day on Thursday 1st March and the arrival of our school book fair on Thursday 8th March. Yes, it's that time of year again. Everyone will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, there will be lots of reading competitions and our school book fair will be raising money for extra library books. More details will follow.

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK—HARRY POTTER NIGHT

Thursday 1st February—Southway library—see the poster sent out with this newsletter for further details.

CHINWAG CHALLENGE

This is a new section for the newsletter designed to get everyone talking a lot more. For some this will be a challenge - for others, the challenge is getting them to stop! In this era of mobile phones, tablets and computers we often forget to chat. Every newsletter will now include a couple of discussion statements or questions. We will be chatting about them at school and would love families to continue the conversation at home, in the car or during meal times. Our first discussion points are:

Which book or film character would you most like to have as a best friend and why?

If you were Prime Minister for one day, what would you do first?

Field Gun Interview

Kiaya-Mai Thompson-Reese, who is position number 5, said "David our coach or Miss Smith shouts 'STANDBY GO' and we all rush to our positions and put the wheels on the gun and the limber and we take them to the 'UNLIMBER' stop. My partner and I unbutton the gun from the limber and go through the 1st wall. After we've gone through we go to the 'UNLIMBER CHANGE THE WHEELS' and we swap the wheels with the limber. While 7,8,3 and 4 swap the wheels me and Jessica Horton (who is position number 6) lean the gun really close. After they've changed the wheels, we go to the 1st action point, we fire the shells.

Benjamin Glover who is position number 15 says "So I go through the hole in the 3rd wall and I help pull the limber through the hole in the wall. After that we get to the 2nd action line and we all get down on 1 knee. Position number 12 and 13 pass me the drag ropes and I have to go through the 4th hole in the wall and lay them out, I have made many mistakes but have always figured out a way around them. After I have laid the drag ropes out 12 and 13 bring the wheels through and they put them on. After that we do the run home and we are finished. Widewell Wolf pack will be doing a completion vs Oakwood on the 3rd of February at half time during a rugby match!! "

Interviewed by Eloise Alden and Erin Roddis

Word of the week until half term

22nd January—Gruesome

29th January—Elegant

5th February—Enquired

Half Marathon

Just a reminder that payments for the half marathon need to be made by Friday 9th February.

Preloved Uniform Sale

This will take place every Thursday at 3.30 on the KS1 playground.

