

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday saw the first Community Harvest celebration at school with many local people invited to see the dress rehearsal of the Y1 Harvest assembly and sample the soups the children have been making across the school in their DT lessons with Mrs Gifford. The event was a great success and I hope the Y1 parents enjoy the assembly and their own soup tomorrow afternoon. The children were fabulous! I would like to thank Mrs Gifford for organising the event and warming up the soup and to the children whose soup was being served for being so good at looking after everyone at the event.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair. Mrs Kerr has been very busy after school and I would like to thank her for giving up so much time to do this in order for the children to benefit from free books as a commission to the school. Watch this space for news in a few weeks about our new library and further opportunities to buy books in school.

Please look out for letters we will be sending home next week so you can go online and book your parents evening slots for after half term. We will re-send everyone's login details but please keep them safe as you will need them for the next parents evening in February too.

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to our Facebook page so you can get updates in between our fortnightly newsletters.

Kind regards,

CL Payne

Cup winners	23.9.16	30.9.16
Courtesy Cup	Oliver Williams	Leo Clayton
Friendship Trophy	Callum Ingram & Jaden Simmons	Isobel Hodges & James Leader
Class Cup	Y5	Y3
House Cup	Bigbury	Bigbury

Thank you to everyone who entered and supported the Poppy Bake Off competition yesterday. You can see the winning entries below from **Evie Ralphs**, **Erin Roddis** and **Amii Kearley**. The girls will now need to bake again ready for the next round on 13th October at the Lord Mayor's residence. The cake sale has raised over £80 so far for the Poppy Appeal this year, which is already more than we raised last year. I would like to give a special mention to **Lily-May Glover** in Y1 who has today donated £4 from cakes she made for her mum to sell at work and £1.32 from her own money box. What a superstar!



Key Dates for 2016/2017

7 Oct Y1 Class assembly 2.30pm
21 Oct 3.30pm End of Term 1
31 Oct 8.45am Start of Term 2
2 Nov Parents Evening
3 Nov Parents Evening
18 Nov Y2 Class assembly 2.30pm
6 Dec Infant Nativity 10am
7 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm
8 Dec Christmas Lunch
9 Dec Family Craft afternoon
15 Dec Open afternoon 2.30pm
16 Dec Christingle Service 10am
16 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2
3 Jan Non Pupil Day
4 Jan 8.45am Start of Term 3
20 Jan Y5 Class assembly 2.30pm
10 Feb 3.30pm End of Term 3
20 Feb 8.45am Start of Term 4
22 Feb Parents Evening
23 Feb Parents Evening
2 Mar World Book Day
22 Mar Y3/4/5 Performance 2pm and 6pm
24 Mar Open afternoon 2.30pm
31 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4
18 Apr Non Pupil Day
19 Apr 8.45am Start of Term 5
28 Apr Y3 Class assembly 2.30pm
19 May Foundation class assembly 2.30pm
26 May 3.30pm End of Term 5
5 Jun 8.45am Start of Term 6
7 Jun Sports Day
30 Jun Y4 Class assembly 2.30pm
7 Jul Reports to parents
14 Jul Open afternoon 2.30pm
21 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6
25 Jul Non Pupil Day



MKC Heroes Visit to 42 Cdo



MKC Heroes

On Tuesday 27th September, Owen and Ethan spent the afternoon at 42Cdo Bickleigh Camp as part of the MKC Heroes group. They took part in fitness activities, sampled ration packs, tried on kit and practiced their observational skills.

Owen: It was a great afternoon but the ration pack cereal bar was horrible! My favourite bit was the basketball; I got 5 in a row!

Ethan: It was fun! My favourite part was the observation post because it was the hardest and there was a marine camouflaged, hiding behind a tree. The marine warm-up was the easiest.

Many thanks to 42Cdo for the afternoon's events.

Andrea Pegg and Jenn Collings



**Soup making
and eating!**



**Harvest Time
at
Widewell**



DEVONPORT NAVAL BASE OPEN DAY 23/10/2016

Devonport Naval Base in Plymouth is staging a free Open Day on Sunday 23rd October. Visitors have a chance to enjoy boat tours of the dockyard waterfront and children to take part in a variety of naval-related activities. Attractions include:

- * Royal Marines small boat specialists 1 Assault Squadron showing off their weapons
- * Royal Navy Explosives Group
- * MKC Heroes Marquee and activity
- * MOD Police dog section with explosive detection dogs and German Shepherd patrol dogs
- * Museum submarine Courageous tours
- * Boat tours of the dockyard
- * Sea Cadets drill display team
- * Devon and Cornwall Police Cadets with police exhibits and finger-printing for children
- * Royal Navy's Southern Diving Unit with their explosives robot

Entry is free at Devonport Naval Base Heritage Centre, near Granby Way, - follow sign at corner of Albany Street, Granby Way, Plymouth PL1 4HG. Parking for the event is at Camel's Head Gate with a free park and ride service to the Heritage Centre. The event is from 10am to 4pm.

Dogs

Please note dogs are NOT permitted on the school premises at any time. They must be tied outside the school grounds if you are dropping off or collection your children.

Parking

Could anyone dropping off or collecting from school, please be reminded to not park on the zig-zags, it is a danger to everyone entering and leaving school.

Smoking

A small number of parents have been smoking just outside the school gates. Whilst I appreciate you not smoking on the school premises, as we are working hard to achieve the next level of the Healthy Child Award, I would also appreciate you moving further away from the school rather than smoking so close to other people's children

The Ark News

Well we are now in the community house at 3 Tiverton Close, Widewell, PL6 7EN and have set up most things but still got lots to do! The groups are up and running this week, we had a great response already with 13 adults and seven children coming last week to our first toddler group.

We are planning to have a drop-in open day next Tuesday 11th of October from 11 o'clock to 5pm, which you are more than welcome to attend. I appreciate I'm not giving you much notice. We were anxious to get going with letting people know that we are open and so far it's going really well. I look forward to seeing you and if you can't make the above date I would really value you popping in when you can to see us. Kind regards

Jenn Collings
Manager

After school Club

Reminder—We now have after school care provision every day from 3.30-6pm as well as before school sessions. Application forms are available from reception.

