

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Thursday 14th September 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to give a very warm welcome to everyone who has started at Widewell this term. We have had a fantastic start to the school year with all of the children coming back looking smart in their uniforms and already working very hard in class. I hope those of you who were able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions yesterday found them useful. For those of you unable to come, the presentations will be put onto the class pages on the school website, which you should be able to access through the link at the top of the newsletter.

The new school menu is also available on the website but please collect a paper copy from the foyer in the school entrance if you would prefer. **Please note that all lunches must now be paid for on Parent Pay in advance as we are now a cashless school.** You should also use this system for any school trips or other money you would normally have sent to school. If you have any difficulties logging on to the system please contact Mrs Edmonds or Miss Rockey in the school office and they will do their best to help.

If you have any other queries or questions about school I would be grateful if you would come into school so that we can help, rather than finding out on social media about issues some parents may have. We do not always get everything right first time but every member of staff at Widewell works incredibly hard to do their very best for you and your children and will always endeavour to answer your questions and sort out any problems you may have.

I would also be grateful if you could make a note of the dates I have listed inside the newsletter. The key dates are always on the front of every newsletter but the list inside has additional information.

Please add the dates to your diaries / put reminders on your phones / cut it out and stick it to your fridge! The dates will not change except in any exceptional, unforeseen circumstances. We will try hard to keep you up to date with all of the exciting things that are going on in school so please make sure we have your up to date email address, follow the school on Facebook or Twitter and **read the fortnightly newsletters!**

I look forward to working with you again this year.

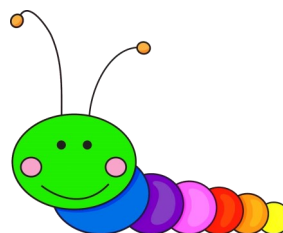
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Cup winners	08.09.17
Friendship Trophy	Kiaya-Mai Thomson and Archie Williams
Courtesy Cup	Shea Doyle
Perseverance Trophy	Year 6 Falcons
Class Cup	Year 1 Sparrows
House Cup	Bigbury

Hungry Caterpillar News

We are keen to ensure all children have a healthy lunch, whether that be as a school meal or a packed lunch. We encourage the packed lunches to not include chocolate and sweets and of course there must be no nuts. To help you think of healthy lunch box ideas, we have listed some below:

- a ham and salad pitta pocket
- tuna pasta salad with tomatoes and peppers
- oatcakes and cream cheese
- hummous and vegetable sticks
- malt loaf
- chicken drumsticks
- banana bread
- plain popcorn
- flapjack with dried apricots



Key Dates for 2017 - 2018

26 Sep Family reading session 9am

6 Oct Y3 Class Harvest assembly 2.45pm

20 Oct Y4 Class assembly 2.45pm

20 Oct End of Term 1

30 Oct Start of Term 2

10 Nov Y5 Class assembly 2.45pm

16 Nov Family maths games session 3pm

5/6 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm

13 Dec Family Craft afternoon

19 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

2 Feb Y2 Class assembly 2.45pm

9 Feb End of Term 3

19 Feb Start of Term 4

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

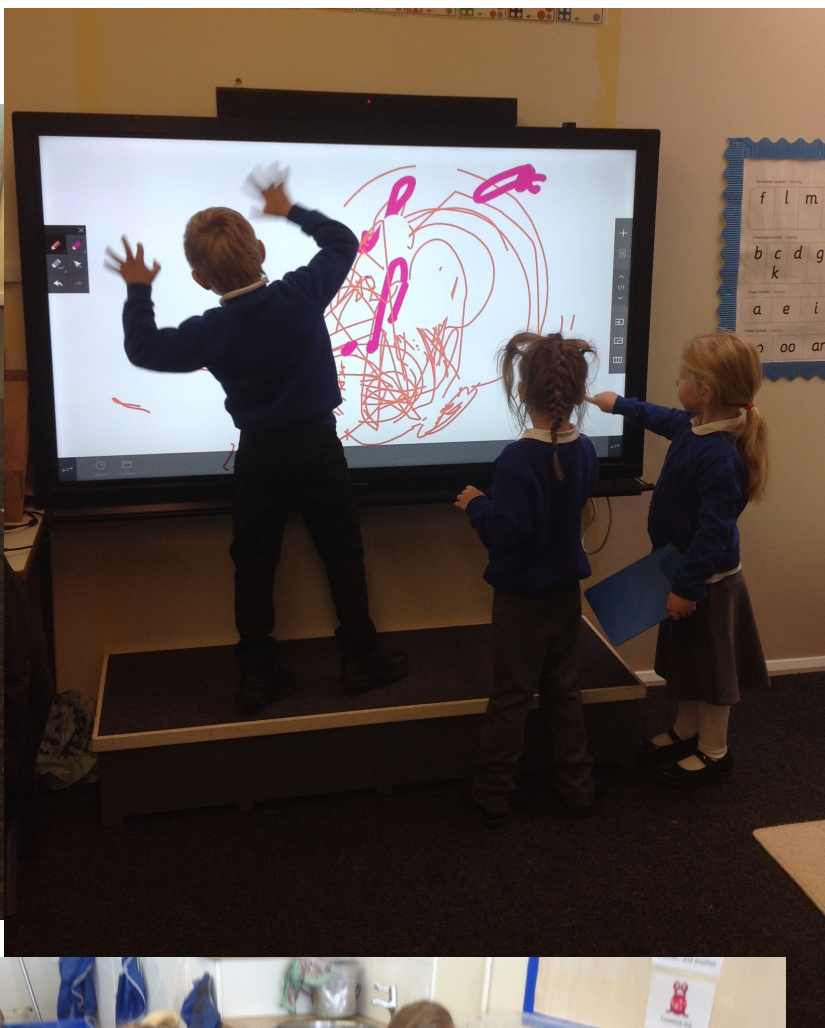
25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6



**The Foundation and Nursery
classes have already been
very busy this term!**

Dates for 2017—2018

18 Sep Foundation Class photo for the Herald

26 Sep Family reading session 9am to 9.30am—come into school and read with your children

27 to 29 Sep Y6 Residential

28 Sep to 4 Oct Book Fair in the hall

6 Oct Y3 Class Harvest assembly 2.45pm

6 Oct Red, White and Blue day—children can come to school wearing red, white and blue for a donation to the three services charities involved

18 Oct Family wellbeing session 2.30pm - come into school and join in some PSHE and PE activities

20 Oct Y4 Class assembly 2.45pm

20 Oct End of Term 1 at 3.30pm

30 Oct Start of Term 2

1/2 Nov Parents Evenings 3.30pm to 5.50pm/7pm

10 Nov Y5 Class assembly 2.45pm

16 Nov Family maths games session 3pm to 3.30pm—come into school and play some maths games with your children

5/6 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm

13 Dec Family Craft afternoon 1.30pm to 3pm—come into school and make some Christmas decorations with your children

14 Dec Christmas Lunch

19 Dec Christingle Service 10am

19 Dec End of Term 2 at 1.15pm

3 Jan Start of Term 3

2 Feb Y2 Class assembly 2.45pm

7 Feb Family Topic session 2.30pm to 3.30pm—come and join in with some topic lessons across the school

9 Feb End of Term 3 at 3.30pm

19 Feb Start of Term 4

21/22 Feb Parents Evenings 3.30pm to 5.50pm/7pm

1 Mar World Book Day

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

23 Mar Family STEM session 2.30pm to 3.30pm—come into school and join in with science, engineering, technology or maths activities

29 Mar End of Term 4 at 1.15pm

17 Apr Start of Term 5

11 May Y1 Class assembly 2.45pm

14 May Y6 SATs week

24 May Family English and French sessions 9am to 9.30am—come into school and join in with an English or French lesson

25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5 at 3.30pm

4 Jun Start of Term 6

6 Jun Sports Day 11am to 3pm (8 Jun Reserve Sports Day 11am to 3pm)

13 Jul Annual reports go out to parents

17 Jul Open Afternoon 2.30pm to 3.30pm

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul End of Term 6 at 1.15pm

Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

Could any parents of children in Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 that have **not** returned consent forms, please send them into school by Friday 22nd September.

School Admissions – September 2018

The Plymouth School Admissions guides for parents are now available on our website at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You can find them under the section called Apply for a school place.

In respect of the pages: Apply for an infant/primary, junior, secondary or KS4 place, step 1 on the page has the guide for parents booklet which includes information on how to apply for a school place, the admission criteria for each school and school contact details. Step 2 has the link to apply online and also pdfs of the application forms.

When applying for a school place, the parent needs to register to use the Citizen Portal. Once this is done, they can apply for a school place. If a parent does not have their child's UID number, they can still apply, they just click the 'no UID' box in the application. All the UID number does is infill some of the students data.

We hope that you find the webpages useful.

Individual School Pictures

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 21st September to take individual school photos. You will be able to order them online at www.ward-hendry.com.

School Book Fair

Thursday 28th September - Wednesday 4th October

Today, your child should have brought home a book fair leaflet. This contains some information about our book fair which is held in the school hall at 3.30pm every day. It also contains some discount vouchers and tells you about competitions that you can enter. Please come along and see if there is anything that catches your eye. If we sell over £300 worth of books we start earning rewards and this helps to keep our library stocked.

Please see the leaflet for any pre-orders and gift vouchers. These are very useful so you do not have to send your child to school with money.

Thank you for your support.

Poppy Bake Off

The school are excited to be part of the Poppy Bake Off this year. The children can enter any form of biscuit, cake, muffin or cupcake with the theme of Remembrance. Entries are to be in on the morning of 6th October and will be judged by the community during the Harvest Celebration. After school, the entries will be sold at a cake sale which everyone is very welcome to come to. The winning entries will then go to the next round on 20th October at the Lord Mayor's residence. Good luck and happy baking!



Bikes

Please remember children should only be riding bikes to school on their own if they have passed their level 2 Bikeability test. Helmets **MUST** be worn and bikes should be walked to the bike stand once they are inside the school grounds.

Any bikes that are to be left on the school premises need to be chained to the bike rack provided to prevent any from going missing. All bikes are left in school at your own risk.

Cupcake Decorating Course

Wednesday 4th October 1-3pm, Free Decorating Cupcakes course for parents and carers run by On-course Southwest.

Come and learn how to decorate beautiful cupcakes in a small group setting. Please book a space by contacting Lorna, Parent Support Advisor

