

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of term I will be celebrating the end of my third year at Widewell and what a journey it's been! Thinking back to the school I took over in January 2015 (and looking at the 135 photos I took at the time!) I am amazed at how far we've come. The school is looking bright and welcoming, the children are a delight to work with and the positive comments we regularly receive from visitors and other people we work with reflect this. The staff are among the hardest working people I have had the privilege to work with in my 30 year career and are committed to continuing to do their very best for your children and making this school the best it can possibly be. We have recently welcomed Miss Lennon as a TA to Foundation, and I know she brings many strengths to the team.

I hope to see many of you at the Christingle Service next Tuesday, 10am at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Southway. This is always a fabulous way to end the term and to start the holidays. The choir will be singing and some of Mrs Heard's music groups will be playing, as well as there being processions from the Infant Nativity and children holding the Christingle oranges.

Please remember school closes at 1.15pm on Tuesday and the children start back at 8.45am on Wednesday 3rd January.

I hope you all have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year with your families and friends.

Kind regards,

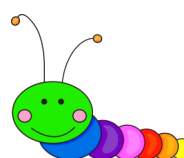


Cup winners	01.12.17	08.12.17
Friendship Trophy	Noah Griffiths	Ava Flower and Ella Hartman
Courtesy Cup	Charlie Campbell	Rhyley Thomson-Reece
Perseverance Trophy	Summer Sharpe	Evan Williams
Reading Award	Tiana Allen and Lyla Keeling	Kiara Tabb
Class Cup	Wren Class	Year 6
House Cup	Bigbury	Jennycliff

Hungry Caterpillar News

The Hungry Caterpillar club made really tasty chocolate swirls last week as a treat and I have to admit they were very yummy! Over the Christmas period we are hopeful the weather will be kind and we will be able to spend a lot of time outside exploring and walking off the Christmas turkey! Below are some ideas of things you can do with your children:

Hunt for spider webs and go on a colour or sound walk
Build a den, even if it is just for a small toy!
Go on a leaf hunt, visit the park or woods and fly a kite
Make muddy welly prints
Create an outdoor kitchen
Go to the library and find books about their next topic
Visit a neighbour or do a kind gesture for someone



Key Dates for 2017 - 2018

19 Dec 10am

Christingle Service

19 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

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

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

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6



Year 6 Red Cross First Aid Course



Weekly cup winners



Free Family Courses

Next term we plan to run a family first aid course and some internet safety sessions. Each course would run on Wednesday afternoons for 5-6 weeks. The courses are free and a creche is provided. Could you let me know if you would be interested in one or both courses so we know if there are enough people who want to do it?

If you feel more comfortable, it is fine to bring a friend. Lorna Trend 07436 839934 lorna.trend@horizonmat.com or via the Office.

Thanks Lorna

Watch This Space!

From next term, part of the newsletter will be brought to you by some of the children in each class. They will be reporting to you on events taking place in the school, as well as news from the classrooms. Look out for this in the next issue.

Thanks

Thank you to all the parents who kindly donated wheeled toys, trains and dressing up clothes and accessories for our Foundation Unit. We are enjoying using all our new things.

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible to receive Pupil Premium, look at the benefits you will receive:

- Free school meals throughout key stage 1 and 2
- Free school trips
- 50% reduction in residential trips
- Half price music lessons
- Half price breakfast club
- Allocation of free school uniform (2 sweatshirts, 1 PE top, 1 PE Shorts, 1 PE bag)

To find out if you are eligible, check the qualifying benefit leaflet sent with the newsletter. Application forms are available from reception.

Changes to the school lunch menu for the next 3 days

Friday 15th December: Fish and chips/vegetarian sausages and chips/jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna mayo

Monday 18th December: Fish finger wrap/vegetarian Bolognese with roast potatoes or pasta/sweetcorn or jacket potatoes as Friday

Tuesday 19th December: Pork sausages/vegetarian sausages with herby wedges/jacket potatoes as Friday

There will be a variety of puddings/yogurts and fruits each day as usual.

Word of the week

11/12/17—Vast

Uniform

Please check to ensure that your child comes home with the correct uniform, if they have brought any uniform home by mistake, could you please return it to school or the correct child.

