

THE WIDEWELL WEEKLY

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable time over the summer and it was lovely to see everyone back on Monday. We have had a great start to the new year with the children settling quickly into their new classes and already starting to work hard. The children look really smart in their uniforms and new shoes—please remember to **name everything** as we cannot return lost items if we don't know whose they are. (I have already found a brand new jumper with no name in ...)

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are now part of the **Horizon MAT** (Multi Academy Trust) in partnership with Elburton and Hooe Primary schools. Pomphlett Primary will be joining the Horizon MAT early next year. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will provide for our staff, pupils and governors to work in collaboration with three other good and outstanding schools as we work together to improve opportunities and outcomes for all our pupils.

Next week we will be holding '**Meet the teacher**' sessions for Nursery to Y5 on **Wednesday 14th from 2.45pm**. An email was sent out on Tuesday about this, so if you didn't receive it please come and check we have the **correct details** for you. If you have changed your phone number over the summer please let us have your **new number** as soon as possible just in case we need to contact you. Please also store the school number on your phone in case you need to contact us when you are out and about. We will be sending out much more information by text and email this year as our newsletters will be published **fortnightly** from now on. **Key dates** for the year are listed on this page, please add them to your diaries as they will go ahead as planned unless they have to be cancelled for an exceptional reason.

I look forward to working with both you and your children again this year and hope to see you around school over the next couple of weeks.

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Poppy Bake Off 2016

The school are participating in the Devon Royal British Legion's 'Poppy Bake Off' as part of our Remembrance this year. The children will be asked to enter their poppy themed cakes or biscuit on Wednesday 5th October by 9.30am. The entries will then be sold in a cake sale after school on the same day, to raise money for the Poppy Appeal,



Three winners will be chosen and these entries from KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will go forward to the next round. The second stage will be judged by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth on the 13th October at 11.00 in her official residence. The third and final stage will, hopefully, be judged by a celebrity chef on the 3rd November 2016 at the RBL Pop In Centre in Plymouth.

Key Dates for 2016/2017

14 Sep Meet the teacher from 2.45pm
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
28 Apr Y3 Class assembly 2.30pm
19 Apr 8.45am Start of Term 5
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

Year 1 learning about vegetables and how they grow.





New dining tables



Roald Dahl Day - Tuesday 13th September

Next Tuesday we are joining a global party to celebrate 100 years since the birth of this amazing storyteller. All classes will be taking part in exciting activities and several competitions will be launched. These include 'Invent a Chocolate Bar', filling up a 'Dream Jar' and creating a collage of Mr Twit's beard!

The results will coincide with the arrival of our book fair on Thursday 29th September where the winners will be able to select a free book from the shelves. Be prepared for a phizz-whizzing day!



The Military Kids Choir

Do you like to sing? Are you aged between 4 and 18? Is someone in your family in the Armed Forces or a Veteran?

The Military Kids Choir is part of MKC Heroes. We meet on Wednesdays in Plymouth Guildhall from 5pm-6pm to sing together and have fun as a team. The choir is free to join. The first autumn will take place on 14th September.

For more information please email: mkcheroes@btinternet.com or call Heather at MKC Heroes on 307485 or 779657.

WPTA AGM

The WPTA AGM meeting will be taking place on Friday 9th September at 3.45pm in the school hall.

If you are interested in helping raise funds for the school please pop along and see us. We are electing all new committee members and officers. Without the WPTA great events such as discos, Christmas events, summer Fairs will not be able to take place.

You may only be able to help at one event or only able to make cakes but it all helps. Please please show your support this Friday and come along to the meeting.

Dinner money

Can parents please be reminded that dinner money for children in years 3-6 can be paid securely on line via parent pay. Log in details can be obtained from the school office.

Forces Family Event

FFE is an informal group, run by RNRMW volunteers and staff, which offers families and friends of a deployed person an opportunity to get together for social events at little or no cost.

Sunday 30th October—Halloween party

Sunday 11th December—Christmas party

Sunday 22nd January—Star sound disco

Sunday 26th February—Mr Wacky

Events are held at Crownhill Community Centre. For further information and to book an event please email: Navypers-welfare@mod.uk or call Trish on 555041.

I am delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the Silver level of the Healthy Child Quality Mark. This is as a result of the hard work that has been put in by Mrs Gifford and Mrs Pearce with help from the children and parents who participate in the Food Council as well as support from the kitchen staff as we continue to improve the meal choices we offer the children every day. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and look forward to seeing what they bring to the school as we go for

