

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well a lot can happen in two weeks and the past 14 days have been busy! We will be advertising for a number of new staff for September over the next few weeks. **Mrs Giles** will be leaving after 4 years at Widewell, to join her husband and son with her daughter in Dubai and to continue teaching in a very different climate! **Mrs Kerr** will be moving to Portsmouth with her husband in the summer after teaching at Widewell for 14 years. **Mrs Robinson** has decided to spend more time with her family after spending 20 years at Widewell. **Miss Lennon** has decided to travel and teach English as a second language in schools around the world. Finally, **Mrs Gifford** will be going on maternity leave at the end of term and **Mrs Clarke** has just started her maternity leave this week, both will return later next year. While this will mean a considerable change to the school, plans are already in place to ensure things are managed smoothly with the **children's best interests** at the heart of every new appointment.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their **hard work and dedication** during their time at Widewell and for the difference they have made to all of the local children they have taught. We will miss them all but wish them every success in their new ventures and very much hope they will keep in touch.

I have also had great news about another **successful bid** put in by the school for a **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)**. This is a purpose built sports area which has a suitable floor surface and a fenced enclosure so the children can be taught ball based sports without losing their ball across the field. This will be built over the summer and the first half of the autumn term, hopefully ready for the end of October. This has been on our long term visioning plan for the past few years but we could never have afforded it without the bid being available.

This means there is considerable work going on at school over the summer as the **new boiler and heating system** is also being put in across the school, the **infant toilets are being refurbished** and there is a **new intervention room** being built in the infant corridor. Exciting times ahead!

Kind regards,



Cup winners	27.04.2018	04.05.2018
Friendship Trophy	Theo Clarkson and Finley Anstey	Rhyley Thomson-Reece and Holly Pringle
Courtesy Cup	Archie Marley and the football tournament team	Christina Bass
Perseverance Trophy	Sarah Lou Good	Samuel Olusanya
Reading Award	Bethany Jones and Libby Smith	Issy Anderson and Isobel Hodges
Class Cup	Year 5	Year 4
House Cup	Bovisand	Jennycliff

Hungry Caterpillar News

We will be hosting a Healthy June this summer to tie in with the World Cup in Russia, Wimbledon and our own Sports Day on 6th June. During the month, the kitchen will be offering different themed meals on a Wednesday, serving strawberries and cream during Wimbledon week and highlighting the importance of fuelling your body with good food. The Y6 sports leaders will be providing tasters of different sports at lunchtimes, there will be World Cup tournaments for the different key stages and during Wimbledon week, the tennis net will be up for parents and children to use after school.



Key Dates for 2018/2019

11 May Y1 Class assembly
2.45pm

21 May English/French
open session for parents
9am

25 May Foundation Class
assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

6 Jun Sports' Day 11am
start

8 Jun Reserve Sports' Day
11am start

17 Jul Open Afternoon
2.30pm

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show
6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term
6

5 Sept Start of Term 1

19 Oct End of Term 1

29 Oct Start of Term 2

19 Dec End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

15 Feb End of Term 3

25 Feb Start of Term 4

5 Apr End of Term 4

24 Apr Start of Term 5

24 May End of Term 5

3 Jun Start of Term 6

19 Jul End of Term 6



Nursery children went down to Aldi to look at all the fruit and vegetables as part of their healthy eating work. They chose lots of fresh fruit and salad to buy. They tasted lots of healthy things back in the class.

Weekly Cup Winners



Newsletter Team

Mrs Prynne has decided that she would quite like a day off and some of the Key Stage 2 children have been competing with each other to take her place. The children wrote their own election speeches which they presented to their classes who then voted for their class candidate. The class candidates were Blade from Year 6, Ruby from Year 5, Cameron in Year 4 and Leo in Year 3. The winner of the school election is Ruby Cook with Blade Horrell as her deputy. When asked how he felt about becoming Deputy Head for the day, Blade replied 'I feel happy because this is the first time I have run as a candidate. The only other time I have stood on a stage in front of so many people is when I have performed karaoke! Mrs Holder deserves a day off because she has to do the really hard Year 6 maths with us.' Unfortunately, Ruby was unavailable for an interview by the Newsletter Club during lunch time as she was too busy 'playing bulldog'. However, a close source reported that she stated she 'felt happy and excited'. We hope that she will not be too busy to run the school for the day!

Hair and earring reminder

A reminder that children should only wear small hair clips/bows etc in school uniform colours of black or blue. This includes children in the early years.

Earrings should be small plain studs and need to be removed on PE days for safety reasons. Hooped earrings are not allowed because of the danger of ripped ear lobes when the children are playing at break times.

If children continue to be sent to school with inappropriate earrings we will ask parents to remove them. Inappropriate hair clips etc will be put into the children's book bags.

Please help us with this and save your hard earned money by keeping these items safely at home. Thank you



Times Tables Rock Star Red Carpet Event

On Wednesday 11th July there will be a red carpet event for the two fastest Times Table Rock Stars in each school in Plymouth. I will be choosing the two fastest children from our school to compete. Please encourage your child to log on to the website and play in the studio area to set their average speed. All children from years 2-6 have a log in. If your child has misplaced their log in details they will need to ask their teacher or come and see me.
Mrs Holder

Good luck everyone.

Half term Rugby Camps from 29-31st May

For girls and boys aged 6-16 from 8.30am-3.30pm at Plymouth Albion, Brickfields with both indoor and outdoor facilities.

Early booking discount of £20 per child per day or £50 for all 3 days (for bookings made before 15th May) After £25 per day or £60 for 3 days. Call to book 01752 565064 or email: eoghangrace@plymouthalbion.com

Word of the week until May Half Term

7th May blanchéd
14th May continental
21st May precocious

