

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Thursday 28th September 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see the school full of readers on Tuesday morning at our first Family Reading session. I hope all of you who could attend enjoyed it, and for those of you unable to attend there are hopefully lots more opportunities for you to come into school this year. All of the dates were sent out on the last newsletter, which is available on the school website, if you can't find your copy. Our next event is a Family Wellbeing session from 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th October, where you can join in with some PE or PSHE sessions across the school.

This week I received two letters of thanks, from the Plymouth Mayflower Rotary Club and the Business Manager of the African Children's Choir (ACC). As you may remember our school choir sang with the ACC last term at DHSB. I am delighted that in doing so the children helped to raise £1355 for the choir and their work with many disadvantaged children. In recognition of the work of Mrs Heard and the choir, the Rotary Club have generously donated £150 to the school for music resources, which I know Mrs Heard will make very good use of for materials for the choir this year.

Over the past week we have been eagerly watching the construction of the new climbing equipment for the junior children, which has been funded by a bid written by Mrs Pearce earlier this year. Let's hope the weather is good enough now for them to be able to enjoy it over the coming months!

Finally, we are having a book amnesty until half term. If you have any books at home belonging to the school, whether they are reading books or library books, please return them as soon as possible so we can put them back into the system—no questions asked!

Kind regards,

CL Pyne

Cup winners	08.09.17	15.09.17
Friendship Trophy	Korey Green	Maddie Benney and Safa Lavelle
Courtesy Cup	Finlie Bevan	Riley Swabey
Perseverance Trophy	Ella Simpson and Layton Hussey	Stanley Richards-Wilcox
Class Cup	Year 6 Falcons	Year 1 Sparrows
House Cup	Bovisand	Wembury

Hungry Caterpillar News

This week in the Hungry Caterpillar Club we have made healthy carrot cake muffins, which went down very well! It is great to have so many children attending the club and learning about where their food comes from and how we can eat healthily.

I would like to recruit more members onto the Food Council. If you are interested in helping to shape the food provided in school and how we can engage the children with growing their own food, please come and see me and I can let you know the dates of the monthly meetings.

Many thanks
Mrs Gifford



Key Dates for 2017 - 2018

6 Oct Y3 Class Harvest assembly 2.45pm

6 Oct Red, White and Blue day (see back of newsletter)

18 Oct Family wellbeing session 2.30pm

20 Oct Y4 Class assembly 2.45pm

20 Oct End of Term 1

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

5/6 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm

13 Dec Family Craft afternoon

14 Dec Christmas Lunch

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

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6



Construction Pictures



Weekly cup winners



Friday 6th October Red, White and Blue Day

Children are invited to wear red, white and blue mufti clothes next Friday in support of the men and women of the Armed Forces. Red, White & Blue Day is a national fundraising campaign that raises money in support of ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Please could children bring a donation of any amount for this wonderful cause.

Staff Car Park

Please could we ask that parents do not use the staff car park when dropping children to Breakfast Club in the morning. This car park is very busy and parents using it to drop children off can prevent staff from parking.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

School Letters

If any parents require 2 copies of letters and school correspondence because of family circumstances, please let the office know.

School Book Fair

Thursday 28th September - Wednesday 4th October

Book Fair Competition

Win a £5 book voucher for our school book fair by designing a poster that encourages everyone to read.

There are leaflets in school with more information if you are interested. Deadline 02/10/2017.

School Bank

The school bank will now be at the top of the hall by the back door, nearer the picnic tables each Tuesday from 3.30-3.50. Everyone welcome to join (parents and children)

Head Lice

There have been several cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. If you need information on how to treat please speak to a pharmacist.

Guitar Lessons

There are still spaces available for guitar lessons, if you are interested please speak to Mrs Heard.

Harvest Celebrations

As part of the Harvest celebrations this year, we are asking for donations of tins and dried food for the Plymouth Food Bank. We are keen to support this vitally important service once again this year. At the moment, the Food Bank is asking especially for donations of tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, biscuits, UHT milk and breakfast cereals. We would appreciate if donations could be brought in on the morning of Friday 6th October.

Just to remind parents, children, grandparents and anyone who wants to have a go at baking that entries for the Poppy Bake Off are to be in on Friday 6th October. The community will judge them at the Harvest Celebration and then the cakes will be on sale after school. All proceeds will go towards the Poppy Appeal.

Uniform

Can parents please ensure that children's names are clearly visible in all school uniform and coats.

If spare uniform is needed, please see Lorna.

Library books

Can any outstanding library books please be returned to school.

