

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter with:

- our netball team representing the school at the Plymouth tournament
- the Field Gun Crews being filmed for a promotional video for Mayflower 2020
- Bovisand's tea party for earning the most housepoints last term
- a very successful two day visit from the MAT CEO, David Bradford
- and a visit from, and fantastic performance with, the African Children's Choir

We are incredibly proud of the children in school and are delighted that they are accessing so many opportunities outside their normal lessons, as well as working hard within their lessons.

As you can see from the dates opposite, there are a number of class assemblies coming up as well as the WPTA disco and Parents' Evenings. The booking system for Parents' Evenings will open on Monday so please go online to book your appointments or contact the school office who can make an appointment for you.

I would like to thank all parents who have now cleared any outstanding monies with the school and are now keeping their ParentPay accounts in credit. This is a real help to the school and is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents who came to the coffee morning and gave myself and Sam (our PSA) some great ideas for activities we can put on with parents. Sam is currently making some arrangements and booking dates so watch this space!

CL Payne

Cup winners	11.01.19	18.01.19
Friendship Trophy	James Leader	Izzy Anderson
Courtesy Cup	Ryan Carter	Skye Fortune
Perseverance Trophy	Niamh Newcombe	Thomas Horton
Reading Award	Georgia Binley	Brodyn Roberts
Homework	Year 5 and Year 6	Year 6
Maths	Tyler McGrath	Skylar Bevan and Ryan Carter
Class Cup	Year 4	Year 4
House Cup	Bigbury	Jennycliff
Fair Play Award		Holly Price, Mason Benney and Jessica Cook

Key Dates for 2019

25 Jan Y4 class assembly 2:45pm

6 Feb WPTA Disco

8 Feb Y2 class assembly 2:45pm

13 & 14 Feb Parents' evenings

15 Feb End of Term 3

25 Feb Start of Term 4

1 Mar Coffee and cake sale (come and see the refurbished hall!)

7 Mar World Book Day

28 Mar Y3/4/5 Show 2pm and 6pm

5 Apr 1:15pm End of Term 4

24 Apr Start of Term 5

10 May Y1 class assembly 2:45pm

24 May Foundation class assembly 2:45pm

24 May End of Term 5

3 Jun Start of Term 6

5 Jun Sports day from 11am

12 Jul End of year reports to parents

17 Jul Y6 Leavers show 6pm

19 Jul 1:15pm End of Term 6

Term dates 2019/2020

4.9.19—18.10.19

28.10.19—20.12.19

6.1.20—14.2.20

24.2.20—27.3.20

15.4.20—22.5.20

1.6.20—17.7.20



MKC Council House Visit



MKC Heroes visit to the Council House

On Friday 11th January, Bella, Leah and Jess from year 6 visited the Council Chambers in the Council House as part of the MKC Heroes project. They were invited to be part of a question time with three of our local MPs, Luke Pollard, Johnny Mercer and Gary Streeter. All the questions were relevant to service families and the MPs took them very seriously!

Thanks, girls, for representing Widewell and MKC Heroes in such a dignified and responsible manner.

Netball Squad

Plymouth School Sports Partnership Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 16th January a squad of 8 year 5 and 6 children participated in this event at Marjon against schools from across Plymouth. They played four matches won 1 and lost 3. The children played brilliantly showing great team work and determination in all of their matches.



Weekly cup winners



African Children's Choir

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On Tuesday we had a visit from the African Children's Choir. They had a fantastic rehearsal with our choir, enjoyed playing with the children and joined in with lessons, lunch and playtime. We all had a fabulous time! In the evening, our choir performed two songs at the end of an amazing concert from the African Children's choir.



Danceathon for Jeremiah's Journey

6 hours of dance on Sunday 3rd February from 10am-4pm at Nuffield Devonshire Heath and Wellbeing Centre.

Ages 14+, £12 per person, this includes event entry, Jeremiah's T-shirt, fundraising pack and goody bag. For more information please call 01752 424348 to guarantee your place email: info@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk

University of Plymouth History Event

Professor James Dayebell and Dr Sam Wills from the BBC are holding a Histories of the Unexpected tour date in the university of Plymouth on Monday 11th February at 7pm.

Tickets are free for this event that will showcase the fun and weirder side of history. Tickets can be booked at <https://the-arts-institute.cloudvenue.co.uk/historiesoftheunexpectedlive>

Argyle Day

Plymouth Argyle in the Community Trust is delighted to be holding an inset day at Ford Primary School on Monday 18th February (9.30am-3pm, this will cost £10) for children from Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. These days will be offered as a Multi-Sports Day.



Numbers for the day are limited. If you would like your child to take part application forms are available from the school office. For further info contact Stew on—01752 562561 Ex 4

Uniform and Earrings

Please remember that if your children are unable to remove their own earrings, **they should not wear them to school on PE days**. If your child's earrings cannot be taken out please **provide tape or plasters** until they can be removed. If you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced please wait until the beginning of the summer holidays when they will not need to remove them for 6 weeks.

Please also note that our school uniform statement says children should be wearing sensible black shoes. **Boots and dolly shoes are not part of school uniform and should not be worn**. Please contact Mrs Prynne if you need to about this.

STEM Returners programme with Babcock in Plymouth

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hel-lo@stemreturners.com

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/12/20/babcock-seeks-stem-returners-join-career-programme-devonport/>

Parking in car park

Please do not park in the staff carpark when dropping your children at Breakfast Club in the mornings as this is preventing some teachers from being able to park when they arrive at work.

