

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

School was busy over half term with the wall by the lower entrance being repaired, the Y3/4 cloakroom being plastered ready for painting and new pegs for the boys, and the wall outside Y5 also being plastered ready for the arrival of their new lockers. I hope you can notice a real difference around the school, especially if you have been here even longer than me!

Over the next few weeks we will be holding 'How to help your children with maths / English' sessions in school for parents and carers. The maths sessions will be taking place on Tuesday 7th November at 3.30pm (Y6 classroom) and Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am (Hall). The English sessions will take place on Thursday 9th November at 5pm (Y4 classroom) and Tuesday 14th November at 9am (Hall). I hope you will make the most of this opportunity to come and find out how maths and English are taught and to ask any questions you may have.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the annual Parent Questionnaire at the first Parents' Evening last night. Teachers will be giving them out again at their meetings tonight but if you missed this opportunity and would like to complete a copy there are spare copies in the foyer. Please return any completed questionnaires by Wednesday 8th November and I will report the findings back to you in the next newsletter.

Next week we will be interviewing for a new TA for our Foundation class as Mrs Jarvis will be leaving at the end of November to take up an exciting new opportunity in another school. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and support while she's been at Widewell and wish her every success in her new role. This week we have also welcomed Jennie Davies to our MTA team. Many of you will already know Jennie as Chair of the WPTA.

I look forward to seeing you in and around school over the next half term.

Kind regards,

CL Byrne

Cup winners	13.10.17	20.10.17
Friendship Trophy	Ethan Meany	Scott Ingram
Courtesy Cup	Sophia Stewart	Abi McLuskey
Perseverance Trophy	Maddie Benney	Skye Fortune
Reading Award	Cameron Doyle-Bird	Isla Binley
Class Cup	Year 6 Falcons	Year 4 Owls
House Cup	Bigbury and Bovisand	Bigbury and Bovisand

Hungry Caterpillar News

In Hungry Caterpillar Club this week we made pitta bread pizzas. These are a great and easy snack. If you need further tips for healthy snacks and lunchboxes have a look at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#xr5Uuy3IAjELePuS.97>

The school are so proud to have achieved the Healthy Child Quality Mark Gold Award. This is in recognition of the school's commitment to healthy eating and active lifestyles.



Key Dates for 2017 - 2018

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

17 Jul 2.30pm Open Afternoon

18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show 6pm

20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6

Year 5 Trip to see the Poppies



Erin Roddis—Poppy Bake off Winner



Weekly cup winners



Wellbeing afternoon



Year 6 Rowing



Children's Christmas Lecture

Come along for free, to this years Children's Christmas Lecture. For 7 years old and up, let us enlighten you in the science of light, colour and vision in the natural world! With talks from scientists from Plymouth University, City College STEM Centre, Plymouth Marine Laboratory and Plymouth Museums Galleries Archives, this is a festive event not to miss! Refreshments are provided on arrival from 17:30, and there is the chance to get hands on with some of our exhibits and chat to the scientists before the talks begin.

On Friday 8th December from 5.30-7.30pm at the Lecture theatre 1 in the Roland Levinsky Building, Plymouth University.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent book fair. We raised £516.50 which means that we get over £200 to spend on new books for our library. There were 5 winners of the 'Design an Inspirational Reading Poster' competition. The winners were chosen by one of our Governors. Well done to Aya (Y6), Ruby J (Y5), Bethany (Y4), Alice and Archie (Y2) who all won a £5 book voucher. All competition entries are displayed opposite the Hungry Caterpillar Cafe.

The Ark Community Project—Down Memory Lane

Community group exploring the area and history of Plymouth. Meeting on the 1st Thursday, come and join us for a walk around the local area of Widewell/Southway and have refreshments whilst we explore the history of Plymouth. 2nd Thursday of each month, meet us and walk the area that we have researched.

Meet at the Community House, 3 Tiverton Close, Widewell at 1pm, this will last until approximately 3pm. For more details email zoe.arkcp@gmail.com

Ark Timetable

Monday 1-3pm Adult learning sessions (sewing, ICT, numeracy & literacy with a crèche needs booking -currently full) cost £2.50 plus £1 per child in crèche
Tuesday 10-12 Slug & Pallet gardening club open to all ages -donation for refreshments welcome new people to come all ages
Tuesday 1-3 Adult sewing class with crèche (currently full) £2.50 plus £1 crèche place
Tuesday 3.30 to 3.50 School Bank
Wednesday adult craft day (sorry no provision for children) cost £1 drop in style and stay for an hour or two or bring your lunch and stay all day.
Thursday 9-11 parent & Toddler group £1
Thursday 1-3pm Down Memory Lane explore and walk local areas - ideal for buggies! Cost £1 (1st & 2nd Thursdays of the month)
Friday no groups.

We also can provide food bank vouchers but don't do that from the community house at the request of the 'welfare' partners!

Courses

Thursday 9th November **'Parenting Teenagers** - getting them (and you) through' evening event, run by Care for the Family. Hope Baptist Church ,PL3 4QG,7.30pm tickets cost from £4. Please speak to Lorna if you would like to attend as tickets need to be booked. Help with transport may be available.

Jewellery Making Course , 8th November 1-3pm at Widewell Primary School. This is a free course to learn the basics of jewellery making run by On-course South West who run a large number of free courses for parents including English and maths and vocational courses. A creche can run for children over 1 year.
Book a place via Lorna in the school office or text on 07436 839934.

Poppies

Poppies and other merchandise are available from the school reception for a donation.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we will be having a mufti day for Children in Need. Please bring a donation on the day. We will be accepting the old pound coins, so have a good look around.

