

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was very pleasing to be able to let the Governor's know this week about the decline in lateness so far this term. As you may remember, the cut off time for a late mark is now **9am** because it is important children are in class ready for their lessons. If your children use the **school bank** on a **Tuesday** they will not be given a late mark if they are slightly delayed in getting to class so please don't worry if they are keen to start saving with us!

Our school charity this year is **Prader-Willi Syndrome UK**, a charity which is supporting one of our families. We will hold collections and events at various times over the year and hope you will be able to support us again in this venture. If you would like to know more information about the charity please go to www.pwsa.co.uk.

We have received many emails about school open days for both Y6 and next year's Foundation intake. We will be holding Open Day sessions for September 2017 intake at **10am** and **1.30pm** on **Thursday 6th October**. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next September please let them know to contact the school office and we can add their name to the list. If Y6 parents haven't yet looked at secondary schools please check the secondary school websites, as they will be advertising their open sessions there.

We will be sending out data collection sheets shortly and it would be useful to have them back as soon as possible so we can update your details.

Kind regards,

C. Pyne

Cup winners	9.9.16	16.9.16
Courtesy Cup	Archie Williams	Tobias Maclean
Friendship Cup	Olivia Thomas	Aiden Seddon
Class Cup	Y6	N/A
House Cup	Bigbury	N/A

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

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
25 Jul Non Pupil Day

Year 6 Residential Trip



First days at school and nursery



A musical assembly

Didgeridoo

We were very fortunate to have Oliver Maxted come into visit us all in assembly on Monday. He shared exciting Australian tales of resilience and courage with us.

He spoke all about Aboriginal culture and played the didgeridoo. Year 1 and year 2 had the opportunity to work with Oliver afterwards and learnt lots of interesting facts.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2017/18

Attached is a copy of the Council's 'Starting School in Plymouth 2017/2018' booklet for your information.

The booklet provides information for parents on how to apply for a school place, the admission criteria for individual schools and the timetable that the Admission Team will follow. Parents will be able to find this information, together with an application form and a list of primary schools in the City:

- on-line at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions

- in the Starting School booklet, available from the School Admissions Team, Windsor House

We have greatly reduced the number of booklets that we print each year and are asking that if parents request the booklet, you refer them to the website if they have access to the internet. All of the information within the booklet, plus online application & supplementary information forms are on the website. If parents have difficulty accessing the information online, then at that stage please refer them to the School Admissions Team.

Book Fair

Well done to everyone who has already entered the book fair competitions. There is still plenty of time to get your entries in as the deadline is Wednesday 28th September. Please see your class teacher for a list of the competitions you can enter.

The book fair arrives on Thursday 29th September and will run after school every day until Wednesday 5th October. Winners of each competition will receive a £5 book voucher to use at the school fair.

Music lessons

Mrs Heard still has 2 vacancies for **brass** lessons on Mondays after school. Instruments will be provided. Anyone interested in lessons, please see Mrs Heard.

We also have vacancies for **guitar** lessons and this is now open to **Y2** children. Please contact the school office if your child is interested.

Information for girls

For girls only there are girl guiding classes on Friday evening's at The Church of the Holy Spirit in Southway.

Rainbows for ages 5-7

Brownies for ages 7-10 and Guides for ages 10-14.

For more information contact Jill Short on 07970 574006 or email jill.short@plymouth.ac.uk.

Join the Legacy Choir!

Legacy Choir is the choir to join for all those Year 6 and above from any school who love to sing. The choir is free to take part in and this year 22 of the singers got to travel to the USA to perform.

From Monday 19th September 4.15-5.15pm at Montpelier Primary School, led by Jessica Rowe, email: jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net for more information.

From Wednesday 28th September 3.45-4.30pm at Eggbuckland Community College led by Donna Walker, email: dwalker@eggbuckland.com for more information.

Those eagle-eyed parents among you may notice a slight change in the colour of one of our awards this week! I am delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the **School Games Gold Award** for sports. This is the result of some hard work by Mr Prince and a number of staff who supported children in sporting activities around Plymouth and Devon. Miss Smith, our new PE co-ordinator, was delighted to be able to collect the award on behalf of the school at the PE Conference last week and is looking forward to continuing the good work that has already been started.

