

# WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards the final half of the summer term I would like to remind you that our **Sports Day** is on **Wednesday 7th June** and will begin at 11am. It often ends around 3pm and you are free to take your children home early if this is the case. If you are unable to attend Sports Day please let your class teacher know so that we can make sure your child is looked after until 3.30pm or in after school club. Junior children can only walk home early on their own if you have given us permission for this to happen, otherwise they will need to stay until 3.30pm as normal. This is so that we know there will be someone at home when they get there.

We will be holding a **local history project** on the school site as Y5 and Y6 are involved with an archaeological dig with students and staff from Marjon each Friday. I hope they will be able to display their finds for an exhibition towards the end of term.

Unfortunately, whilst this fabulous work is going on, we are also experiencing some anti-social behaviour from local children who do not attend our school (although there is a possibility some may have been past pupils). We report any such behaviour directly to the police and I would urge you to do the same if you witness or experience anything similar. We are trying to be a school which serves its local community and it is a shame that we need a police presence and to lock the school gates because of a minority of individuals when we are working so hard to provide excellent opportunities for your children. I would appreciate your support in this matter and if you see or experience any such behaviour at any time please report it to the police on 101.

I am delighted to let you know that we have two new governors on our local governing body. **Scott Kerrison and Georgina El Morshdy** both bring a range of skills and expertise to the governing team and I look forward to working with them both over the next few years.

I hope you have a very enjoyable half term.

Kind regards,

*C. Pyne*

Cup winners	12.05.17	19.05.17
Friendship Trophy	Ryan Carter	Izzy Anderson
Courtesy Cup	Oscar Winsor	Charlie Campbell
Perseverance Trophy	Brody Mason	Matilda Betts
Attendance Award	Year 6 Falcons	Year 6 Falcons
Class Cup	Year 2 Kingfisher	Year 2 Kingfisher
House Cup	Bovisand	Bovisand

**Don't miss this opportunity to hear the Widewell Primary Academy Choir singing with the African Children's Choir on Wednesday 14th June at 7pm at The Edgcumbe Theatre, Devonport High School for Boys**

**Tickets £5 Adults £3 Children £12 Family of 4**



## Key Dates for 2017

**26 May 3.30pm End of Term 5**

**5 Jun 8.45am Start of Term 6**

**7 Jun 11am 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**

## Term Dates for 2017 - 2018

**6 Sept Start of Term 1**

**19 Oct End of Term 1**

**30 Oct Start of Term 2**

**19 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2**

**3 Jan Start of Term 3**

**9 Feb End of Term 3**

**19 Feb Start of Term 4**

**30 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4**

**17 Apr Start of Term 5**

**25 May End of Term 5**

**4 Jun Start of Term 6**

**20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6**



**Year 5 children teaching  
the rest of the class how to  
make curves using straight  
lines**





**Year 1 enjoyed being outside**



### **Archaeological Dig**

If anybody has any old newspapers or toothbrushes could you please bring them into school by Friday 9th June, these will be used for our archaeological dig.



## Devonport High School for Boys

Year 5 pupils and their families are invited to the 11+ familiarisation session on Saturday 10th June, this session is free of charge and there are 300 spaces available. Candidates will sit an English paper with comprehension and composition questions and a Maths paper, set by the school. The papers will be taken home and mark schemes will be available to parents in order for the papers to be used diagnostically. Parents should collect a registration pack from DHSB school reception.

### Open Days

The open days for families will be held on Tuesday 4th July starting at 5pm and Monday 10th July from 9am-11am.

## 11+ Practice Test

Devonport High School for Girls and Plymouth High School for Girls are offering students the same opportunity to take a practice examination (English Comprehension and Mathematics) which gives a real taster of the 11+ in examination conditions.

This is taking place on Saturday 1st July and there is a charge of £30. Application forms are available from either school website.

## All Stars Cricket

All stars cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends.

Starting from May 2017 for children 5 to 8 years old at Plymouth Civil Service and Roborough CC, Roborough Sports Field, Plymouth, from 10am-11am, Sundays. Register at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or contact [pcsrclub@gmail.com](mailto:pcsrclub@gmail.com)

## Summer mix programme for children aged 11-18

Free activities in the summer holidays organised and paid for by Plymouth City Council through local youth centres.

To view activities and book a place visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/summermix](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/summermix) (Booking will open on 22nd May)

## Aquarium visit

Just a reminder that the aquarium workshop will be taking place in school on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June. **Can all completed slips and money please be returned to school by tomorrow.**

## Girls. Love Football?

Why not join a team near you? Plymouth Parkway Youth under 10 Girls (year 4 and 5 for 2016/17). Contact Mark Blackwell on 07968 125805 or email [parkwaycommunityfootball@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaycommunityfootball@gmail.com)

## 30 hours free childcare

The Government is introducing new ways to help parents/carers with childcare costs. **One of the ways is by introducing free 30 hours of childcare to eligible families.** We have a duty to ensure there are enough affordable, quality childcare places across the city to support this initiative and in response we are asking for your views. We have developed a quick online survey. The information will be used to improve childcare services for you and your families.

To find out more information and to take part in the survey please visit our new webpage called 'Don't miss out on free childcare' on Plymouth Online Directory (POD): [http://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/kb5/plymouth/directory/landing.page?directorychannel=4\\_5](http://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/kb5/plymouth/directory/landing.page?directorychannel=4_5)

## Achievement Assembly

After half term these will be taking place twice a term and invites to parents will be sent by email.

## Year 6 Enterprise Project

We would appreciate it dearly if everyone collected their empty, clear, glass jars for our Year 6 enterprise project. Please send them into school by 16th June.

Thanks you very much

Danni Cleary, Rosie Betts and Ruby Tremain

