

# WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

There have been a number of interesting activities taking place over the past two weeks. **Y1/Y2** visited the **theatre** to see '**Room on the Broom**', which the children very much enjoyed as part of this term's topic. For many of the children, it was the first time they had been to the theatre and they were **very** excited when they returned to school. **Y3/Y4** visited **Bodmin Jail**, where the children were able to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the prison and bring their Crime and Punishment topic to life! On Friday, **Y5/Y6** held their **Greek Feast** and shared information about how children lived in Ancient Greece and about different types of Greek food, some of which they also made for everyone to sample. I would like to thank all the staff involved for taking the time to organise these events and help to bring the children's learning to life beyond the classroom.

In order for all the children to make the most of every opportunity available to them in school, it is incredibly important that they **arrive on time every morning**. Children who arrive late often find it very stressful to enter a class when lessons have already started or to join their class in assembly. Please make every effort to bring them to school **before doors close at 8.45am** as persistent lateness, as well as absence, will be picked up by the Education Welfare team and you could be taken to court.

On the other hand, if your child has any signs of **sickness and diarrhoea** they must remain off school for **48 hours** after the **final** bout. We have a number of children and staff who have suffered recently and avoiding contact is a key way to stop further spread of this type of illness. We would very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards



Cup winners	24.2.17	3.3.17
Friendship Trophy	Lilia Manser and Tierney Doyle	Blade Horrell
Courtesy Cup	Freddie Waters	Luisa Suranamasi
Perseverance Trophy	Owen Lawrence	Missi Miami Horrell and Lucas Mitchell
Attendance Award	Year 5 Kestrel Class	Year 4 Owl Class and Year 1 Sparrow Class
Class Cup	Year 6 Falcon Class	Year 3 Nightingale Class
House Cup	Bigbury	Bigbury

## Dig it Day

On **Monday 13th March** it is our community Dig It Day!

**Please can all children bring in wellies to wear as we will be outside planting bulbs, sowing seeds, making bug houses and tidying up the garden areas around school.**

If any parent would like to come in and offer their expertise, manpower or any resources, we would be very grateful.

We are very keen for children to have a real and in depth knowledge of where their food comes from and also to learn that growing their own food is such a fun and wonderful experience!

## Key Dates for 2017

**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**

**19 Apr 8.45am Start of Term 5**

**28 Apr Y3 Class assembly 2.30pm**

**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 3

Reverend Iain came into school today to talk to year 3 about Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent. Year 3 listened very well and learnt a lot about Easter and its importance for Christians. We also learnt how to sign the Lord's Prayer in BSL which was fun.

### Year 4 are visited by the police



### Year 4 at Bodmin Jail



### Bush craft activities



## Pancake Day in Nursery and Foundation



## Greek Day for Year 5 and 6



**COMMUNITY NEWS FROM THE ARK PROJECT** (based at the Community House, 3 Tiverton Close) open for all families.

The Ark Community Project AGM 27th March at the community house 1.30pm all welcome.  
Opportunities for adults to join our current 'Maths uncovered' and adult learning sessions & craft workshops available. A crèche is available. Please speak to Fran Anderson (Family & Community worker) in the playground or Jenn Collings (Manager) for more information tel 07467 959365 or

### **Derriford Community Park (Poole Farm)**

Our community Orchard planting day is on the 11th March from 10.00am—3.30pm and will have Plymouth Environmental Action, Buglife, Devon Wildlife Trust, Plymouth Community Orchard Network as well as the Poole Farm team to make it the most wildlife friendly orchard in town.

Help us to provide resources for food, drink and education in the future.

### **Walking for Health Walk Leader Training**

The course is for anyone willing and able to lead walks in the community. It is a day of practical advice and includes practice in leading a walk and information on keeping people motivated.

This is a one day course that will take place on Wednesday 29th March. For more information visit [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)

### **Book Fair**

Thursday 9th to Wednesday 15th March

Where: School Hall

When: From 3.30

Everyone is invited. Book prices start at £2.99 and there are over 200 titles for all ages. Don't forget to use your World Book Day £1 voucher. A percentage of the takings goes towards books for our library.

### **Ten Million Minutes**

Thursday 9th to Wednesday 15th March

Don't forget to note down every single minute of reading this week. Everyone should have a bookmark onto which they can write their time. Each day we add up our school's total reading time. By the end of the week we will have a winner from Infants and Juniors and we will know whether we have won the national competition.

### **CAMHS Information Event**

For parents and carers of children with SEND

Does your child regularly find it hard to manage day to day tasks due to suffering from anxiety and frustration? Then this FREE event is for you!

Advice and presentations by professionals from our local CAMHS service on living with these issues will help provide you with the information and skills you need to be able to manage these emotions in a more constructive way, in order to create an environment at home that will make family life better for everyone.

No need to book, just come along on the day. This event will be taking place on Tuesday 28th March from 9.30-11.30 am at the Lower Guildhall, Royal Parade, Plymouth. For more information email [hello@plymouthpcv.co.uk](mailto:hello@plymouthpcv.co.uk)

### **Year 5 and 6**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Greek day. The children enjoyed making and tasting traditional Greek food.

### **Year 5**

Can all year 5 children please ensure they have swimming kits in school everyday from Monday 13th March.

