

# WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and were able to make the most of the great weather. You may be able to tell that I am delighted at the way the hall floor has been brought back to life over the holiday. It makes a real difference to the whole space and has finally brought it into the 21st century! The fascia boards above the stage are next on the list to be sorted out over the Easter holidays and I will be trying to find bids to get someone to help us pay for the new staging equipment we need for the children's performances.

I need to let you know that the **school is being used as a polling station again this year and so will be closed on Thursday 2nd May**. Unfortunately this is unavoidable as there is no other public building within this polling area that can be used and, as you may remember, the governors decided the school should not stay open during polling for safeguarding reasons.

Next Tuesday (Pancake Day) the kitchen are offering pancakes in place of the advertised dessert option. The children will be able to choose from lemon, ice cream and a variety of sliced and cooked fruits to fill their pancakes.

I have found a great Beetroot and Chocolate Brownie recipe that I am trying tonight ready for the cake sale tomorrow and have put the recipe on the back page of this newsletter if you want to try it for yourself. I hope it works!

We have a very busy term ahead and I hope to see you at some of the events we have planned.

Kind regards,



Cup winners	08.02.19	15.02.19
Friendship Trophy	Jayden Brignell	Aiden Jaycock
Courtesy Cup	Layla Rezahi and Isabella Jervis	Rhyley Thomson-Reece
Perseverance Trophy	Maley Sheriif	Berry Gray and Kai Clark
Reading Award	Libby Smith and Bethany Jones	Arthur Berei
Homework	Year 4 and Year 5 with 100%	Year 5 with 96.3%
Maths	Ella McGuigan	Ellie-Mai Dundas and Kiara Tabb
Class Cup	Year 4	Year 3
House Cup	Jennycliff	Bovisand
Fair Play Award	Nancy Day and Alice El Morshdy	Abi McLuskey and Amii Kearley

## Key Dates for 2019

**1 Mar Coffee and cake sale from 3pm (come and see the refurbished hall!)**

**7 Mar World Book Day and pre-loved book sale**

**15 Mar Mufti Day for Red Nose Day**

**20 Mar Y5/6 Greek Day**

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

**5 Apr 1:15pm End of Term 4**

**24 Apr Start of Term 5**

**2 May School closed for polling**

**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**



### Boccia

Tuesday 12th February 2019 – A great afternoon of Boccia today at Tor Bridge High. Today we hosted 14 teams from 9 schools across the PSSP! Teams representing Widewell, Thornbury, Cann Bridge, Oreston, Pomphlett, Leigham, Drake, Lipson Vale and Tor Bridge Primary all came along to take part in our friendly competition. No experience is necessary for these events as we had young leaders from TBH on hand to show the teams how to play and keep the scores. Then we just play a friendly round-robin event and fit in as many games as possible in the time we have. These events are also about more than just playing some Boccia – we celebrate the School Games Value of Respect by congratulating other teams and each other and respecting our referees. Thank you to all of the young leaders for all of your help and a huge thank you as well to the staff that jumped in to lead a game here and there – particularly those of you who had a quick course in how to score in Boccia. I would also like to say a huge well done and thank you to the 2 very knowledgeable children from Drake primary who took the initiative to lead some games themselves – you did such a great job! I thought that it was another great event this afternoon and I am already looking forward to the next one – I hope to see you all there.

Claire Cormack PE Specialist Teacher for Plympton Academy and Tor Bridge High



**Year 2 Gingerbread making**



## Weekly cup winners



## TSB Money Workshop

The year 5 and 6 children took part in a TSB money workshop just before half term. This was really interesting and the children learnt a lot about budgeting, saving, the different types of bank accounts and how to keep themselves safe from fraud.



## Messy Church

Please come along to the Church of the Holy Spirit in Southway on Saturday 2nd March from 4-6pm. There will be games, craft, songs and food. This is free and everyone is welcome.

## Beetroot and Chocolate Brownies

400g cooked beetroot; 100ml rapeseed oil; 250g good-quality dark chocolate (70% cocoa, dairy-free if you want, chopped); 3 large eggs; 200g golden caster sugar or coconut sugar; 2 tsp vanilla extract; 140g plain flour; 75g cocoa powder; 1 tsp baking powder

### Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line a 20 x 30cm cake tin with baking parchment. Chop one-third of the cooked beetroots into small cubes and blitz the remainder in a blender or food processor to a paste. Sit the paste in a sieve over a bowl just to extract a little of the juice then mix the oil into the purée.

Melt the chocolate slowly in a heatproof bowl over a pan of barely simmering water and leave to cool slightly. Use an electric whisk to beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla together in a large mixing bowl until light, fluffy and tripled in size. Carefully fold the eggs into the beetroot mixture, followed by the melted chocolate. Fold in the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder, then add the chopped beetroot.

Pour into your prepared tin and bake for 20-25 mins. The brownies should still be slightly gooey in the middle. Allow to cool.



## World Book Day and Book Fair

Don't forget Thursday 7th March is World Book Day! Dress up as your favourite book villain (or book character). We are holding a 'Create a Tato' competition: design a potato to look like a book character. There will also be a 'Guess the Bookworm' challenge for children to enter - entries cost 50p per competition and all money raised goes to the school library. We would love for you to come in at 3pm to share a story with your children.

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

To coincide with World Book Day, the Scholastic Book Fair will be available from Thursday 14th to Wednesday 20th in the corridor at the top of the school hall. We very much appreciate your support with this, as we get commission which is used to purchase new books for the school.

## Internet Safety Workshop

We will be having an internet safety workshop for parents on Thursday 9th May from 2.15-3.15pm in the hall. Everyone welcome.

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day

We will be having a mufti day for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March.

Red noses will be on sale again in the school Reception closer to the time at **£1.25 each**.



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