

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Along with this newsletter today you should receive the results of the parent questionnaire that 81 of you completed at the parents' evenings before half term. Thank you to everyone who managed to complete a form and I hope you find the results informative about the school. If you have any further questions or comments please contact me via the school office email in the header of this newsletter.

As always there is a lot going on in school this half term and I have added a few dates in yellow to the Key Dates column on the right of this newsletter for you. Y6 have decided we should have a **Mad Hair Day for Children in Need next Friday (16th Nov)** as we are also having a **chocolate mufti day the following week (23rd Nov)** to get prizes for the chocolate tombola at the **Christmas Fair (Thu 29th Nov)**. I am again encouraging your children to make a donation from their pocket money, if they have any, rather than ask you for money but I can't make any promises!

Just so you are aware we do ask for a small donation at the end of the Nativity performances for our school charity (which this year is **The Behçet's Syndrome Society**) and the vicar is asking for small donations to the **Children's Society** at the Christingle Service this year, as 50 years of Christingle is being celebrated. I am aware of how difficult things can be at this time of year and thought it would be useful for you to know so you can decide whether you are able to donate and budget accordingly. Your children will be able to join in with all activities regardless of the size of any donation. Children will be allowed to wear a **Christmas jumper** with their uniform for **Christmas Lunch day (13 Dec)** and no donations are necessary for this.

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for the **Family Craft afternoon (14th Dec)** and at the **Church of the Holy Spirit for the Christingle Service (19 Dec)**. Children will be in family groups for the craft afternoon so may not be in their usual class. We will point you in the right direction when you sign in at the office for this event! To ensure we know where the children are at the end of the day they will go back to their classes at 3:15pm and will come out to you on the playground soon after, once they have everything they need, unless you are unable to get here until 3:30pm or they are going to after school are club. **All other clubs will have stopped for the term on Friday 7th December.**

Finally, Year 5 are busy practising their class **Remembrance assembly** for tomorrow but all classes are also **decorating plant pots** this year so that we have a **lasting, living memorial** at school. I hope you are able to take a look at them once they are planted up and displayed in the grounds.

Kind regards,



Cup winners	19.10.2018	02.11.2018
Friendship Trophy	Tyler McGrath and Amelie Walling	Jasmine Carter
Courtesy Cup	Caitlyn Hardy	Oliver Marley
Perseverance Trophy	Amii Kearley	Lloyd Pinney
Reading Award	Izzy Anderson and Finlay Anstey	Olivia Campbell
Homework	Year 5 100%	
Maths	Archie Richards-Wilcox	Macy-Grace Bance
Class Cup	Year 1	Year 3
House Cup	Bovisand	Bovisand
Fair Play Award	Skylar Bevan	Grace Vosper
Moon Miles		Ben Glover, Mackenzie Stonehouse, Lyla Keeling

Key Dates for 2018/2019

9 Nov Yr 5 class assembly 2:45pm

14 Nov Maths lessons! (see back of newsletter)

16 Nov Children in Need Mad Hair day

23 Nov Chocolate mufti day

28 Christmas Fair 3-30pm

3-7 Dec Last week of clubs except for After School Care club

11 and 12 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm

13 Dec Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day

14 Dec Family Craft afternoon 1:30pm

19 Dec Christingle Service 10am

19 Dec 1:15pm End of Term 2

3 Jan Start of Term 3

15 Feb End of Term 3

25 Feb Start of Term 4

5 Apr 1:15pm End of Term 4

24 Apr Start of Term 5

24 May End of Term 5

3 Jun Start of Term 6

19 Jul 1:15pm End of Term 6

MKC Heroes



**Poppy Bake Off
winners visit the
Lord Mayor for
judging**

Weekly cup winners



Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to come and find out more about how your child is taught maths. This will take place on Wednesday 14th November from 9:00am - 10:00am.

The first part of the session will take place in the hall where you will be able to observe a year six lesson taking place which will follow the structure of our 'Maths No Problem' maths scheme. This will give you the opportunity to see how maths is taught throughout the school and the strategies that we are encouraging children to use. I will also explain how maths lessons are structured in our school and how you can help your child at home.

After this lesson you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to find out more about the maths they are doing that day.

We hope you can attend this event and look forward to seeing you on the 14th November.

Mrs Holder
Maths Subject Leader

The Ark Community Project Ltd

Term time groups—

Twinkle Tots toddler group on a Tuesday from 9.15-11.15am (£1.50)

Sewing for Adults (bookable Creche) on a Tuesday from 12.30-2.30pm (£2.50 plus £2 for crèche) 1st session is free

Guitar group on a Wednesday from 1.30-2.45pm

For service or ex-service families and friends we have a once a month Coffee Boat morning from 10-11.30am, 7th November and 5th December

All families or individuals are always welcome.

Contact us through the parish office number on 201490 or email jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk or find us on facebook.

Poppy Bake Off

Thank you to all children who entered the Poppy Bake Off this year and especially well done to Eloise and Gracie for their winning entries.

Their cakes were submitted into the second round for judging by the Lord Mayor.

Congratulations to Eloise, whose cake was chosen as a finalist and will be judged in the Lord Mayor's Parlour.

A future Great British Bake Off competitor?

MKC Heroes

Last week, Tiana, Mod and Erin visited 165 Port and Maritime Squadron at Derriford as part of the MKC Heroes project. They had a great time looking at weapons, trying on kit and discovering the contents of the rucksacks, camouflage spotting and Army medic basic first aid.

It was good fun meeting other military children from different schools. Thanks to 165.

Polite notice

A new debt policy will be in place for January 2019. If you have any outstanding debts from Before/After school care club / School dinners / Nursery fees please clear them or contact the business manager or Mrs Prynne to set up a payment plan as soon as possible.

