

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a very Happy (and hopefully healthy!) New Year to you all. Thank you to everyone who was able to keep their children away from school for the last couple of days of the autumn term; hopefully it prevented a lot of sickness over the holidays. I also need to say a very big thank you to all the staff who donned aprons and gloves and cleaned everything and anything within the school walls to ensure the bug did not linger for when we returned last week. It says a lot about the team spirit of the staff at the school that everyone was willing to do what needed to be done regardless of their usual role in school. I'm certain that not all Heads around the country would be met with the same positive response.

There is a lot going on for the children once again this term and I hope you will have read the curriculum letters which were sent home on Tuesday. Please add the dates in the blue column to the left of this newsletter to your calendars, particularly if your children are in Y2, 3, 4 or 5, as they will all be performing in their class assembly or in their show at some point before Easter. I have also added the Parents' Evening dates for after half term when you are invited in to speak with the teachers about your children's progress so far this year. We will open the appointments system in a few weeks time for you to book your slot.

Please take the time to read the section on the back of this newsletter where I have outlined how you can get easy access to school emails etc through the website app which will help to make communications more efficient for everyone.

Kind regards,



Cup winners	05.01.18
Friendship Trophy	Stanley Richards-Wilcox
Courtesy Cup	Max Wilde
Perseverance Trophy	Eva Gardiner
Reading Award	George Hudson-Lord
Class Cup	Year 1
House Cup	Jennycliff

Hungry Caterpillar News

It was great to welcome new faces to Hungry Caterpillar Club this week. We were making muffin pizzas, a yummy and quick snack which hopefully the children can help to make at home.

We have been focusing on reducing the amount of waste after lunch and we were pleased this week with the small amount we have thrown away. We are educating children on correct choices for lunch and also making sure their tummies are full to maximise their learning in the afternoon.

A new menu will be published after half term so if you have any special requests of meals you would like on the new Spring/Summer menu, please speak to the Food Councillors.



Key Dates for 2018

2 Feb Y2 Class assembly 2.45pm

7 Feb Family Topic session 2.30pm

9 Feb End of Term 3

19 Feb Start of Term 4

19 Feb Parents Evening (Y4 only) 3.40pm—7.00pm

21 Feb Parents' Evening (NOT Y4) 3.40pm—7.00pm

22 Feb Parents' Evening 3.40pm—5.30pm

21 Mar Y3/4/5 Performances 2pm and 6pm

29 Mar 1.15pm End of Term 4

17 Apr Start of Term 5

11 May Y1 Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May Foundation Class assembly 2.45pm

25 May End of Term 5

4 Jun Start of Term 6

17 Jul 2.30pm Open Afternoon



MKC Heroes

Just before Christmas, Josh and Luisa spent an afternoon at The China Fleet Club as part of our involvement with the Military Kids Club Heroes. They enjoyed time in the swimming pool and on the flume, followed by a buffet lunch. They presented a cheque to the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal. Josh and Luisa met military children from many other schools. A fun time was had by all!





News Reporters

Find out a bit more about our news reporters on the back page of this newsletter!

Weekly cup winners



Free 'Introductory Family First Aid Course'

This will be taking place from 1-3pm on Wednesday 17th January 2017, creche available. Please contact Lorna to book places via school office, mobile 07436839934 or email lorna.trend@horizonmat.com.

This course can then lead into a longer course if you would like to do a more in-depth course. Feel free to bring a friend.

Cheezifit Dance Class

On Thursday 4th January at 7pm, the school launched a brand new dance fitness class called Cheezifit. Cheezifit is a friendly, fun interactive community-based dance fitness class for all ages 16 plus. Participant's dance to recognisable cheesy music, including Abba, Barry Manilow and The Bee Gees.

The class is led by fitness instructor and year three physiotherapy student Ros Glendinning, a lady in her 40s who will warmly welcome you. The first class is free and only £2.50 after that. For more information please access the Cheezifit Facebook page or phone/text: 079736-32627.



Are you having problems receiving emails and messages from school?



The easiest way to stay in touch is to download the eschools app and make sure you allow notifications through your phone settings as well as on the app for texts, messages and letters. If you have any problems please come in to the office where Karen or Anna will be able to help you. You will also be able to use the app to book your parents evening appointments in a few weeks time for the meetings after half term.

Lego Masters

Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed individuals or groups over 9 years old to register an interest in a second series of Lego Masters on channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately we won't be able to answer all the requests individually.

News Reporters

Welcome to our News Reporters! We are a group of pupils from across the school who will be writing articles to let you know what is going on. We are a mix of children who will be letting you know things from our point of view. We will be meeting every week to share our ideas and to report on events. Watch this space to find out what we have been up to!

Word of the week until half term

8th January—Ludicrous
15th January—Ancient
22nd January—Gruesome
29th January—Elegant

Chatterbox Club

We still have places in the Chatterbox Club (Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30). This club is not just for those children who like to talk but also for those who want to increase their confidence when talking in small groups. There will be lots of games and some drama activities. For more information please see Mrs Kerr.

