

WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who completed the **parent questionnaire** forms last week at the parents evenings. I am hoping to be able to share the results with you in the next newsletter and they will be used to inform part of the new school improvement plan.

As a school we are visited every month by the **Education Welfare Officer**, Jackie Seymour and have to account for all **absences** and **lateness** marks in the registers. In addition to the fact that we need to know children are on the premises, it is important that we have a valid reason for any lateness which is why the admin team ask for it to be recorded when children are brought in. I understand some people have been refusing to do this and I hope this explanation will help you to realise we are not being difficult, we just have to account for our attendance data on a regular basis. If anyone still feels strongly against this, please make an appointment to see me so we can discuss the matter further.

There are many opportunities for you to come into school this term, most of which have been listed in the blue **Key Dates** column on each newsletter. In addition the **WPTA** are holding their **Christmas Fayre on 25th November** and their **Christmas Movie night on 1st December**. If you haven't received any information about these events please contact a member of the WPTA or the school office.

The **school choir** are going to be very busy over the next few weeks as they are singing in the **City Centre on Thursday 17th November** at 4pm for the turning on of the Christmas lights and at the **Lord Mayor's Carol Concert on Friday 9th December**. Look out for photos of the children at these events and more in future newsletters this term.

Kind regards,

C. Payne

| Cup winners | 21.10.16 | 4.11.16 |
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| Friendship Trophy | Mason Benney & George Hudson-Lord | Ryan Carter |
| Courtesy Cup | Jayden Simmonds | Mia Brimacombe |
| Perseverance Trophy | Hollie Williams | Modlamin Jaiteh |
| Class Cup | Y3 | Y3 |
| House Cup | Bovisand | Wembury |

As Mrs Gifford is now entering the making stages of a lot of her DT projects, she would very much appreciate any of the following:

yoghurt pots
waterproof fabric
milk cartons
water bottles with lids
zips
cardboard boxes/tubes
jars
pieces of wood

Thank you in advance



Key Dates for 2016/2017

18 Nov Y2 Class assembly 2.30pm
6 Dec Infant Nativity 10am
7 Dec Infant Nativity 2pm
8 Dec Christmas Lunch
9 Dec Family Craft afternoon
15 Dec Open afternoon 2.30pm
16 Dec Christingle Service 10am
16 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2
3 Jan Non Pupil Day
4 Jan 8.45am Start of Term 3
20 Jan Y5 Class assembly 2.30pm
10 Feb 3.30pm End of Term 3
20 Feb 8.45am Start of Term 4
22 Feb Parents Evening
23 Feb Parents Evening
2 Mar World Book Day
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

The Silver Healthy Child Quality Mark



Michael House came into school this week to present us with the Silver Healthy Child Quality Mark. We were very proud to achieve the award and for all the things we are doing in school to ensure the children are healthy and lead active lifestyles. The school are now going to work towards the Gold award, so if there are any keen gardeners who would like to be involved in setting up and running a community garden, please contact Mrs Gifford.



Year 6 boys at the Dance Workshop

Evie Ralphs and Erin Roddis made tremendous cakes for the final of the Poppy Bake Off and represented the school brilliantly. Although they did not win, they should be very proud of themselves getting this far and helping to make the Royal British Legion event a success.



**Poppy Bake Off
finalists**

Message from the governors

At the end of the Summer term, Andrea Carlisle stood down as a Governor. The governors would like to thank Andrea for her contribution to the school over a number of years. Andrea's contribution will be missed, she was a parent Governor & also had served as Chair of Governors.

A message from Jackie Carter the new Governor

I have worked for many years as an area manager with services who support vulnerable adults with mental health and learning difficulties, with part of my job role covering safeguarding.

I am married, with grown up children and enjoy spending family time with grandchildren. My interests include supporting the Special Olympics Plymouth group and I am a long serving member of Plymouth Mayflower Rotary Club.

School governance is a new challenge and I recognise the need and give assurance the safeguarding role I undertake will be met ensuring the best interest of pupils and school as a whole.

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) are holding an information event for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Date: Tuesday 22nd November 2016, 9.30am-12.30pm

Location: Lower Abbey Hall, Catherine Street, Plymouth, PL1 2AD (behind St. Andrew's Church)

Parents are invited to come along and find out more about Plymouth Parent Carer Voice, how they provide a voice for the unique needs of parent / carers and ways you can get involved.

There will be lots of opportunities to ask questions about local services and meet other local parents facing similar challenges.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please email Plymouth Parent Carer Voice at hello@plymouthpcv.co.uk

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 18th November and children are invited to come to school in mufti with a spotty theme. We are hoping to make a ten pence piece trail around the infant playground on the day so please save your ten pence coins.

Our school recipe collection will also be on sale after school. If you have a favourite family recipe please send it into school as soon as possible so that we can include it in our booklet.

Mrs Holder

Reading Scheme Books

We are hoping to sort and update our reading scheme books next week. These are the books with a coloured sticker on the spine. Could we ask that ALL reading scheme books are returned as soon as possible. We hope to get them back quickly. In the meantime, please continue to listen to your child read. They should have a library book but see your child's teacher if you need something else.

Mrs Kerr

Dinner Money Reminder

Just a reminder that dinner money should be paid for in advance, preferable through Parentpay, if you require log in details please come to the school office.

Festival of Remembrance

Just a reminder that the festival of Remembrance will be taking place in the Pavilions on Friday night, free tickets via the box office for serving members and their families.

Acts will include, Military Kids Choir; Junior Field Gun; Plymouth Youth Concert Band; Band of the RM; Military Wives Choir; Police Choir; Cadet displays; act of Remembrance; Sing Along.

