

# WHAT'S ON AT WIDEWELL

Widewell Primary Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a big 'Thank you' to everyone who supported our **Harvest** food collection and **Red, White and Blue Day** last week. We have been able to donate **three crates** of food to the local food bank which will go a long way towards supporting families in this local area. Our final total for Red, White and Blue Day was **£152.82** which will go to ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. These are both great results for a relatively small school.

As the weather is getting colder it is important your children have **coats** available for play-times and lunchtimes. Please make sure they bring a coat to school every day and that **all of their uniform is named**. We would like to be in the position of having **no lost property** at all because we are able to return named lost items to their owners. I am also aware of just how much school uniform and other items for school cost, and it is frustrating to see such a lot of clothing and other items around the school unable to be returned. I would recommend using a Sharpie pen to name your children's clothes as this did not seem to wash out easily when my own children were at school!

As you can see from the Key Dates list on each newsletter, **Parents Evenings** are coming up after half term. Please look for your **login details** for the school website so you can make your appointment from next week. If you haven't got your details you can ask for them from the school office, make an appointment through the school office or make an appointment with class teachers who will bring out iPads at the end of the day next week. New parents should receive a login in the next few days.

Kind regards,

*C. Pyne*

Cup winners	29.09.17	06.10.17
Friendship Trophy	Patrick Betts and Isobel Hodges	Madison Snopek and Leo Clayton
Courtesy Cup	Rebecca Horton	Niyah Brown
Perseverance Trophy	Alfie Connors	Lily Coote
Reading Award	Eve Goodman	Mason Benney
Class Cup	Year 5	Year 2
House Cup	Wembury	Jennycliff

## Hungry Caterpillar News

In the Hungry Caterpillar club this week while our flapjack was cooking, we turned our attention to how we will reinvest our takings from our Hungry Caterpillar Shop at the Summer Fair. We are very keen to continue the great work established last year with all children taking part in growing vegetables and fruit in our key hole garden and all around our grounds. As well as the other vegetables we planted last year, the plan is to also grow strawberries, so fingers crossed we will have a bumper crop in time for Wimbledon next year!



## Key Dates for 2017 - 2018

**18 Oct Family wellbeing session**  
2.30pm

**20 Oct Y4 Class assembly**  
2.45pm

**20 Oct End of Term 1**

**30 Oct Start of Term 2**

**1/2 Nov Parents Evenings**  
3.30pm to 5.50pm/7pm

**10 Nov Y5 Class assembly**  
2.45pm

**16 Nov Family maths games session**  
3pm

**5/6 Dec Infant Nativity** 2pm

**13 Dec Family Craft afternoon**

**14 Dec Christmas Lunch**

**19 Dec 1.15pm End of Term 2**

**3 Jan Start of Term 3**

**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**

**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**

**18 Jul Y6 Leavers Show** 6pm

**20 Jul 1.15pm End of Term 6**





**Year 6 Residential**







**Weekly cup winners**



**Community Harvest  
Crumble**



## Courses

Thursday 9th November **'Parenting Teenagers'** - getting them (and you) through' evening event, run by Care for the Family. Hope Baptist Church, PL3 4QG, 7.30pm tickets cost from £4. Please speak to Lorna if you would like to attend as tickets need to be booked. Help with transport may be available.

**Jewellery Making Course**, 8th November 1-3pm at Widewell Primary School. This is a free course to learn the basics of jewellery making run by On-course South West who run a large number of free courses for parents including English and maths and vocational courses. A creche can run for children over 1 year. Book a place via Lorna in the school office or text on 07436 839934.

## Data Sheets

Could all data sheets, please be completed and updated if necessary and returned to the school as soon as possible.

## Cross country runners

The boys team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the cross country last week Ethan Wright did amazing and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the boys and Aya El Morshdy put in a tremendous effort and came 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the girls. Many thanks to the parents who provided lifts and support.

## KS2 Car Park

Please park outside the school when dropping children to Breakfast Club as staff have been prevented from coming in in the morning and they are very keen to start work. Thank you

## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had a fantastic time on residential. On the first day, they experienced bouldering and created some fabulous beach art. They then enjoyed a quiet evening creating dream catchers before heading to bed. On the second day, they explored the history of Slapton and its role in World War 2; the children had lots of questions and learnt a lot in connection with their topic. During the afternoon, they faced the challenge of the Low Ropes course and in the evening they wrapped up warm and braved a night walk in the woods. They finished the trip with a morning 'shipwrecked' on the beach. They thought about the things they would need to survive and attempted to light fires.

On the whole, it was a brilliant trip and the children did themselves proud.

## Poppy Bake Off

Well done to everyone who entered the Poppy Bake Off competition, the entries were fantastic! The two chosen to go through to the next round were made by Holly Price and Erin Roddis who will accompany their cakes to the Lord Mayor's Chamber!

## More Hungry Caterpillar News

As today was Outdoor Classroom Day, the children have enjoyed being outside and learning in our fabulous school grounds. The children have been engaging in all areas of the curriculum and also planted some Spring bulbs which we are eager to see when the warmer weather comes in 2018.

It was great to welcome the community into school last Friday for the Harvest Crumble celebration. The guests were very impressed with the Year 3 assembly and all of the wonderful crumbles which were designed and expertly made by the children in years 1-4. Thank you for the very generous donations for the Food Bank, these were very gratefully received by the local service.

## Guitar Lessons

There are still spaces available for guitar lessons, if you are interested please speak to Mrs Heard.

## Recycling donation

Early Years are in need of small, clear, empty drinks bottles with lids for activities that we would like to carry out at our well being afternoon next Wednesday.

Any donations can be handed to a member of staff in the Early Years.

