



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alex and Pippa on the arrival of their baby sister. Dad tells me that that Liz and their 'nocturnal' daughter are both well!

Widecombe Woodland

Ivy and Eliza told me:-

On Wednesday morning we went to Forest School and we challenged ourselves to get up the hill and find some snow to make a snowman. We walked through the woods then through the mud, through the gate to the moors. There was no snow on the moors because it had all melted. We saw rain coming towards us and the sky was cloudy and grey. We had a chat about keeping safe and we decided to go back down to the minibus. We had a nice day and next week we want to go exploring.



I must say a huge thank you to Liz for supporting Webburn with their learning at the weekly Widecombe Woodland trip (she was in the woods with us only 2 days before giving birth!).

We are now looking for another volunteer to support us on a Wednesday morning. If you have a bit of spare time, please let us know.

On Wednesdays it would be really helpful if Webburn children could bring their forest school clothes in a named carrier bag. Thank you.

Exemplar Education

You will find attached a letter from Exemplar Education, a company providing online numeracy and literacy support programmes.

The school has agreed to distribute these letters and will receive a donation depending on the number of reply slips sent back into school, regardless of the level of interest. Please send back the reply slip, even if you do not have any interest in the scheme, as the school will still benefit.

Robot Day Report from Caspar & Evie

We have been making a hydraulic arm and a robot arm. Jonah's group have taken a remote control car apart and are going to put it back together in their own way. Some people have succeeded in building a robot that can draw a picture and a bug one with different legs that can do different things. Another team is making a dinosaur robot which moves along like a bike.

Des Stokes

Head of School

My Week by ...

Tori, Nancy & Asher

On Tuesday we went to Stover School to a Play Leaders Conference to learn how to make playtimes more enjoyable. We were split into groups of bigger and smaller schools and other schools showed us what games they did in wet play and we had a go at cup pong, penny football and dance. We learnt new tactics, how to be louder and have more control. We had to partner with someone we didn't know then had to shout our name, age, what school we were from and our 3 favourite sports. We made new friends and had a really good morning.

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Jack F

Luca

Ava

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Webburn for their excellent attendance this week.

Webburn	98%
Lower Dart	96%
Upper Dart	94%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 22nd January
Lego Club

Tuesday 23rd January
Parents' Running Club 9am
Dance & Arts & Crafts Clubs

Wednesday 24th January
Webburn in the Woods am
Gymnastics Club

Thursday 25th January
Parents' Running Club 9am
Football Club

Friday 26th January
Webburn Library
Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

*Parents' Evening Letter & Preparation Report
Upper Dart Body Language letter
Exemplar Education Letter*

South Dartmoor Workshop Reports

Alesha, Fin and Solly went to an Art workshop at South Dartmoor this week. Here is their report:-

We were excited in the car on the way but got a bit nervous when we got to Reception. We were met by Ashley and when we started to do Art it was really fun. We made pictures in a dark room, it was so dark you couldn't really see anything. We had to put objects onto special paper, press the button to put a laser on them and put them in different kinds of oils so the pictures wouldn't be spoilt. We got to keep the pictures we made. There were children from other schools there as well and we also made some animations. We made lots of pictures and then made them into a 20 second video. We had to be really careful making the pictures and the art we had done with Mrs Carr really helped. We could only move each picture a tiny bit each time. We used special cameras on stands because it was important the camera didn't move. We were there for the whole day and we would do it again if we had the chance.

Isabelle and Sacha attended a Philosophy & Ethics workshop:-

We learnt about the Ten Commandments, using pictures and putting numbers into the pictures, that helped us learn them. We also started a diary choosing our favourite topic and doing word searches. We had to pick three things we would bring if we went on a boat trip. Then we learnt how to be good leaders and had to write down what we thought we would need, like being responsible. We had a really good and interesting day.

Play Leaders' Request

If anyone has any unwanted balls (soft balls, footballs etc.) suitable for using in the playground, please could you send them into school, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"

There are still a few tickets left for the Phyls Follies 2018 Panto at Postbridge Village Hall, on the evenings of 25th and 26th January and 1st, 2nd and 3rd February 2018. Tickets are available from Martyn Longley by e-mail at phylsfollies940@gmail.com or 01822 880294 - adults £7.00 each and children £3.50.

Good fun for all of the family, please come and support, especially as Dominic, Sylvia, Charlie, Ava and Imogen star quite superbly.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

With Christmas and New Year over with it is time to look ahead to the pre-school's next fundraising event. We are going to be holding an Auction evening on Friday 23rd March which is shaping up to be an unmissable evening for all.

We are asking that anyone with leftover goodies (unopened and must still be in date until at least April 2018) from their festive celebrations, or anything you may like to be auctioned off, could donate them to us.

More details of the Auction Night will follow soon, but put the date in your diaries!

Please either drop them to Hannah Plumley or at the Pre-school.

