



WIDCOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Widcombe Educational Foundation

I'd like to thank the WEF for agreeing to provide the school with a brand new projector for the school hall. The WEF provides support to our school and individuals in the Widcombe parish so they can have the opportunity to achieve their potential in education and their chosen career paths. If you know of anyone who they may be able to support please let us know.

Library Book Amnesty

Next week the library will be out of action due to the refurbishment starting. Abi and Emma have kindly given up their time to do an audit of books in the library and they will be able to identify where we have any gaps. Please could you have a look at home to see if you have any school books which you can return.

Superfast Fibre Broadband

Yay! In a few weeks time we will be receiving Superfast Fibre Broadband. This will take our broadband speed from around 5mb to 50mb! We won't know ourselves with a reliable and quick connection! It means that our children will spend less time waiting for the downloading circle and more time preparing themselves for the unknown technological future which awaits them.

Swimming

We are so lucky to have our own swimming pool in school. Our children get to swim once or twice a week from now until the autumn half term. The pool temperature is now a tropical 18°C, so children will start swimming next week. Please ensure that children have their swimming kit in school on the appropriate days:

Webburn: Wednesday
Lower Dart: Thursday
Upper Dart: Tuesday

Parent Governor

As you will know, we had three fantastic applications for the parent governor role. We had a great response in the ballot with 44 votes received. It is warming to know that we have so many supportive parents in school.

Thank you to all who were involved in the process, your willingness to give up your time to support the school is appreciated.

You voted for **Chris Elliott** to be your parent governor and I look forward to working with him in the near future.

CMT Awareness Day

On Thursday the 28th April there is a CMT(Charcot-Marie-Tooth) awareness day in School, one of our children in Upper Dart suffers from this condition.

Children can come to school in Mufti and have a funny hairstyle or wig and bring in a donation. There will be lots of fun and informative activities at the school and cakes and buns will be on sale at break time, as well as some charity wristbands. The cakes will be 25p and the bands will be £1. There will also be the CMT letters on the playground for children to place any copper money they bring in.

If you would like any more information about this neuromuscular disorder please visit the charity page: www.cmt.org.uk. Thank you in advance for your support.

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

*Lower Dart Dartmoor 3 Ball Letter
Intimate Care Letter (Webburn, Year 2)
Individual Pupil Targets*

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Harry

Solly

All Year 6

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Lower Dart for their perfect attendance this week

Lower Dart	100%
Webburn	94%
Upper Dart	94%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 25th April

Breakfast Maths Club
Living Word Library (Lunchtime)
Bikes & Trikes Club

Tuesday 26th April

Football Club

Wednesday 27th April

Breakfast Maths Club
Code Club

Thursday 28th April

CMT Awareness Day
Multiskills & Music Clubs

Friday 29th April

Breakfast Literacy Club
Webburn Library Day
Widdy Tots in school from 1.15pm
DT Club

Football Club payments

Payments for the first half of this term for those children who are attending Football Club, have been set up via ParentPay.

Parent Questionnaire

It is the time of year when we ask parents to complete an short online questionnaire. It is an opportunity for you to pass on your views and comments about various aspects of the school.

The survey will remain open to parents until Friday 6th May and can be accessed via this link:-

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XA718/>

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

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Head of School

FRIENDS' NEWS

BINGO

Just a reminder that tonight is our last fundraising event towards the renovation of the library. The doors open for Bingo at 6.30pm at Widecombe Church Hall and eyes down at 7pm so we look forward to seeing you all.

BARN DANCE

The Friends team are all busy preparing for Widdystock, our annual barn dance at Huccaby. The event is on Saturday 18th June so dust off your tents and mark it on your calendars. More information soon.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Many thanks for your great support and a massive thank you to Emma and Abi for designing the library with their team of librarians, organising the work schedule and shopping for all the exciting pieces which will complete the library, we cannot wait to see the end product.

Sarah Pipe, Chair of Friends of Widecombe School

READ-A-THON DAY, Friday 6th May, 9am-4pm

1. Get involved.

Visit the library between 9am and 4pm on the day.

Bring your favourite book.

When there is a slot free - sit down and read to the rotating audience of children and guests.

2. Get donating - and asking for donations.

Please either send donations directly to school, bring some money on the day or use Friends new *Just Giving* page

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/widecombeinthemoorprimaryschool>

E-mail the link to family and friends, asking for their support of our Dartmoor bookworms.

3. Get baking (or buy a cake!).

Please bring some cake or biscuits to support our refreshment stall - happy readers are well-fed readers!

School library is now closed for 2 weeks whilst building work, audit and re-fit takes place.

Any questions or to sign-up for the day, just contact:

Abi (aevans258@btinternet.com) or Emma (emma@perrettandfamilybuilders.com).