



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Recruitment

Widecombe-in-the-Moor Primary School is the most wonderful school that I have ever had the pleasure to teach in. Our school has great children, a talented staff, small classes, our own swimming pool, in a beautiful setting and we have never-ending support from the local community, parents and Friends. We are working hard to attract a few more children to our lovely school. If you know of families who you think might be attuned to our ethos, please invite them in for a taster day.

Friends

On behalf of the pupils and staff at the school I would like to say another big thankyou to Friends. Their next big project is to transform the two upstairs classrooms. I learnt today that these classrooms were painted canary yellow about 20 years ago and that the Pre-School used to reside up there!

Friends have also kindly agreed to purchase calligraphy pens, lino printing resources and fuel for the swimming pool (which will be in use from after the Easter holidays until the end of the Summer term).

Please try and support their magnificent efforts in any way you can.

Egyptian Day

Next Friday (27th Jan) we have Steve Manning visiting us with his 'Egyptian Enigma'. Steve is a story teller and he will become Howard Carter, telling us the true story of one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries of all time- the tomb of the 'Boy King', Tutankhamun. It promises to be a fantastic day.

School Dinners

Menus are available on ParentPay for the next 3 weeks of term, please make sure these are completed for your child as soon as possible.

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has their full PE kit, comprising of trainers, shorts and a t-shirt, in school at all times. Track suits can be used during outdoor PE sessions.

PE Event Dates for your Diaries

9th February—Year 4 Handball Festival 2-4pm

28th February—Primary Body Language Upper Dart 1-8pm

9th March— Years 3-6 Handball Tournament 3.45-5.15pm

School Council

The School Council (and Play Leaders) would like to ask parents if they have any dressing up clothes or U-rated movies that they could donate.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Parents' Evenings on Tuesday & Wednesday 7th & 8th February, slips are attached to request a time when you would like to come in and talk to your child's teacher. Please return these as soon as possible or email Barbara with your preferred date and time.

Waterleat Visit

On Thursday 2nd February, Upper Dart will be visiting Old Walls Farm for a walk and talk about the micro-hydro system which turns the power of falling water into electrical energy.

Des Stokes
Head of School

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Willow

Will

Francis

ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK

Well done to Lower Dart for their excellent attendance this week.

Lower Dart	99%
Upper Dart	97%
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EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 23rd January
Dance Club

Tuesday 24th January
Arts & Crafts Club

Thursday 26th January
Football Club

Friday 27th January
EGYPTIAN DAY
Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm
Handball Club

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Parents' Evening Slip
Deanery Day Letter (Year 6)
Food Smart Pack

Dylan's Riddle

Why did the pirate
cross the road?

To get to the second hand shop!

My Week by ...

Daisy

This week I've really enjoyed the projects that we did with Mr Stokes. We found some Egyptian stuff about the River Nile and other stuff about the pyramids, and learned that some of the houses could have sunk into the sand.

I really enjoyed handball. We got to split into 3 groups and had a match against another team, one was blue and one was white. There was an all girls' team and an all boys' team and my team won. Then we practised dribbling, dodging, throwing and catching.

Active Mums Rides are back for 2017

A new weekly programme of Active mums rides has been launched for 2017, with a number of newly qualified Breeze Champions leading new rides for women and their babies/toddlers every Wednesday in Newton Abbot.

We are offering you a unique opportunity to ride a bike with your baby or toddler without the hassle. You can get your shape back with like-minded mums from the local area and meet new friends on an enjoyable weekly active mums ride.

We will provide the bikes, trailers, seats, helmets, high viz jackets and a number of Breeze Champions to support you in your steps to a healthier and more active life-style - whilst having fun with other mums and your baby/toddler.



Rides take place every Wednesday 10.30am from Pro Cycle Centre Bike Shop, Wharf Road, Newton Abbot. Click here to book a place - spaces are limited:

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/active-mums-ride>

Become a Breeze Champion

Locally we are looking to recruit new ride leaders for Breeze which is an initiative aimed at getting more women on bikes. If anyone is interested in becoming a qualified volunteer ride leader through Breeze we are asking them to register their interest on the British Cycling Website:

www.letsride.co.uk/breeze






SaMM - Saturday Morning Music

Come and Join Us!

KEVICCs, Totnes TQ9 5JX
Saturday Mornings 9.30 - 12.30

Come and have fun with Choir, Recorders, Concert Band, Tuned and Untuned Percussion, Senior Ensemble, String Group, Jazz Band, Acoustic and Electric Guitar, Folk Group, Sing & Play (for 5 - 8 year olds) and much more!

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Our Programme

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
9.30 - 10.20	10.35 - 11.25	11.40 - 12.30
Sing and Play	Folk Group	String Group
Concert Band	Recorder Group	Jazz Band
Choir	Acoustic Guitar	Electric Guitar
	Tuned Percussion	Untuned Percussion
	Senior Ensemble	
Suitable for beginners with no previous experience	You need to be able to follow music on an instrument	You need to be a more experienced musician to get the best out of these groups

Come and try!

You are welcome to attend a **free taster Saturday** and sit in on any of our classes so that you and your child can experience a morning at SaMM without having to enrol first.

Age Groups

We cater for children aged 5 - 18, beginners to advanced.
Sing & Play is for children aged 5 - 8.
All the other groups are for 8+.

Fee Structure

Sing and Play Only: £30 per term
Attendance of up to 3 groups: £60 per term

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