



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

I hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday with your children.

The school has grown in size from 59 children in 2016-2017 to a fantastic 73 children at the start of this term!

We have welcomed 13 new school starters into Webburn and it is lovely to see them settling into our school.

We must also welcome our other new joiners to Widecombe: Sienna, Samson and Pippa in Year 2, Chloe and Delphi in Year 3, and Bessie and Isabelle in Year 4. We are so pleased that you have chosen to join our school and we all look forward to getting to know you better.

Widecombe Fair

This Tuesday is a non-pupil day due to the Widecombe fair. We will have an art exhibition in the Produce tent, dancing around the Maypole and will be hosting a set of fun races.

Please come and support us, children who are able to come are given a gift of £2 to spend at the Fair, courtesy of the Widecombe Fair Committee. Tokens for your children are attached to this newsletter.

Governor Contact Details

The Chair of Governors, Chris Elliott and Clerk to Governors, Laura Dudman can be contacted by email at

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South Dartmoor Academy

Directors would like to inform Parents and Guardians that Hugh Bellamy will be retiring at Christmas.

Directors confirmed that Paul Collins will lead South Dartmoor Community College and Rachel Shaw will be the Chief Executive Officer of South Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust.

Swimming

Swimming will start again for all classes and will continue until it becomes too cold!

Webburn will swim on a Wednesday, Lower Dart on a Thursday and Upper Dart on a Monday. Please ensure your child has a towel and swimming kit on these days.

Webburn Outdoor Learning

From 27th September, Webburn will have regular weekly opportunities to visit a local woodland area. The visits will support the curriculum by helping to develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning in a natural environment.

We are looking for volunteers to regularly assist us on a Wednesday morning. Please let Des know if you are able to assist. Thank you to Alona and her family for making this facility available.

Correspondence for the Office

Please could all correspondence such as clubs lists, reply slips etc. be put into the white box outside the hall. The box is emptied every morning and it is a real help if everything can be put in this central place.

You will be receiving Data Collection Sheets and General Permission Booklets today. Please can you check this information carefully and return to school as soon as possible.

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Phoebe

Jessica

Solly

ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK

Well done to Webburn for their perfect attendance this week.

Webburn 100%

Upper Dart 99%

Lower Dart 99%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 11th September
Maths Club

Tuesday 12th September
WIDECOMBE FAIR

Wednesday 13th September
Gymnastics Club

Thursday 14th September
Football Club

Friday 15th September
Upper Dart out at John Muir Award
Cycle Clubs

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Data Collection Sheet
General Permission Booklet
Class Newsletters
After School Clubs List
Widecombe Fair Token

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument we have several teachers who come into school during the course of the week and teach during the school day. Children can learn guitar, singing, piano and violin. If you are interested in any of these lessons for your child, please let Barbara know.

Clubs

Attached to this newsletter is a list of clubs that your child can join this term. Thank you to the parents and staff members who have volunteered to run clubs. If you are able to offer support or run a club, your time would be greatly appreciated.

For any club where a payment is due, this will be collected through ParentPay once your child has signed up for the club.

Wisdom Club

A new school club starts on Tuesday 19th September. All about sharing and swapping skills, interests, knowledge and stories with each other. This club will be different though - as we hope to soon open it up and welcome some of the older members of our local community to share and swap their stories with us in return for us sharing our skills and stories with them.

The ambition being to help keep the different generations connected in our community, learn from each other and hopefully make new friends from different backgrounds, experiences and stages of life. The idea is that eventually land girl stories will be swapped with how to play scrabble on an i-pad; farming stories will be swapped with deck hockey skills and games of cards, cats cradle or Top Trumps will take place over a cup of tea and some cake.

At the first session, we will work as a group on creating postcards, posters and an ad for the Parish Link to promote the club to the local parish. We're hoping to work with Friends and set-up a mini refreshment stall to be run by club members, serving our guests and a raising a little bit of money for the school at the same time.

We'll also start finding out about the things we can begin to share with each other and the things we want to learn. If you're a pupil and want to get involved, bring what you want to share...your favourite new board game, yo yo skill, dance move, joke or magic trick are just some ideas. If you're a parent, grandparent or carer that would like to get involved and be part of the club, please e-mail Emma Perrett (emma@perrettandfamilybuilders.com)

Facebook

You can follow the school events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/widcombeprimaryschool

Des Stokes

Head of School

My First Week at Widecombe

I really like my teachers. I really like the children at my school. I really like playing outside with water. *Lilah*

It's been fun. I like riding the bikes and playing with the making box. *Matthew*

I like going to school on the bus. That's the best. *Jack F*

I have liked making friends. *Gus*

I like playing Lego. *Alex*

What it means to be a Year 6

by Millie & Nancy

Its kind of the same really, being in the same classroom and most of the same people. Now the class has a lot more people because all Year 4 are there as well. It's nice that everyone comes to you and asks you what to do, you have more responsibilities as you are the oldest in school.

We are looking forward to next year's residential and school play already, as well as going up the tower. We are not looking forward to SATs.

It's been a good start in Year 6, we know quite a lot of the new Reception children and it's nice to help them when they come to you.

Friends' News

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their slips and offered to help and/or bake scones or donate jam for Widecombe Fair Day CREAM TEAS. All your support is much appreciated; fingers-crossed for a nice day and lots of customers.

Even if you aren't able to help out, do please come along on the day and support us; bring children, family and friends along and enjoy a cream tea.. we promise we won't make you do the washing up (unless we're desperate). You can also vote, for a £1 donation, "Jam or Cream first"... we'll pick a winner for a small cash prize from the choice with the most votes.

Thank you for supporting the School.

Lu Curnock, Chair of Friends