



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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SATS

We would like say well done to all of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. They have all been very positive and shown great determination. We will know how they have done on July 4th.

Forest School Site

We are currently looking for a site in which we can teach outdoor, nature, and team building skills. Ideally, the site will be within walking distance of the school. If you know of anyone who has a site and would be willing for our children to use it weekly please could you inform a member of staff.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to improve our overall school attendance figure, which now stands at 94%, although our target remains 96%. However, we are still seeing a lot of children arriving late for school in the mornings. We would really appreciate your help in ensuring your child arrives in time for the start of the day.

Chair of Governors

I have recently taken over the role of Chair of Governors from Martin Hibbs who has recently left the post after many years of service to the school. We are all incredibly grateful for his efforts over such a long time and he will be missed by Des, the other Governors and the

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school generally.

So I have some big boots to fill, but have great support from the Governors and staff. Quite a few people may know me, but for those who don't I am a recent addition to the governing board, and have Dylan in Lower Dart in the school, with Ivy due to start Webburn in September. My background is in renewable energy and between my wife Yvette and I we look after quite a few hydro electric plants around Dartmoor. I'm really positive about the work all the staff do and the bright, rounded pupils that the school crafts our kids into, so look forward to taking the role on. I'll try to wear my Governor lanyard when at school, feel free to say hi.

Chris Elliott, Chair of Governors

A message from Kate Edwards

Martin was Chair of Governors through most of my time as head at Widecombe. He was always incredibly supportive and his advice was always well thought through and very helpful. As well as becoming a good friend who I could call on when things got difficult, he also was happy to challenge me in the interests of the school. A perfect balance in a chair person and governor. Even at the most daunting moments, (Ofsted comes to mind!), I knew that I could count on his help. Martin gave up a huge amount of his time to this voluntary post over many years, and his contribution was always extremely welcome and of great benefit to the school.

Sylvia's Joke

Where do you go to weigh
a pie?

Somewhere over the
rainbow, weigh a pie!!

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Stanley

Fin

All Year 6

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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

Upper Dart	97%
Lower Dart	96%
Webburn	96%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 15th May

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)
Athletics Club

Tuesday 16th May

Dance Club

Wednesday 17th May

Cross Country Event @ Stover
(Year 3-6) from 4-6pm
Drama Club

Thursday 11th May

Football Club

Friday 12th May

Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm
Cycle Clubs

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

SDCC Workshop Letter (Year 5)
Primary Times

Sports Field Gate Refurbishment

You may have kept the date of Saturday 13th May free in your diaries for the working party to help repair the school field gate. However, unfortunately, this will not now be taking place tomorrow and will be rearranged for later in the summer term. We will keep you informed.

Underwater Camera

Does anyone have a quality underwater camera which we could borrow? We'd like to take some publicity photos in our clear, sparkling swimming pool.

Jars

If anyone has any jars they would be able to donate to school, please send them in next week.

Des Stokes
Head of School

My Week by ...

Grace

On Monday I came into school feeling nervous but the teachers and other children helped me with my nerves. The first test was English reading, I was super happy because I love English. While the other Year 6s went swimming I couldn't because of my broken arm, but I still had loads of fun watching them.

On Tuesday I had to go to the doctor's but did my test when I got back and the teachers were really understanding. Afterwards I went to see the other Year 6s in the pool and had a mini cupcake.

It was Maths on Wednesday which I was most worried about, but whenever I didn't understand a question, the teachers helped me get over my nerves, even though they couldn't tell me the answer! I managed to go swimming on Wednesday and Thursday, I still had to be really careful about my arm but it was great fun.

On Thursday it was the last Maths test which we were all happy about. We did the test then Mrs Carr gave us a little SATs party where we got to drink Schloer and eat chocolate. We then did topic with Mrs Carr which was good fun because we had to design a marble run.

On Friday everything went back to normal but we had a really cool end of SATs party with Mr Stokes and the whole of Dart.

FRIENDS' NEWS

Friends of Widecombe School

For over 20 years a constantly changing group of school parents known as "Friends" has supported the school with a huge variety of regular fundraising events. The purpose of the group is to buy items and services for the school which cannot easily be paid for from within the tight budget provided by government funding. An example we can ALL appreciate is paying for the swimming pool heating oil - £500 for this term! In these times of further proposed funding 'cuts' the role of Friends and the support of families will become ever more important to maintain the uniqueness of Widecombe School. We all know it's a very special place .. that is after all why we want our children to be here!

So, we need renewed commitment from parents. If you are full of ideas and enthusiasm, or have accounting, PR or marketing skills, join the committee!! Dads, grandparents or community members are very welcome, because this is SO important it isn't, in fact shouldn't, just be a "Mums' thing". If you don't 'do' committees please support events as a helper ..and we always need cake-bakers!! Most importantly please support by coming to our events, buy tickets for raffles, etc . etc. Over the next term you will see the committee of Friends trying to raise our profile and increase parent awareness of what we do, how we do it and how the money Friends raise has been and will be spent to benefit the school, help staff and improve the education and well-being of ALL pupils at Widecombe School.

An easy way to support the school is through 'easyfundraising' (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>) and ('coming soon' with details to follow in future newsletters) our MyDonate page.

Dates to note:- Friends will be serving pre-**Sports Day** breakfasts and refreshments on 30th June and supporting the School at the **Fete** on 7th July (more details in next few weeks).. and we are looking forward to **Widecombe Fair** on Tuesday 12th September when we will be serving cream teas, as well as running a 'Cow-Pat Competition' and a Silent Auction of Promises.

Thanking you for all your past, and I hope future, support..

Lu Curnock (Chair) ... if you want to contact me - cinda38@hotmail.co.uk

May Half Term Camp @ Bovey Tracey L.T.C



*All standards welcome
Equipment Provided*



£20 Per day or £30 for Both

Date	Time	Places	Age
Tuesday 30th May	8.30-12 Midday	16	4-8yrs
Wednesday 31st May	8.30-12 Midday	16	4-8yrs
Tuesday 30th May	12-3.30pm	12	9-14yrs
Wednesday 31st May	12-3.30pm	12	9-14yrs

**Mix of fun, games, technique and
Match play on all 3 days.**

**Spaces limited , First come first
serve. Minimum of 4 to run.**

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