



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back

I hope that you have had a lovely summer and taken advantage of the good weather which we have had.

Over the holidays Jodi has given birth to a healthy baby boy, so a big congratulations to her and Ian.

Debbie has had the misfortune to break her ankle over the holiday and it doesn't look like we will see her for a few weeks yet, so we wish her all the best and a speedy recovery.

Ella has now joined Upper Dart as a Teaching Assistant on Mondays and Tuesdays, and is temporarily covering for Debbie on a Friday.

We have welcomed three 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: Luca in Year 1, Henry in Year 2, Finley in Year 3 and Kaitlin in Year 4. I am so pleased that you have chosen to join our school and we all look forward to getting to know you better.

## MUFTI on Monday

On Monday, we will be having a MUFTI day to support the brilliant work of our Friends committee.

During Widecombe Fair, on Tuesday, they will be opening a pop-up tea room serving cream teas and cakes. If your child would like to wear MUFTI, please could they donate either a jar of strawberry jam or some cakes.  
Many thanks.



## Webburn Garden

If you haven't seen the Webburn garden recently, please go and have a look. There has been a massive transformation from a barren, stinging nettled patch to a beautiful space which our children will enjoy playing and learning in.



On the last day of term a team of parents, staff and members of the local community completed the majority of the foundations for the new garden. Their efforts were furthered by more parents and an army of six Tesco community volunteers, who made a huge difference to what was achieved.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time, efforts and cakes and sandwiches! In particular I would like to thank Brian for his continued support and expertise and Anna for her persuasion skills and commitment

But, the garden is not finished yet! We have an open day on the 28th September and before then there are many plants to be planted, a mud kitchen and a water activity centre to be built. If you have the time and the skills to assist, please let Anna know. Thanks also go to the generosity of Mole Valley and Jewsons for supplying materials.

## School Dinners

Children have received menus for the first 3 weeks of term. Please make sure you log onto ParentPay to pay in advance for your child's meals. If you have any problems accessing ParentPay please let Barbara know.

## This Week's Learning Superheroes

*Congratulations to:-*

**Arwen**

**Alfie**

**Kaitlin**

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Lower Dart for achieving perfect attendance this week

Lower Dart	100%
Upper Dart	98%
Webburn	90%

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday 13th September**  
**WIDECOMBE FAIR—SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Wednesday 14th September**  
Year 4 attending performance at Buckfastleigh Primary am Code Club

**Friday 16th September**  
Widdy Tots at Pre School

## Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

### Clubs List

Lower & Upper Dart Newsletters  
Lower Dart Homework Passport  
Year 2 Letter re Widecombe Fair  
Year 4 Letter re Production  
Widecombe Fair Tokens

### **Widcombe Fair**

This Tuesday is a non-pupil day due to the Widcombe 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 Widcombe Fair Committee. Tokens for your children are attached to this newsletter.

### **Dementia booklets**

The school has received a number of story books explaining dementia in child-friendly way. If you would like a copy or know someone that would like a copy please see Barbara or Des.

### **School opening times**

The school day runs from 9.00 to 15.30. School gates are open from 8.40 and the school will accept responsibility for your child from this time. If for any reason your child is going to be late or absent, please inform Barbara at the earliest opportunity.

### **Correspondence for the Office**

Please could all correspondence such as menus, 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.

### **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.

We are still hoping to arrange for Torquay United to run a football club for us each week, as soon as we have further details we will let you know.

For any club where a payment is due, this will be collected through ParentPay once your child has signed up for the club, please do not send cash into school.

### **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, drumming, singing, piano and violin. If you are interested in any of these lessons for your child, please let Barbara know.

**Des Stokes**

**Head of School**



**Millie, Shohei, Francis & Jamie at today's Tour of Britain**

