



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## This Term And Next

It seems like only yesterday that I was welcoming the children back to school and here we are again at the end of another term. Your children have worked really hard and deserve a well earned break over the half term. For our Year 6 children next term will be their final one in primary school, and we aim to make it as memorable as possible with lots of swimming, a residential, a sleepover, the leavers assembly, sports day and their rite of passage - walking up to the top of the church tower. The next term promises lots of educational fun for the rest of the school too, starting with Pet Days on the first and second days back in the new term.

## River Dart Country Park

Thankfully, all of our good weather prayers were answered on Tuesday. The staff created great activities for the children to enjoy. We had a mixture of team-building, problem solving, risk taking and art



challenges. From the smiles and enthusiasm during the day I can tell the children really enjoyed themselves.

If we did not receive an annual contribution from you for this year, a charge of £3 per child to cover entry to the River Dart Country Park has been put onto ParentPay.

## Swimming x2 per week

All classes will be swimming twice a week after half term:

Webburn- Wednesday and Friday  
Lower Dart- Tuesday and Thursday  
Upper Dart- Tuesday and Friday

## Pet Days

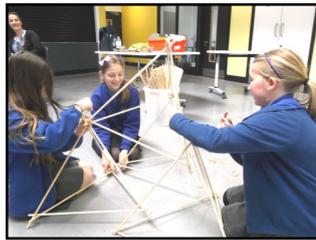
Monday 6th June is for big pets which include anything dog sized and bigger. If you are bringing in a considerably larger pet could you please let us know in advance (emails will be monitored over the half term). Parents are requested to bring big pets in at 9 o'clock so that we can have a show and tell and then take them home afterwards (10.30ish).

Tuesday 7th June is for small pets which include cats and caged animals. We request that cats are taken home by lunchtime and caged animals can stay all day, if appropriate.

## Atrium Maths Morning

Our Year 6 children visited The Atrium this week to investigate and solve

maths problems involving triangles. They learnt that a triangle is a 'solid' shape and that it is the basis of many structures in the built environment.



## Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Parent Questionnaire Responses  
Library Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)  
Webburn Sports Festival Letter  
Cartoon Jazz Letter (invited Dart children)  
River Dart Country Park Flyer

## This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Hope

Rowan

Lilo

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Webburn for their excellent attendance again this week

Webburn	99%
Lower Dart	97%
Upper Dart	97%

## EVENTS AFTER HALF TERM

### Monday 6th June

Big Pet Day

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)

Bike & Library Clubs

### Tuesday 7th June

Small Pet Day

Football Club

Residential meeting for parents

@ 3.45pm in school

### Wednesday 8th June

Webburn Sports Festival am

### Thursday 9th June

Whole School Photo pm

Multiskills & Music Clubs

### Friday 10th June

Widdy Tots in school from 1.15pm

DT Club

### PE kits

Children will be bringing their PE kits home for a freshen up over half term. Please ensure all PE kits are complete with shorts, t-shirts and comfy, suitable trainers all clearly named ready to be returned to school. Next half term we look forward to Dartmoor 3 ball, athletics and sports day preparation along with getting involved with the count down to Euro 16 and the Olympics. Plus swimming. Get ready for an active half term!

### Absences

In accordance with the Department for Education guidelines on school attendance, all unauthorised absences will be notified to the local authority if they meet the persistent absentee thresholds. There are a number of occasions when an absence can be authorised including illness and medical appointments. Please ask for an S2 form if you need to request an absence.

### Clubs after Half Term

Library Club will be starting again after half term after school on Mondays for children in Years 4, 5 & 6. If your child would like to take part, please complete the slip attached. Code Club will not run during next half term, but we hope it will return in the Autumn.

### Residential Meeting for Parents

Parents are invited to attend a meeting about the activities, sleeping arrangements and events happening at the Barton Hall at 3.45pm on Tuesday 7th June.

### Tennis

We have enjoyed half a term of tennis coaching where each week the children in Lower and Upper Dart have enjoyed going up to the tennis court in the village where they have learnt and practiced new skills. The children have really enjoyed this experience and we really hope they will want to continue playing and improving their technique over the summer. Widecombe and District Sport Group have recently sent out membership information to families and would welcome new members, it would be great if families could join up to use this facility. They do have some equipment available to borrow. There is a link on the Widecombe website where you can download a membership form [www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports\\_group/](http://www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group/) there are also copies available in the school office. Why not sign up and get the whole family active this summer?

**Des Stokes**

**Head of School**

## Friends' News

### WIDDYSTOCK

We are all working hard in preparation for Widdystock on Saturday 18th June.

Please send in your form if you would like your child to perform in "The next big thing", we are looking forward to hearing all of the talented children again this year.

Tickets are on sale in the community but you can purchase yours at school after the half term break.

Help is always required with setting up and clearing away and also on the night, Louise is looking for some volunteers so please shout if you are able to help.

The event is being organised to raise money for our school and our children's extra educational resources. The things which we have raised money for in the past are, the outside classroom, the new library renovation, school books, outside equipment, swimming pool repairs, computers and technology and now we are looking to landscape the outside areas of the school. So as you can see our children are extremely lucky at Widecombe School to have such a supportive group of parents.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks

**Sarah Pipe, Chair of Friends of Widecombe School**

Widecombe Pre-school are fundraising at the River Dart Country Park picnic on Sunday 5th June - come along and get your faces painted by Lu and Yvette to support Pre-school!

We will also soon be advertising for a Pre-school Assistant to join our team from September to Easter on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Applications through the Devon Jobs website, so keep checking if you're interested!

Following a great turn-out and an overwhelmingly positive response to the proposal for a new village hall in Widecombe on Monday night, a new steering group has been created and a full feasibility study will now be undertaken to fully assess the viability and consider all options. Watch this space for further updates. For more information please contact Yvette - [yvette.elliott@ymail.com](mailto:yvette.elliott@ymail.com)