



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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#### Pet Days

Our 2017 pet days were brilliant! We had a wide variety of pets to admire – have a look at our Facebook or



school website for photos. One of the highlights for me was when Caspar released his butterflies into the wild.

#### Walk to School

It's that time again for another brisk bumble to school. We will be setting off from the carpark on Southcombe Hill at 9am. If you are able, please take children directly to Southcombe Hill on Wednesday morning—let us know if you are unable to get there for 9 o'clock. It would be great if you are able to join us too.

#### New Governors

We have vacancies for 2 new members of the Governing Body at Widecombe. If you would be interested in applying or would like more details about what is involved, please contact Chris Elliott or Laura Dudman, whose contact details can be found below.

#### 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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#### Safeguarding Online

Are you and your family internet savvy? Have a look at the Digital Parenting magazine– it is packed full of useful hints and tips:

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

#### Sports Day

Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather next Friday as we have our Sports Day . Friends will be serving hot breakfasts from 9am and the children will start competing at 10am. Upon completion of all races, you are invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the field.

#### Sunscreen & Hats

Summer has arrived and this week the weather has been extremely hot! When we do have particularly hot days please ensure that your child has an adequate application of sunscreen applied before coming to school, plus a sunhat and a water bottle.

#### Family Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has booked to come and join the children for Family Lunch next Thursday. Please remember to pay for your meals (and those of younger siblings) via the Family Lunch option on ParentPay.

Please make sure you have ordered children's meals in the usual way, menus for the next 3 weeks are now available on ParentPay.



#### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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

Lower Dart	98%
Webburn	96%
Upper Dart	96%

#### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

**Tuesday 27th June**  
Dance Club

**Wednesday 28th June**  
Walk to School  
Drama Club

**Thursday 29th June**  
**FAMILY LUNCH** at 12.15PM  
Children starting in Reception in September in school from 1.30pm  
Football Club

**Friday 30th June**  
**SPORTS DAY** at 10am followed by picnic lunch on the field  
Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm

#### Imogen's Joke

Why did the horse cross the road?

*Because he wanted to see his neighbour!*

#### Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

School Production Letter  
Sports Day & Fete Letter  
Helen Foundation Flyer (Year 2 up)  
Meadow Magic Flyer

### Art Day

A big thank you to the Helen Foundation and Friends for supporting our art day today. Amanda Sabin from Double Elephant has been teaching the children how to print collographs, KS 2 have been making animal prints and KS1 were printing some beautiful leaves. Please come in and take a look at the lovely prints we've made.

### Costumes for the Play

If your child is taking part in the production you will have received a note asking for help with their costumes. Please can we ask that you try as hard as you can to provide what is needed for your child and let us know if you are struggling to find a particular item of clothing.

### Dance Club

Please note next week will be the last Dance Club for this half term.

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Head of School

### My Week by Alesha

The best thing this week was Pet Day because you get to see loads of different animals and you get to bring in your own animal. I brought in my pony called Foxglove and my 2 guinea pigs, Benjy and Rugby. Langdon chose Rugby's name. I was very impressed by how good Foxglove was when other people were having a ride, she didn't move a muscle. Awen was a bit shy of going on a horse and she was very good with him.

I've enjoyed Art Day as well, doing all the pictures and I can't wait to print them, I did a turtle. I'm very excited to do the performance. I liked swimming and violin as well this week and I'm looking forward to going into Upper Dart, especially to do science and art.

## Friends' News

### Sports Day Breakfast -Friday 30th June - 9am onwards

Come along over to the playing field after dropping children to school on Friday morning to enjoy a barbequed breakfast while you wait for the great event to start. We'll be serving bacon, sausages, eggs and veggie options in bread rolls, plus teas and coffee, throughout the morning - all in aid of the school (and much cheaper than in the village!). More details and reply slip attached to newsletter. It would really help to know an idea of numbers so that our chefs (Ben and Roman) can prepare. Don't have too much breakie before you come!

### School Fete - Friday 7th July

Just two weeks to go to this brilliant afternoon of whole school fun.. 'Widcombe School lore' says that the Fete 'just happens' ..well it does, but it also requires lots of parent input, organisation, help and donations!

The children run their own stalls and games. Parents traditionally run second-hand item stalls, a raffle and a tombola. Parents also do the refreshments served all afternoon in the hall - for which we need lots of **homemade cakes, traybakes** etc. The children have been growing some **plants** to sell; further plant donations would be much appreciated, and tied **bunches of flowers** from the garden also sell well. We'd really appreciate **donations of (good quality) toys, games, puzzles, books and second-hand uniform** if you fancy a sort out this weekend or next. Please arrange for these to be dropped at school on the Friday morning. (The Pre-school is having a jumble sale & clothing collection on the Sunday; so if you have other clothes to donate I'm sure they would gratefully receive them at Church House). As something a little different a 'Teddy Bear Tombola' has been suggested; contributions of your childrens' excess/**unwanted cuddly toys** (in clean, nearly new condition please) would be fantastic ..and finally we need items suitable for **raffle prizes** -eg those unwanted gifts you shoved in a cupboard, chocolates, smellies etc.

Please let us know on the form attached what times you can help, what you can donate and if you can make a cake .. the more help we have on the day setting up, selling things and clearing up the more enjoyable it is for everyone.

**Most important of all please come along - all family and friends are welcome to the Fete to support the children and school.**