



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## Parent Power

I can honestly say that I am overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and support from you - our parents and volunteers. I can see your contributions in almost every part of the school and I know how lucky our children are to be given the opportunities they get here in Widecombe.

## Morning Walk Over the Moor

Talking of Parent Power, it was lovely to see so many parents, dogs, babies and even a Batman walking over the Moors on



Thursday morning. Even though I did have my H&S hat on and probably stifled some of the children's fun, they all still seemed to have a good time. The hot chocolate back at school went down very well too - thanks Mandy. I'm looking forward to doing walks like this on a more frequent basis, so keep an eye out in the newsletters for the next event.



## Parents' Evenings

If you have requested a time to meet with your child's teacher on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, there will be a slip attached confirming the time of your appointment.

With parents' meetings coming up please remember to voice any concerns about your child's learning needs or physical, social, emotional and mental health needs to their class teacher or come and see Anna Perry our school Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. She is free before and after school on Thursdays and Fridays or phone or email school to make an appointment for a time that suits you.

## After School Clubs

Due to Parents' Evenings taking place next week, there will be no Arts & Craft, Science or Code Clubs.

## Height & Weight Measurements

The school nurse will be visiting school next Wednesday to take height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6, you will have already received letters about this.

## Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for children in Years 1 to 3 will take place on Tuesday 15th November.

## Poetry Competition

To celebrate yesterday's National Poetry Day, your child may like to enter a competition to either write a poem or illustrate a favourite poem, details are attached.

## This Week's Learning Superheroes

*Congratulations to:-*

Luca

Daisy

Rowan

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Webburn for their excellent attendance this week

Webburn	98%
Upper Dart	97%
Lower Dart	93%

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

**Monday 10th October**

Tag Rugby Club

**Tuesday 11th October**

Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 12th October**

Harvest Assembly at 10.50am

Parents' Evening

**Thursday 13th October**

Football Club

**Friday 14th October**

Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm

Cycle Clubs

**HALF TERM**

**MONDAY 17th to FRIDAY 28th**

**OCTOBER**

## Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

*Parents' Evening Appointment Slip*

*Poetry Competition*

*Pre-School Jumble Sale Flyer*

### **Cycle Race**

So the 'Wiggins effect' was in full force on Tues evening as 230 cyclists from Primary schools across South Devon competed in the first cycle cross event of the season. The event was organised by the School Sports Partnership and was held at Stover School. 12 schools took part including our very own new cycle club 'Widdy.C.C' which grew in the enthusiastic wake of the Tour of Britain hill race earlier in the term.



11 Widecombe children, Jude, Kaitlin, Millie, Alesha, Cosmo, Daisy, Francis, Alfie, Caspar, Tommy & Rowan competed in 4 teams. Compared with other larger schools we didn't even have full numbers per age grouping but nothing was getting in the way of Widdy.C.C. They were all so confident, patient and resilient over a 2.5 hour event in very cold and windy conditions.

After only 2 training sessions we were delighted to find out that Widecombe primary teams came 6th for Years 3/4 and 10th for Years 5/6. This is a fantastic result and the children should be super proud of themselves.

Widdy C.C will continue on Fridays after school until the Winter light (darkness) and weather gets too awful. Well done everyone! *Ceri Baker*

### **Year 5/6 Residential**

Please return your slips as soon as possible so that we know whether your child will be attending the residential.

### **Breaktime Snacks**

To avoid confusion over snacks at breaktime, children in Webburn receive free fruit and milk. Children in Year 2 are also welcome to go to Webburn for free fruit but, with parents' permission, they may also choose to buy toast from Mandy for 20p.

### **Harvest Assembly**

You are invited to join us at 10.50am on Wednesday morning for our Harvest Assembly. During the assembly, Beth and the band will be playing us a harvest tune. If you would like to donate, please send tins or dried packets of food into school. During the afternoon, the Year 6 children will take our donations up to the church.

**Des Stokes**

**Head of School**