



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Anthony Beard

Barbara and Fiona represented the school and attended the funeral of Anthony Beard on Wednesday. Anthony was a key member of the Widcombe Educational Foundation, which donated money to Widcombe children in order to ensure that they have the best start to their education, and regularly helped fund travel costs for many of our school trips. Anthony was a former pupil of Widcombe School and our thoughts at this time are very much with his family.

Sharing Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many parents sharing their child's learning yesterday afternoon. The children



(and staff!) put a lot of effort into their learning and it was clear to see how proud they were. We will have regular Sharing Afternoons, the next one will be on Thursday 26th May.

Website

We understand that there are a few teething problems when accessing the new website. We are investigating these issues. We are also working with Emily (Parent Governor) to make the website more appealing to yourselves and prospective parents.

Safer Internet Day

Children are very quickly becoming computer and internet savvy and sometimes leaving us adults behind. The big message from the Safer Internet Day is that whatever filters we put up around our children, someone will find a way of getting around them. So we have to prepare our children by teaching good internet practice and that they are to tell and show an adult anything that they are unsure about or feel uncomfortable with. If you require support with Internet safety please ask a member of staff and they will guide you in the right direction.

Guide Dog Visit

A huge thank you to June and Val from the Guide Dog Association, who brought their gorgeous puppy Innis to meet the children. The whole school behaved beautifully for our visitors, listening so well, and asking and answering questions in assembly. It was amazing to hear just how intelligent these dogs are.



Your children can probably wow you with a couple of the stories! Webburn enjoyed some bonus time afterwards, learning more about guide dogs and giving Innis a little stroke. They will be continuing to get into the spirit of the morning by coming home this week sporting doggy masks!

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Dylan

Alesha

Ava

Summer

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done to Webburn for their excellent attendance this week

Webburn	96%
Upper Dart	95%
Lower Dart	89%

EVENTS AFTER HALF TERM

Monday 22nd February

Breakfast Maths Club
Board Games Club

Tuesday 23rd February

Football Club

Wednesday 24th February

Breakfast Maths Club

Thursday 25th February

Scholastic Book Fair in School
Gymnastics Club

Friday 26th February

Scholastic Book Fair in School
Breakfast Literacy Club
Webburn Library Day
Widdy Tots in School from 1.15pm

Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Upper Dart Body Language Tickets

Parking Outside School

Please can we remind parents not to park on the zig zag markings outside school at any time.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We will be collecting Active Kids vouchers again this year, so do please help up to collect as many as possible to help us buy extra sports or cooking equipment for school. You will find the collection box on the table outside the hall.

Year 4 Gymnastics Festival

The Year 4 children showed off their gymnastic abilities at a festival hosted by Becky Mason and her Young Leaders at South Dartmoor Community College. There

were rolls, balances, twists and it was all finished with an amazing 'Jump Extravaganza', which was

quite spectacular. Well done Year 4 for representing Widecombe so superbly.



Body Language Tickets

If you have requested tickets for this year's Upper Dart Body Language, please find these attached.

Unfortunately we were not allocated enough to be able to offer any additional tickets for the second performance. However, there are a few left for the first performance if anyone would like these instead. Please let Barbara know.

If you find you are unable to use any of the tickets you have been allocated, please return them to school after half term.

Half term

From all members of staff, we wish you a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 22nd February.

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Head of School

FRIENDS' NEWS

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

I'm sure you have all had a chance to read the update from Emma, Abi and the year six librarians regarding the library. Without all of your amazing support Friends of Widecombe School would not be able to fund the whole project and also donate money towards new books, so thank you.

Our next fundraiser is also for more new books which is our Bingo night on Friday 11th March at 6.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you and the children who always have a lovely time at this event.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Sarah Pipe

Chair of Friends of Widecombe School