



# WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## No. 15

### 12th January 2018

#### Electricity in Upper Dart

This term, Upper Dart are learning all about electricity in their science lessons. For your information, pupils were shown a controlled experiment demonstrating the dangers of shorting a battery and have been advised not to try and recreate this experiment.

#### Play Leaders

Play Leaders have now started running their very popular lunchtime activities and four children from



Upper Dart will be going along to a Play leaders conference next Tuesday with Katherine.

#### After School Clubs

If your child has started to attend Dance, Gymnastics or Football clubs this term, payment can be made by logging onto ParentPay. Please note Lego and Arts & Crafts Clubs are now full.

#### 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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#### Dance Club

In Dance Club Ella is working with the children on a contemporary dance which will lead to a performance at the end of term. This week they learnt techniques, learnt to travel, lift each other in partner work and new phrases. There are a few spaces left on Tuesdays if your child would like to join.

**Des Stokes**

**Head of School**

#### My Week by ... Daisy & Bessie

We did a chocolate challenge this week as part of our fractions lesson. We all waited outside the classroom and went in one by one. On one table there were 3 bars of chocolate, 2 on another and 1 on another. We had to sit at the table



we thought we could get the most chocolate if it was divided. The third table won and we each got  $6\frac{1}{2}$  pieces. We are doing robots as our topic and looking forward to Robot Day next Friday. We started our Body Language dance, the theme is Leaping out of the Page and our dance will be based on "Swallows and Amazons". Ella and Miss Bowen are teaching us the dance.

In Science we had to make circuits of one or two cells, to make a buzzer, motor or light-bulb work.

#### This Week's Learning Superheroes

*Congratulations to:-*

**Phoebe**

**Jessica**

**Daisy & Bessie**

#### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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

Lower Dart	97%
Upper Dart	96%
Webburn	82%

#### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

**Monday 15th January**

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)  
Lego Club

**Tuesday 16th January**

Parents' Running Club 9am  
Dance & Arts & Crafts Clubs

**Wednesday 17th January**

Webburn in the Woods am  
Gymnastics Club

**Thursday 18th January**

Parents' Running Club 9am  
Football Club

**Friday 19th January**

Webburn Library  
Widdy Tots at Pre-School

#### Emailed or sent with the Newsletter

Lower Dart Newsletter  
Upper Dart Newsletter

### Volunteers

We are extremely grateful for the work of a range of volunteers who help at the school in a variety of different ways including, however with the school growing so rapidly we could do with more! Are you able to help with:

- Reading with children – listening to children read is a hugely important part of our literacy programme and we welcome volunteers who have the time to come in and hear children reading. We will not ask you to listen to children in your child's class(es).
- Running school clubs – if you have a particular skill that could be utilised to run after school clubs please let us know.
- Helping with sessions that contribute to specific aspects of the curriculum. Maybe you work in an environment that uses robots or you are a superhero in your spare time, if so we would love to hear your story in our topic lessons!
- Joining our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association – commonly called 'FRIENDS' – and helping with fund raising and school events throughout the year.
- Helping with school trips – we often need parents to help with school trips.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity please contact the school office.

### Larry's Joke

*What did the man say  
to the cheese thief?*

*Natcho cheese!*

### Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From Year 3 onwards, children whose parents are in receipt of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility will help raise pupil premium money for the school. For 2017-18, the additional funding will be £1,320 for a primary school, for each registered child.

#### *How to apply*

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.