



WIDCOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Harvest

On Wednesday 7th we will be having a Harvest assembly where we will be thinking about others who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. If you would like to donate on this day we ask that you send non-perishable items. Our collection will be delivered by the church to residents in the local community and local foodbanks.

Stakeholders Vision Statement- Tuesday 6th October at 3.45pm

I would like to remind you that you are invited to share your views on the aims of the schools and contribute towards a stakeholder's vision statement. Here is a reminder of our aims:

- ✚ Ensure that learning is enjoyable, stimulating and fun.
- ✚ Enable all children to be articulate, literate and numerate and achieve beyond their expectations
- ✚ Encourage an effective partnership with parents and carers and the wider community.
- ✚ Offer a warm, welcoming environment and learning community where every individual understands their roles and responsibilities and respects the views and opinions of others.

Refreshments will be available and children are more than welcome to stay or play in the playground.

Shoebox appeal

This is a reminder that we will be taking part in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal again, so please start collecting shoeboxes ready to fill. Full details

will be sent out next week and the deadline to receive your filled shoeboxes is Friday 6th November.

Music lessons

If you walk around our school, the chances are that you will hear music being created with the help of our talented music coaches. This week I have had the pleasure of hearing Angelo playing the violin, under the expert tuition of Tom Deam. Information about fees for 1:1 tuition can be found with Barbara.

Parent support for sporting events

We have two High Five Netball events coming up in November and we are looking for a parent to support us in each. The first is on the morning of Thursday 5th November for Years 5 and 6. The second is on Thursday 12th November for Years 3 and 4. If you are able to help with either of these events please inform Anna, Des or Barbara. Thank you.

Friends

As a school, we would like to say a huge thank you to Karen Histed-Todd for leading Friends for the past 3 years. The money that Friends have raised has given our children so many opportunities and we are very grateful.



Sarah Pipe is Karen's successor and we offer her, and all of our Friends committee, our appreciation and support. The next event on the Friends' calendar is the Fun Run on Sunday 4th October. I hope to see lots of you there.

Des Stokes, Head of School

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Grace

Caspar

Seb

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4th October

FRIENDS' FUN RUN

Monday 5th October

Living Word Library (Lunchtime)
DT & Library Clubs

Tuesday 6th October

Beads & Dance Clubs
Stakeholders' Meeting
@ 3.45 in school

Wednesday 7th October

Play Leaders Conference at Stover
School am
Harvest Assembly in School

Thursday 8th October

Football & Games Clubs
SDCC Open Evening (Year 5/6)

Friday 9th October

Webburn Library Day
Widdy Tots in school from 1.15pm

Emailed or Sent with the Newsletter

There are no attachments this week

ParentPay

Thank you to those of you who have already activated your ParentPay accounts ready for our launch on Monday 12th October. If you have not already done so, please log onto ParentPay at <https://www.parentpay.com/> then go to the 'For Parents' section. You will have received activation letters with user names and passwords last week. If you need any help setting up the accounts, or if you would like to add another payer onto the system please let Barbara know.

Next Friday we will send out paper copies of menus as usual for the next 3 weeks. Please continue to fill these in and return them to school but use ParentPay to pay for the meals, please do not send in cash or cheques.

New Beginnings Club

This club meets each Wednesday during term-time in The Vicarage, Widecombe at 5.45 to 7.00. We do a mixture of crafts, games, drama, singing, stories and much more based on a Christian theme. It is open to all children of Primary School Age.

New members very welcome.

Please contact Beth Fenton (01364 621334) or Penny Whale (01364 621411)

WIDECOMBE FACTFILE

Mandy Stocker

Roles in School: Kitchen Manager

Hobbies: Reading, sewing, gardening

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Super Power: To be able to fly

Pets: None

Starsign: Aquarius

Which two are true?

- ◆ I ride my bike to keep fit
- ◆ I can sail a dingy
- ◆ I have flown around Dartmoor in a helicopter

