



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Reading and Homework

Reading is the key to opening so many doors. Here is a summary of reading and homework for each class:-

Webburn: Daily reading, weekly spellings and letters and sounds activities.

Lower Dart: Reading Record book in every day, spellings to learn each Wednesday and one homework piece to hand in on a Wednesday.

Upper Dart: Children reading every evening, spellings every Wednesday. Maths and/or Literacy homework most weeks or and project based homework every few weeks.

Marathon Walk

Well done to all of the children who walked approx. 18 miles around Spitchwick Manor last weekend. They showed super resilience! Tori told me that she felt like giving up at one point near the end, but instead she carried on and felt extremely proud of herself at the end. The children that completed this mammoth walk were: Tori, Francis, James and Ollie. A super effort from all, maybe we'll have a few more taking part next year?

We are very keen to celebrate all of our pupils' achievements and would like to know if they are awarded a medal, certificate or a badge, have completed a feat of endurance, volunteered, or have been especially kind to someone. If you supply a photo of your child participating in their activity we will put it on our celebration noticeboard.

Staff Training

It has been a very busy week for staff this week attending training, briefings and consultations. I know that teachers and TAs are excited

about using their new knowledge to enrich the learning of our pupils.

South Dartmoor Community College open morning

Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 will have received letters inviting them to an Open Morning at SDCC on Thursday 1st October from 9.15 to 11.45am. If you are taking your child to the open morning next Thursday please would you let us know.

Bus Drivers

SDCC are looking for bus drivers for morning and evening drop offs. If you know of anyone who might be suited to this employment please contact SDCC on 01364 652230.

Lantern Walk

Free tickets will be available from 4pm on Saturday 26th September at: <http://wildwoodslantern-walk.brownpapertickets.com>

Gardening in School

If anyone is able to offer some time to help with gardening around the school, please would you let us know.

Football club

Please can children attending football club remember to have warm clothes with them each week. Unless the weather is really bad, the Torquay United coach will take the children to play on the field every week.

ParentPay

Your activation letters for ParentPay are attached today so you can set up your accounts for online payments to school. The launch date will be Monday 12th October.

Des Stokes

Head of School

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Albie

Evie

Aidan

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 28th September

DT & Library Clubs

Tuesday 29th September

Beads & Dance Clubs

Friends' AGM @ 7.30pm in school

Thursday 1st October

SDCC Open Morning 9.15 to

11.45am (Year 5/6)

Football & Games Clubs

Friday 2nd October

Webburn Library Day

Widdy Tots in school from 1.15pm

FORTHCOMING DATES

Wednesday 11th &

Thursday 12th November

Parents' Evenings in School

Emailed or Sent with the Newsletter

ParentPay Activation Letters

Librarians

Our librarians visited Newton Abbot library on Monday. They came back very enthused and have great plans for our library. Here is their report:

THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY

Ideas

In our library we want to make it a better place to read, so we are planning to put in new furniture such as comfy chairs, a little sofa, lots of new series of books, posters and some new book holders. We think this will help encourage people to come into the library to read.

Why we went to Newton Abbot Library

We have been to Newton Abbot Library because our library isn't the best. We had to wait a little while so we played a few games on the way. The trip was fun because we got to look behind the scenes of the library.

We have some trouble in our library, such as the chairs ripping on the corners, the posters are REALLY OLD, the rug has frayed down, it's really dark at the back of the library and paint is chipping away on the walls, pipes and radiator. The box where all the little books go is too small and they don't all fit. But, in our job as librarians, we are doing our best to help.

Librarians—Teyla, Bella, Jack, Jonathan, Liberty & Summer

WIDECOMBE FACTFILE

Anna Perry

Roles in School: Webburn Class Teacher,
SENCO, PE Co-Ordinator,

Hobbies: Cycling, canoeing,
gardening and playing!

Favourite Food: Spaghetti bolognaise

Super Power: To be able to fly

Pets: A cat called Rosy and
a tortoise called Dennis

Starsign: Gemini

Which two are true?

- ◆ I have enjoyed pot holing
- ◆ I have climbed Mount Snowdon
- ◆ I have snorkelled in the Great Barrier Reef



Friends' News

Well this is my last newsletter as chair. I have been on the committee for 6 years and chair for the past 3. Thanks to everybody who has supported the many events I have been involved with whether by helping out, contributing cakes etc or by coming along and helping to raise money for school.

Good luck (though I know she does not need it as she will do a brilliant job) to Sarah Pipe who takes over from me and to all the other committee members who work so hard to raise money and put up with endless emails from me. I will miss being on the Friends committee and being involved with school.

On the subject of cakes. If anybody would like to make some cakes for the refreshments at the Fun Run any donations would be greatly received. If you are coming along please bring along with you and if you can't make it you can leave at school on Friday 2nd October.

I hope to see lots of the children at the Fun Run. Registration from 1pm at Widecombe Sports court.

I also hope to see you at the AGM on Tuesday, 7.30pm in the school hall. There will be drinks and nibbles available.

I wish all of you and your children good luck in the future and Good luck and thanks to Des, Barbara and the rest of the staff for their support. I especially want to thank Barbara for being so supportive and helpful with printing, invites and general admin support for all my posters, tickets etc.

Best wishes

Karen Histed-Todd, Chair of Friends of Widecombe School