



WIDCOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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All the staff and I would like to thank Sarah and Friends for their tremendous fundraising efforts at the recent Festive Evening and for their continued support to refurbish our school library.

Reading support

Do you have a regular hour or two that you might be able to listen to children reading? If so, please contact me and I will arrange for you to meet the readers.

Christmas cards

It has come for that time of year when children love to send and receive Christmas greeting cards. Please could children post their cards into the post box located outside the hall and the Year 6 Posties will sort and deliver them each day. It would be really helpful if the recipient's class address written clearly on the front of the envelope.

Mufti Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, which is also Christmas Dinner day, the children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper and bring in a donation, which will go towards the hire of the Christmas Play staging.

Cash for School!

Although parents of children from Reception to Year 2 automatically receive free school meals, it is still possible for children in those years to benefit from Early Years Pupil Premium if they are eligible. You will find a letter attached with more information, if you think your child may be eligible please let Barbara know and she can give you more details or check your eligibility for you. Pupil Premium funding coming into school helps significantly to provide extra support for your child, so do please have a look to see if this applies to you.

Year 5/6 Residential

Next year's residential visit to Barton Hall is taking place from 22nd to 24th June. Further to the initial letter sent out, we have been offered a further price reduction and the cost per child will now be £197, which includes transport. You will find payment details and information on ParentPay if your child is going to be attending.

ParentPay

Thank you to everyone for using ParentPay and thank you for the payments made so far. Please remember to log in regularly to check that lunch payments are up to date and to see if any other payments are due. Payments on the system at the moment are annual contributions, football club and the Year 5/6 residential.

More Free Cash for School!!!!!!

I have signed up to the easyfundraising.org.uk website which has been set up by friends. Each week when I (or Mrs Stokes!) do the online grocery shop 50p is donated to our school's charity. It is so easy, and essentially it is free money for the school with me doing nothing that I would not normally do. In a year I will raise £26 by doing nothing! It only takes 4 families to raise over a £100 a year for the school. We have over 40 families here at school, the potential is huge! Add into that a few Amazon and Ebay shops... The money that is raised by Friends goes directly back into the education, experiences and well-being of your children. So please take the time to have a look at easyfundraising.org.uk.

Christmas Play Tickets

If you have requested tickets for the play performances, these are attached.

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Aaron

Tommy

Shohei

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Lower Dart for the best attendance this week

Lower Dart 94%

Upper Dart 92%

Webburn 89%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday 6th December

Christingle Service in Church at 4pm

Monday 7th December

Maths Breakfast Club @ 8.10am
Living Word Library—Book return only
DT & Library Club

Tuesday 8th December

Beads Club

Wednesday 9th December

Maths Breakfast Club @ 8.10am

Thursday 10th December

Football & Games Club

Friday 11th December

MUFTI CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Maths Breakfast Club @ 8.10am

Christmas Dinner at 12 noon

Webburn Library Day

Emailed or Sent with the Newsletter

Early Years Pupil Premium Letter

SEN Questionnaire

Christmas Play Tickets

Widcombe Pre-School Christmas Raffle

Christingle Service Details

Maths Breakfast Club

Thanks to the children who have come to Maths Breakfast Club this week (and to their parents for getting them here), just a reminder that this takes place on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.10am.

Dance Club

Due to staff training there will be no dance club next Tuesday.

Singing/Piano Lessons

Next term Julia Young will have some availability if any child from Reception upwards would like to have either singing or piano lessons. Please let Barbara know.

Students in School

Next week we will have two visitors in school who are considering teaching as a profession. John will be in Upper Dart for the week and Sarah will be in Lower Dart. Please say hello to them if you see them around.

Des Stokes

Head of School

FRIENDS' NEWS

A massive thank you to Mums and Dads, children, grannies, aunties and uncles, teachers, friends and The Friends of Widecombe School, we raised an amazing £631.64 at our Christmas fundraiser. We would like to say a big thank you to Audrey Fairbrother who, having won the £100 cash prize then donated £50 back to us. For a small school we do extremely well at raising money to give back to our children and without your help this would not be possible, so thank you so much for your help and support.

We will not be having another event until next February so look out for the Bush Tucker Bug Bingo!

The friends team would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sarah Pipe, Chair of Friends of Widecombe School

WIDECOMBE FACTFILE

Jodi Dawson

Roles in School:	Teacher in Webburn
Hobbies:	Running and reading
Favourite Food:	Chinese
Super Power:	Understanding animal talk
Pets:	2 cats, 1 dog, 1 rabbit
Starsign:	Taurus

Which two are true?

- ◆ I have two daughters
- ◆ I can play the piano
- ◆ I have run a half marathon

