



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Christmas dinner

Once again Mandy donned her Christmas Superchef apron and delivered a tasty Christmas dinner to over 70 children and adults. Thanks also to the teaching assistants for



setting up the hall and assisting Mandy. Everyone looked very Christmassy in their festive jumpers.

Deployment of teaching assistants

To ensure that there is continuity throughout the school, teaching assistants have been redeployed throughout the school. When we return after Christmas the members of staff in each class will consist of:

Webburn: Jodi Dawson and Anna Perry supported by Fiona Dunn

Lower Dart: Sophie Mount supported by Bridget Deam and Debbie Dracup

Upper Dart: Des Stokes and Lucy Carr supported by Suzy Thompson
If you have any questions about the redeployment of staff, please feel free to arrange a meeting with Des.

Carol Service next week

A reminder that the carol service will take place next Friday, 18th December, at 2.15pm. I hope that you will be able to join us for this lovely, seasonal occasion.

St Pancras Festival of Trees

If you get a chance to go to the village church this weekend you will be able to see the lovely Christmas tree which was built by the Design Technology club and lunchtime volunteers. The theme this year for the annual festival is- Nature. Fiona, Debbie, Suzy and Mandy have expertly coordinated the decoration of the tree using natural resources including fir cones, Brussel sprouts and popcorn! The trees are on show over the next two days and entry is free.

Play performances next week

Tickets have been going well, and the shows promise to be very entertaining. Please make sure you have booked a seat if you are planning on coming to the plays. The start times are 1.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday, with a 6pm start on Wednesday evening. Please can children be brought back to school at 5.30pm on the Wednesday evening. There will be mulled wine and mince pies at the start of each performance. Donations for the refreshments will help offset the costs of the productions.

Stage collection from Bovey Tracey Town Hall

This Sunday we will be borrowing a stage to use for our performances from Bovey Tracey Town Hall. If you are able to lend some muscle power loading and then unloading at school please meet us at Bovey town hall at 11am. A big thank you to Miles Partridge and Richard Perry for the use of their vehicles to transport the stage.

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Langdon

Tori

Jack

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Webburn for achieving the best attendance this week

Webburn	91.7%
Lower Dart	91.5%
Upper Dart	83.3%

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL OR BREAKFAST CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 15th December
Dress rehearsal

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Play Performances at 1.15pm & 6.00pm

Thursday 17th December
Year 6 at SDCC Christmas Festivities
Christmas Play Performance 1.15pm

Friday 18th December
Webburn Library books being collected
Carol Service at 2.15pm in Church
Last Day of Term

Emailed or Sent with the Newsletter

*Menus for next week & two weeks of Spring Term
Boys' Dance Project Flyer*

Christmas play programme drawings

As part of their homework this week, children have been asked to draw a picture to put on our Christmas Play programmes. If they have not already done them in school, please could they bring them in on Monday and we will include as many drawings as possible over the three play performances.

High Intensity Training

This half term we have begun a regular high intensity training routine with the whole school. This is a result of research done at Exeter University by the Children's Health and Exercise Research Centre (CHERC) who are making links between children's health and adult health. Their research is pointing to the importance of doing vigorous physical activity for 7 minutes each day as opposed to moderate or light activity for longer lengths of time. We have started with 3 times a week doing 4 minutes as a whole school including staff and we love it!

Why not see if, as a family, you can achieve 7 minutes each day over the holidays (it can be done as 7 minutes throughout the day e.g. 4 mins. and 3 mins.) your children can lead the sessions for you.

Remember to get out of breath! then relax.

Questionnaire

Thank you so much for the fantastic response to the questionnaire. Your views are very important to us and it was great to receive such a positive response. All queries will be followed up. Please don't wait until the next questionnaire to voice any questions or thoughts, remember to come and see class teachers, Mrs Perry or Mr Stokes if you have any concerns about your child and their progress at any time. We are here to listen to you, act upon your concerns and work with you. Many thanks everybody and it's not too late to send yours in if you haven't already done so.

The winner of the £10 book token is Amanda Fisher-Barnett.

Year 6 to South Dartmoor next Thursday morning

Children will be going to South Dartmoor next Thursday morning to take part in some Christmas festivities. They will be accompanied by Fiona Dunn and Debbie Dracup.

Clubs Next Week

There will be no after school clubs and no further Maths Breakfast Clubs next week. Breakfast Club will resume in the New Year.

Des Stokes

Head of School

WIDECOMBE FACTFILE

Val Casey

Roles in School:	Voluntary assistant in Webburn
Hobbies:	Singing, swimming and hand-bell ringing
Favourite Food:	Chicken Korma
Super Power:	To play the piano well
Pets:	None
Starsign:	Cancer

Which two are true?

- ◆ I am a chocoholic
- ◆ I have five grandchildren
- ◆ I swim a kilometre a week

