



WIDECOMBE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Staging Volunteers

Thanks to Miles and Tori; Anna and her family; and John Hicks for helping to collect and return the staging from Bovey Tracey Town Hall. Your support is really appreciated and allowed the children to have a great platform to perform on.

Christmas Plays

We have been treated to two fantastic performances this year. KS1 performing 'The Landlord's Cat' and KS2 'Christmas is Forever'. Widecombe definitely has got talent. I would like to congratulate and thank the children for their commitment to learning their lines and songs, and for fully immersing themselves into their roles.

John

We wish John every success in his PGCE and his future teaching career. He has been involved in absolutely every part of our school Christmas festivities, I'm not quite sure how we would have coped without him! I am sure will go on to be a fantastic teacher and wish him the best of luck in everything that he does.

Solar Panels

You may have noticed the scaffolding and lots of activity around the school and wondered what was happening. Well, we have had solar panels fitted to the School House and the Hall buildings. Although the works are not yet complete, we have started to produce electricity and reduce our fuel costs. Hopefully, all works will be completed by the time we return to school and the panels will have been generating electricity over the holidays.

New School Website

If you have visited the school website over the last few days you might have noticed that it looks very different! We are in the process of populating the website in order to personalise it to our school. There have been one or two glitches that we have fixed, but if you notice any others please inform us.

Christmas Festivities at SDCC

Children in Year 6 enjoyed Thursday morning at South Dartmoor when they joined in the Christmas



festivities at the special funfair that has been set up on the school site. Thank you to Fiona and Mrs Dracup for accompanying them.

Merry Christmas

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the cards and gifts that we have received. They are unexpected, but truly appreciated. We wish all of you a very merry and safe Christmas too. We hope that you have a chance to relax and enjoy some quality family time, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. From all the staff at Widecombe - Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Des Stokes

Head of School

This Week's Learning Superheroes

Congratulations to:-

Lily

Sacha

Sylvia

ATTENDANCE THIS TERM

Well done to Lower Dart for achieving the best attendance this term

Lower Dart	95.7%
Webburn	95.0%
Upper Dart	94.3%

NEXT TERM

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO AFTER SCHOOL OR BREAKFAST CLUBS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM

Tuesday 5th January

First Day of Spring Term—children return to school

Widecombe Carol Service Change of time

Please note the Widecombe Carol Service in Church on 20th December will now be at 4.00pm.

Our library re-invented

The agreed overall ambition is...

To re-imagine the existing library space in an economic but exciting way.

Adapting it with imagination and creating a library that acts as a powerful magnet and becomes a real destination point for all members of the school.

Drawing people together to discover, share and read new and classic books on all kinds of subjects, telling all sorts of stories.

Giving everyone at school the chance to fall in love with words and with reading.

The year 6 librarians (Liberty, Jack, Jonathan, Teyla, Bella, Charlie) are working hard on their refurbishment project.

They have conducted a number of interviews with a variety of people within the school - researching and understanding what people want to keep or change within the space.

A budget is being put together against the design ideas and we have met with the head of maintenance at SDCC to start planning the practicalities.

Pupils from Atrium have been invited in the New Year to collaborate on the project. (Atrium - <http://atrium-studio.co.uk> is the brand new Studio School in the SDCC campus, for students in Years 9-13 specialising in the Built Environment – and students who aspire to professional careers in areas including Architecture, Interior Design, Construction, Ecology, Structural Engineering, Surveying and Planning).

A presentation of the project to date is currently being compiled and will be presented by the librarians at an Assembly in January - with the aim of all building and interior work in the library taking place over the half-term in February 2016.

Emma Perrett

FRIENDS' NEWS

The Friends of Widecombe School would like to thank you for all your continued support with our fund raising schemes for our school. So far we have raised £65.68 from the Easy fundraising Scheme (easyfundraising.org.uk) which some of us have signed up for, this is easy money donated to our charity by just shopping online. Please feel free to ask for more details if you have not already signed up.

We would all like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sarah Pipe, Chair of Friends of Widecombe School



Widecombe Pre-school would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last year. Our Christmas Hamper raffle raised £220 last weekend and we were delighted to hand over the packed hamper to our lucky winner - Barbara Low!

We have another Bag2School clothing collection and jumble sale booked for Saturday 23rd January, so please hold onto any bags of unwanted clothes this Christmas for this next fundraiser.

Merry Christmas!