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Autumn 3

### Weekly Newsletter

#### **What's happening in school**

Next week we will be holding our September 2025 Foundation Stage open morning, **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9.30–10.30 a.m.** Please could you let people in the community know that it is happening so that they can visit to see if they would like to choose Wembury for their child.

Thank you so much to our Foundation and Key Stage One parents, the new system at pick is working well and the staff are finding it much easier to spot you.

#### **School Census Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Next Thursday is our first census day of the year. The information we submit effects our funding for the following year. It is important to us to maximise the amount of funding we receive for EYFS and KS1 lunches, if your child is in EYFS and KS1 please could they give school dinners a try next Thursday. This will ensure we are fully funded for all our EYFS and KS1 children.

Did you know that even though your child is provided with a Universal free school meal, in KS1/EYFS, you can generate extra funding for the school if you are entitled to Free School Meals by simply logging on to the Citizen Portal? [Citizens Portal - Logon](#)

#### **Year 5/6 Open Morning Tours Coombe Dean School - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11am**

If you would like to book a place on one of the tours taking place next week please follow the link to the website <https://coombedean.ovw7.devwebsite.co.uk/welcome/open-events-2022>

#### **Junior Life Skills Y6**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October Y6 will be taking part in the Junior Life Skills program. The event, which is free for children to attend, encourages children to think about challenges they could face in 2024 and beyond.

The aim of the event is to develop children's understanding and awareness to enable them to live safely and provide them with the skills to assess and respond appropriately to potentially dangerous situations.

## **Attendance**

We know it is really tricky this time of year with the cough and cold season starting but we have noticed that some children have already missed several days of school. If possible, please could you arrange annual dentist/medical appointment for out of school hours so that your children can remain in school.

Just a reminder we have set up an email address for parents to notify the school of any absence for your child. Please email [absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk) confirming the reason your child will not be at school. Thank you

If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be issued a £60/£120 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child.

As a Parent/Carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by, whenever possible, taking your holidays during school holidays.

Please see the WeST Attendance Policy for further information [Wembury Primary School -](#)

[Policies](#) The Trust have provided a poster to help clarify the new rules.

## **Message from FRoWS**

### **Fundraising for the school**



Please click on this link for more information regarding this scheme.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **Term Dates and School Calendar**

Term Dates and School Calendar can be found using the link below

[School Calendar](#)

[Term Dates](#)

### **Community events – Yealm Estuary To Moor**

Tree Seed Sunday- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Meet 11am at the Rose & Crown, Yealmpton. Collect seeds for school and your community seed nursery.

Join us for a fun day of tree seed foraging. Follow Yealm Estuary to Moor Facebook or email [info@yemcorridor.com](mailto:info@yemcorridor.com) . Everyone Welcome

Kind Regards

Sam Wilkinson

# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1** Day = **2** Sessions

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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### 2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**