

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Whimble Primary School

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Hopefully, you all had a pleasant Easter and managed to enjoy some sunshine between the showers. The children have settled back in and are looking forward to a range of activities this term.

Coronation

In order to commemorate the coronation, we will be holding an event in school on Friday 5th May. Never to shy away for a reason to dress up, the children have decided everyone should either wear red, white and blue or dress up as a king or queen. We will hold a tea party and have special assembly to help mark this special historical event. The Parish Council have also kindly donated a commemorative china mug which will be sent home nearer the time.



Strike Action Update

The school will be **fully open** on Thursday 27th and Tuesday 2nd May, we will **not** be closing due to strike action.

Morning Drop Off

From Monday we will endeavour to open the bottom gate again, staff numbers permitting, to allow entry into school rather than walk up the road.

School Dinners

We are having a large number of children changing their meal choice when teacher take the register and do the checks. This puts us in a difficult position, as we do not know whether as parents you are aware of this, and your child could have eaten a different meal to what you were expecting. From Monday we will no longer be making any changes unless we have been informed by the parent. We are happy to make changes if asked.



Federation

The consultation for the Federation runs until Friday 5th May 2023 at 3.30pm.

If you have any thoughts, questions or comments please email them to: federationconsultation3@gmail.com or in writing, handed in to the School Office addressed to 'The Chair of Governors'.



Trainers

It is great that the majority of children have remembered their PE kits after Easter. As the majority of their lessons will be outside this term, it is really important that children also have trainers to wear. The correct footwear helps to support their feet and help prevent injuries.

There are still some spaces in these clubs



Top Talk

Top Talk Club is returning this summer!

The club is designed to raise self-esteem with lively talking and games to encourage the children's confidence in speaking with their peer group.

The club will be taught by Alison Shorer from [The Oracy Workshops](#), an experienced teacher, tutor and lecturer in education.

The club will be from 3.30pm - 5.00pm each **Wednesday** and run for 13 weeks from 19th April until 19th July 2023 at a cost of £7.50 for each session.

Please respond by completing the Top Talk Google form (link below).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MTmv800waXdMncnzjlmsCeiTcdbtf_bmFHzKtcTg88/edit

Multi-activity Club

We have been working closely with a company called Premier Sport this term to provide some enrichment and high quality sporting activities for children in our school. We are delighted to be able to offer a multi-activity club on a **Wednesday** afternoon, across the first half of the summer term, for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Each week, children will take part in a range of challenges which will change each week.

[Sign up details can be found here](#), and a flyer is attached for your information. Please note that this club is on a first come, first served basis and there are only 20 available places - so be quick!

[Please note, before being able to book, you will need to create a parent account by clicking here.](#)

Dates for your diary

April

Friday 28th April Beech Forest School

May

Monday 1st May May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May Coronation tea party

Monday 8th May Coronation Day Bank Holiday

Friday 12th May Willow Forest School

Monday 15th May Height/weight checks - Reception/Year 6

Friday 19th May Willow Forest School

Friday 19th May Vision screening - Reception

Friday 26th May Class Photographs

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

June

Friday 30th June Non Pupil Day (staff training)

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 5th June Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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