

# The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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## School Wassail

On a slightly soggy Monday morning the children in Willow and Beech class were informed about the tradition of wassailing. We learned the poem and the chorus and first verse of the song. With accompaniment from Mrs Palmer on her tin whistle and Mr Causely on his accordion we paraded to the Orchard and congregated around a central tree.





Toast was then placed in the fork of the branches and baked apples thrown at the tree. The poem/chant was recited and then we danced and sung.

Hopefully, as intended, we will have a prosperous apple harvest later in the year.







## Congratulations!

Baby Brown has finally arrived - a healthy little girl called Evelyn. We wish him and his family all the best.

#### Car Parking in the Village Hall Car Park

As a school we are becoming VERY concerned about the situation. Cars are being left all over the place and before long there is going to be a serious accident involving one of our/your children.

In order to protect our children and before an accident occurs we ask you NOT TO park in the hall car park. Please use one of the alternative suggestions listed below.

- Thirsty Farmer car park
- Free village car park off from the square
- Road towards the station



In order to help with movement and flow of parking spaces we ask if you are a parent of an older child could you please take them in and then leave, rather than waiting for the bell to be rung at the start of the day.

We are getting to crisis and if the situation does not improve we will have marshals in the car park.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE think about where you park and keep ALL of the children safe.

#### Songwriter Visit

On Wednesday, we had two young musicians, Aaron and Molly, talk and play to the children. They explained all about the song writing process and got the children singing a range of songs with them. The children were very enthusiastic and could see another purpose to writing.





#### Mornings Drop off in Key Stage 1 Playground

Please can I remind you that only parents of children in Reception are allowed to stay with their children. Parents of year 1 and upwards are welcome to stay, but must move to the top playground. If your child is happy to be left, leave them in the Key Stage 1 playground. Many thanks for your support in this matter - the playground is getting very congested again which makes getting into class challenging for some of our children.

# **Dates for your diary**

January	
Friday 26th	M & M Productions - Beauty and the Beast
Tuesday 30th	NSPCC 'Buddy' revisits
Wednesday 31st	Visiting author
Wednesday 31st	Book People - Book Fair (for a week, more details to follow)
February	
Tuesday 6th	NSPCC workouts
Friday 9th	Reception reports home
Friday 9th	Oak cake sale (after school)
Monday 12th	Half-term
Week commencing 19th February Reception parent consultations (date tbc)	
Tuesday 20th	Synagogue Visit—Willow class
Monday 26th	Dental checks - Year 3 and Year 4
March	
Friday 2nd March	Vision screening - Reception
Friday 2nd March	World Music Workshop- Key Stage 2
Tuesday 6th	Shumba Arts - Key Stage 1
Friday 16th	Annual Reports go home (Year 1 to Year 6)
Week commencing 19th March Parent consultations (date tbc)	
Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance
Wednesday 28th	Troy Story performance
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