

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Sponsored Travel

Your children are absolutely amazing and such a credit to the school and the community. On a slightly soggy morning in the Parish field they ran and they ran. The girls warmed us up with some joint dance moves.



The expectation was to run at least one lap - I lost count of the number of times some of them went round. Many of our Reception children completed five circuits of the track without stopping once and the smiles on their faces were delightful. It was a huge pleasure to see such dedication and enjoyment by everyone.



And we're off!



Teamwork is what we are all about.

All children ran for half an hour -
we had to stop them in the end.



Having a well-earned rest at the end before returning back to school.

You are all amazing too!

Sponsorship collected so far has totalled over £1,200.

Apple Pressing

The children in the reception, year 1 and year 2 all had a go at producing some delicious apple juice. All had a taste and thoroughly enjoyed it, (it doesn't taste anything like what you buy).

Sales of the juice raised another £10.



On Friday 20th, we walked over to The Orchard and collected as many apples as we could. Over 15 bags were filled and these will be taken to Dart's Farm and the money added to the charity fund.



Money Map

Our change bottle in reception was emptied and the school councillors got busy.

Not only did they cover America but they made a little extra logo too.



The total raised from this was £32.56 - thank you for your support.



Another Safeguarding Update

You may be aware of a case reported in the press in June 2017, where a 4 year-old boy starved to death in his home in London, following the death of his mother from a fit. Devon County Council have asked us to update our procedures in light of this. Consequently, if we have not heard why a child is absent by 9.30 a.m. we will call the first and then the second contact number, leaving messages if unanswered. If this is unsuccessful and a child is absent for a second day without any given reason, then we will ring all contact numbers to determine the child's whereabouts.

So please help us to help you by ringing in to the office to inform us if your child is not in school and the reason for it.

Star Amnesty

Over the past year we have opened 10 packets of new metal yellow stars. That is 50 stars. Last week for our assembly we didn't have enough to hand out to all the ten children who had earned one. Please could you take a look over half-term and return any you find to the office. Thank you.

Ofsted

We received the call at lunchtime on Tuesday that Ofsted were arriving the following day. Our staff were amazing. They, together with governors and our clerk, worked really hard to prepare for the big day. Billy came in before 7am for the final clean and tidy up after a busy parents evening.

The children were amazing with our special visitor and as always did us proud with their attitude to learning and their behaviour.

74 parents responded to the survey in a very positive way. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We should know the outcome after half term.

Thank you everyone.

Mrs Shilston and Mrs Wallis

Reminder

Please come and speak to us if you have concerns regarding your child. Speak to class teachers first; if it is not urgent then it is more convenient for us if this can be after school as teachers are busy setting up or on duty first thing in the morning. If you unable to attend in person, then leave a message in the office, stating the teacher you wish to contact providing a brief outline of the issue and we will endeavour to get back to you when it is convenient. This may not be the same day in some instances if a teacher is out on training or has a meeting to attend after school.

If you feel the situation has not been resolved then please contact the office to make an appointment with Mrs Shilston.

And finally....

Have a lovely half term and thank you for all your continued support. (I am looking forward to a lie-in but don't forget the clocks change at the end of the holiday).

Events:



Craft Fair , Saturday 11th November, 1.00-4.00pm, Village Hall (see poster on next page)

IN SUPPORT OF WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHIMPLE CRAFT FAIR

CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

TEAS AND CAKES

1pm - 4pm

Saturday 11th
November 2017

Contact: Cathy Culshaw - 07789553251



Other things to see and do:

A Wild Night In

Sat 28 Oct

Doors open 6pm

Activities 6.30 to 8.30pm

£8.50 (under 3's free)

Garden Entrance



Help to bring the museum to life after dark. Come dressed in an animal onesie or a costume to watch a spectacular film and explore RAMM with the lights down low. Snuggle up with popcorn to watch the award-winning Flight of the Butterflies. This natural history epic is a scientific adventure as well as a compelling detective story. Curl up in a den to listen to atmospheric animal tales, and have your family portrait taken with green screen technology to add your choice of wildlife backdrop. Sing along to your favourite animal songs, make a lantern and join a lamplight procession through the galleries at night.

It's going to be a wild night in! Ticket price includes popcorn and drink.

All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by a full paying adult (minimum 1 adult per 6 children)

THG Thelma Hulbert Gallery **HALLOWEEN** AT THELMA HULBERT GALLERY

THELMA HULBERT GALLERY IS COMING ALIVE THIS HALLOWEEN

WOOD-FIRED PIZZAS AND CARIBBEAN FOOD | BAR
DJ | HOT CHOCOLATE FOR LITTLE TRICK-OR-TREATERS
SPOOKY ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY
GET CLOSE TO LIZARDS, SNAKES, SPIDERS | FACEPAINTING AND MORE
FRANCES HATCH - RED EARTH UNDER MY NAILS EXHIBITION

SAT 28 OCT | 5-9PM
(ACTIVITIES UNTIL 8PM)

Admission and activities free, pay bar and food
Please note a photographer will be present at this event. If you do not wish for the child in your care to be photographed you will need to notify a member of staff

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell St, Honiton, EX14 1LX
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thelmahulbert.com
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AXE VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

October Half Term 21st - 29th October

A range of activities each day including Ghoulish guinea-pig fishing, entertaining animal enrichments and captivating keeper talks!

Willamena the Witch will be terrorising the park ONLY on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with two shows each day. Why not come in fancy dress these days? Also on these days try a Halloween challenge;

Hold a slimy creature (recommended age 5 or under) OR
What's in the scary box? (Recommended age 5+)

Just off the A35 (on the B3261), near Axminster, EX13 7RA
Telephone: 01297 34472

For your information:

Link for safety advice from Devon County Council for Halloween:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/1be8806>

Dates for your diary

Half term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Week commencing October 30th Open evenings to view pupils books and school displays

November 15th Theatre Alibi visit 'Apple John'

December 11th Carol Service at the church by Key Stage 2

December 13th Nativity by Ash and Elm class

December 14th Nativity by Ash and Elm class

Friday 15th December – School finishes at 1.30 pm

Start of Spring term Thursday 4th January 2018

More dates will be added. Whilst we try and give as much notice as possible we occasionally get last minute opportunities which are too good to miss!

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