

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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This is the final issue of Contact for this year - I know! Where has this school year gone!

We have a number of staff leaving us next week and going off to pastures new. Our school administrator, Mrs Lucy Presneill, who has welcomed many of you in the morning at the school office; Mrs Alison Large, teaching assistant Mrs Rebecca Lenzi, mealtime assistant and Mr Guy Wakefield, our sports apprentice. We wish them all well in their new adventures.

We welcome Mrs Helen Mitchell to our team, she will be our school administrator alongside Mrs Caroline Rowe in September.

We also say good bye to our Year 6 children. They will be setting off to their new schools in September and we hope they continue their positive learning attitudes into secondary education. Do come back and see us so we know how you are getting on.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a great summer holiday, let's hope the good weather continues and we will see you all in September.

Class Photographs

Don't forget to pick up your photographs from the school office if you have ordered one.

Dinner Money

Many parents owe small amounts of dinner money, please can you pay any outstanding amounts, if you are unsure of the amount, just pop in to the office and ask. Thank you.

Guided Reading/Reading Books

It's time for our annual stock take and tidy up. If you have any school books either from individual reading, guided reading or library please can you return them to school next week.

End of Year Tidy-Up

Also, please encourage your child to locate and bring home all of their belongings so are not left with smelly lunchboxes or spare clothing around the school.

Science in Action - Beech

This week Beech class have been exploring safe mountain transport techniques by making their own farm produce conveyor. The aim was to build a carrier that would protect tomatoes from being squashed while being moved to the bottom of a mountain in a controlled way.



There were no human casualties but the tomatoes didn't always make the trip- lessons have been learned.

The Rainbow Serpent

The grand finale from the Fantastic Friday drama sessions saw some of the Year 1 and 2 children perform a play called The Rainbow Serpent. It is one of the Dreamtime Stories all about how aboriginal people believe that aspects of nature were created. Their performances were great and they have worked very hard over the past few weeks to get into character.



Forest School

Reception loved their afternoon of Forest School. They collected natural 'treasures', climbed trees, danced a rain dance and had fun playing under the shady trees.



Whimble's Got Talent - The Results

The children have performed (twice) and the results are in. All the acts conducted themselves really well and we are all really proud of their courage and commitment. There were only 30 votes between all the acts, and less than five votes separated the top three.

The winners are:..... Adelaide Perry, Charley McFee and Tegan Street with the cup song; multi-skilling with singing, clapping and moving cups in rhythm together.



2nd - Dulcie Hill, Lottie Williams and Elliot Clayton - singing

3rd - Tamsyn Terrett - gymnastics

A grand total of £30 was collected and will go to Brave the Shave.

Thank you to those who attended the final- hopefully you were all entertained.



Year 1 Visit to Whimble Church

The children in Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the Church to learn about the bells. With the help of a TV screen, Mr Algate (the Captain of the Bellringers) and two ladies from the team, were able to demonstrate how the bells are rung, and how they are stopped using wooden wheels. The children were surprised at the height of the bell tower and the length of the bell ropes, reaching from one end of the Church to the other!



Some facts we learned:

- . There are 6 bells in Whimble Church.
- . The newest bells are about 130 years old.
- . The lighter the bell, the higher the pitch (sound).
- . Bell number 6 is the heaviest and weighs about the same as an old mini.
- . The bell ropes are tied up for safety - the children learned how to tie them up themselves.



A very informative visit, and a message from Mr Algate "Any adult interested in ringing the bells just contact me (number in the Village News). No experience necessary. It could be just the workout you are looking for!"

Tour of Britain Stage 2 marked by historic race through Victorian market

Devon has a long history of hosting some of the most and exciting and challenging stages of the Tour of Britain, and this year will be no exception.

The race will start in the UK's newest town, Cranbrook, East Devon and will finish in Barnstaple, North Devon.

Read more about this year's route on the [Devon news centre](https://www.devonnewscentre.info/tour-of-britain-stage-2-marked-by-historic-race-through-victorian-market/). (<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/tour-of-britain-stage-2-marked-by-historic-race-through-victorian-market/>)



Sprints

Sprint 1: Honiton

Sprint 2: Tiverton

Sprint 3: Landkey

All of the above are subject to final confirmation.

King of the Mountains

KoM 1: Chineway (Ottery St Mary)

KoM 2: Longdrag (Tiverton)

KoM 3: Challacombe (Woolacombe)

<https://www.devontourofbritain.co.uk/route/>

Location	Estimated Time
START: Cranbrook, Younghayes Road	11:00
Ottery St Mary	11:17
King of the Mountains (start) : Chineway Hill	11:21
Honiton	11:38
Uffculme	12:12
Willand	12:17
Halberton	12:21
Sprint: Tiverton (Blundells Road)	12:27
Fore Street, Tiverton	12:30
Sprint: Nomansland	12:51
Witheridge	12:55
South Molton (Pannier Market)	13:20
Swimbridge	13:36
Sprint: Landkey	13:40
Barnstaple	13:44
King of the Mountains (start): Bratton Fleming	13:56
Combe Martin	14:20
Ilfracombe	14:33
Woolacombe	14:47
King of the Mountains (Start): Challacombe	14:52
Croyde	14:59
Braunton	15:09
FINISH: Barnstaple, The Strand	15:24



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with FoWS over the last school year; your hard work, whether it be baking for our cake sales, organising one of our major fundraisers (you know who you are! xx), or simply coming along to one of our events and spending your money, has managed to raise over £5,500!!!

Out of this money we have paid for... new playground benches, books, a badge making machine, a theatre company visit, new fencing alongside the stream, paid for the buses for each class school trip and new interactive White Boards being installed in the summer.

Katie Williams (FoWS chair)

School Leavers Party!

Whimple Cricket Club, Thursday 26th July 3.30-6pm

Come and celebrate the end of term at the year 6 leavers party, Bouncy Assault course, BBQ & Tug of War (bar will be open for the adults).

If it is a lovely summer evening, please feel free to bring a picnic tea, we can keep the club open longer if people want to stay on.

Although this is mainly funded by FoWS and is a school leavers party, I would like to remind all parents that this is an out of school hours party. School staff and FoWS committee members are not responsible for your children, they will need to be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times, especially on the assault course and getting to and from the Cricket Club.

Other Events:



**EAST DEVON
SUMMER FAMILY
FUN DAYS**

**Completely free activities
for the whole family to enjoy!**

- SPORTS PLAY
- CIRCUS SKILLS
- SMOOTHIE BIKE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- BUSH CRAFT
- AND MORE!

2018 dates, 10am to 1pm

■ Mon 30th Jul Broadhembury, school field	■ Wed 8th Aug Candy's field, Lymstone
■ Tues 31st Jul Tipton St John, Playing field	■ Mon 13th Aug Littleham, Parish hall
■ Wed 1st Aug Seaton, Elizabeth rd playing field	■ Tues 14th Aug Plymtree, Parish hall
■ Tues 7th Aug Colyton, playing field	■ Wed 15th Aug Upottery, Manor Rooms

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If you go up to the woods today...

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Thursday 16th August 11am - 1pm

Join us in lovely Ashclyst Forest for a short stroll, lots of nature, activities, a story and a picnic.

Bring a picnic, a rug and a bear!

Be prepared for mud and all sorts of weather!
All ages welcome.

Please be aware ticks are present at this time of year, cover up bare skin.

Main Car Park, Ashclyst Forest, EX5 3LE
Grid Ref: SX 99882 99444

No facilities available on site.
This event is FREE!



To book (preferred) or for more info, contact:
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LOTTERY FUNDED

Don't Forget

- To have a lovely holiday with your children and practice key skills like reading (just little and often). Thank you.
- To attend parent consultations next week.

Dates for your diary

July

Monday 23rd July	Parent consultations - Ash and Oak
Tuesday 24th July	Parent consultations—Willow, Beech and Elm
Thursday 26th July	Leavers Assembly and party at the Cricket Club

September

Wednesday 5th September	First day back to school for pupils
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Term dates for pupils - 2018/19:

AUTUMN TERM 2018

5th September to 21st December 2018

Half term - 22nd to 26th October 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

8th January to 5th April 2019

Half term - 18th to 22nd February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April to 23rd July 2019

May Day holiday - 6th May 2019

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2019

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd & 4th September, 7th December, 7th January, 3rd June

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