

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

## Whimble Primary School

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It was great to see everyone at our Sports Day yesterday - the children all did an amazing job despite the heat, and we are all really proud of how well they all participated.



### Request for Packaging Items

Thank you for all your recycling items placed in the box in reception - we now have plenty for our projects. Thank you.



### Strike Days and School Closure

The NEU has announced two further strike days in July.

This means school will be closed on Wednesday 5th July but **NOT** on Friday 7th July. It is sad that staff feel this action has to be taken but unfortunately, with many increasing costs, and no extra monies having been provided to school budgets for a number of years something has to change so schools can maintain a good level of safety and education.

### Parents Survey 2023

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to complete the survey, it is open for contributions until Thursday 29th June.

Link: <https://forms.gle/mZtm4nz8GXFTgSxHA>

If you have more than one child at school it would help us if you filled in a separate questionnaire for each one. Paper copies are also available from the school office. Thank you for your time, we really value your feedback.

### Classes for September 2023

Class lists for the next school year will be sent out on Tuesday 4th July. Miss Corwood and Mrs Handley have met with most of our new starters for Reception this week. We are currently having a lot of in year transfer requests from families who are likely to start after the summer.

## Attendance

It has been brought to my attention that the attendance % linked to days absent was incorrect at the bottom of the table sent out in the emails earlier in the week.

92% attendance is equivalent to 15 days absent and 90% attendance is equivalent to 19 days absent.

Apologies for this error, I had taken the chart from the Devon model policy which has now been removed. I had not expected the information to be incorrect.

## BBC Bitesize - Through the Eyes of a Child - Supporting Transition to Secondary

It's almost that time of year when our eldest students will [transition to secondary school](#).

Did you know that at Bitesize they have a collection of resources for parents and students about to begin the next step of their educational journey?

The content includes helpful videos where students [voice their concerns about starting secondary school](#).

They also have transition resources aimed at students, including everything they can do to prepare for their [first day at secondary school](#).

## Summer Fair - Saturday 15th July, 11am - 3pm

Stalls have now been allocated to each class and we need parent volunteers to help run these throughout the day. The class reps will be recruiting, so if your child is helping to run one of the stalls please sign up to help oversee things & ensure it will be a great experience for the children.



We also need volunteers to help with the BBQ, bar and ice cream stall (no scooping needed).

Please contact the school or [whimple.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimple.pta@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

## Bag2School

There will be another collection for Bag2School in the Thirsty Farmer car park on Thursday 29th June. Please leave bags of good quality unwanted clothing outside the shelter to the left of the pub before 9am.

## Staff Tombola

The tombola is always a popular stall at the fayre. We hope to run it in the usual format, with a tombola for children and one for adults. It's time to give you some advance warning to look in cupboards to discover unwanted items such as toiletries, unused gifts, sweets, chocolates, etc. In exchange for not wearing uniform on Friday 7th July, the children are asked to bring in one item for the stall.

Children who are unable to provide a suitable tombola item are still allowed to wear their own clothes. In the past this has been well supported with some great items which has raised over £100 for the school.

# Dates for your diary

## June

Thursday 29th June

Skills Builder Challenge Day

Friday 30th June

Non Pupil Day (staff training)

## July

Monday 3rd July

Oak Class Trip

Monday 3rd July

Civic Award Presentation Year 6

Wednesday 5th July

School Closed due to Strike Action

Friday 7th July

Non-uniform day for tombolo donations

Friday 7th July

Colyton Maths Competition

Friday 7th July

Elm Forest School

Friday 14th July

Year 5 Sleepover

Saturday 15th July

Summer Fayre 11am to 3pm

Monday 17th July

Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 20th July

Summer Sounds Music Event - Year 4 and 5

Friday 21st July

Leavers Assembly Year 6 (afternoon, time approx. 2pm)

## Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

### AUTUMN TERM 2023

**6<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Half term - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

### SPRING TERM 2024

**4<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*Half term - 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**15<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

*May Day holiday - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

*Half term - 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024*

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

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