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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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"A big thank you from the children in the lower playground for giving us more space to run around in the mornings." Whilst we appreciate that leaving mum or dad can be tricky, it does provide you with 'a get out clause' and helps everyone, both parents and children have a quieter and calmer start to the day. Just remember to say your goodbyes before leaving the playground as we have had a couple of incidents where children have run back to the top playground and the staff member on duty has wondered where they are. For parents of older children, now is the time to bring them in, say goodbye and then leave.

Safeguarding Update

Please can we remind you that once your child/children are handed over to you from the class teacher that they are your responsibility. We have had a few incidents recently where a child has wandered off from the person collecting them, and they are then unaware of their whereabouts. I have spoken to them all in assembly today about staying with the person collecting them and also that all equipment is not to be used before and after school. Please help to keep all of our children safe, we do not want something fatal to happen before everyone takes any notice.

Polite Reminder

It has been lovely to hear that many children have been involved in the activities put on during Village Week. However, we have had a number of people concerned with the safety of children through the village. Some near misses have been reported. Please keep an eye on your children, there is a lot more traffic through the village now and it is difficult for both pedestrians and drivers when there are limited pavements available.

I don't want to sound like a nag, but as I have said to the children in assembly today - we are their parents for the school day and we have to have strict rules because we are having to ensure ALL children are safe in our care. It is hard enough, (as you know), with two or three, multiply by ten and it is really difficult.

A Special Visitor

Reception and Year 1 have been finding out about Arabic culture.



The children dressed up in traditional clothes, learned a little Arabic and found out about Arabic food and celebrations.



We listened to (and understood) a story in Arabic. Shukran to Mrs Wesam for coming to talk to us and teaching us all about the Arabic way of life.

Art Display at Killerton

Thank you to those who came along to Killerton on Tuesday evening. Both of our banners are displayed in the chapel and they look fantastic.

The display also includes banners made from the schools in our local learning community, (Clyst St Mary, Stoke Canon, Silverton, Broadclyst, Rockbeare and Clyst St George). The banners will stay at Killerton all summer so if you get the chance do pop over and take a look.



Parents Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the forms this year.

According to the results we are good at:

Providing a safe environment and teaching children how to keep safe and live healthily.

Ensuring most children enjoy school, work hard and make good progress.

Providing a curriculum provided which is broad, balanced and enriched with a variety of activities.

We need to get better at:

Informing you about your child's progress.

We will continue to:

Provide opportunities to see your child's work which will help inform you about your child's progress.

Things we plan to change for the next school year: (things have been put in motion this year but we didn't manage to launch them)

Relaunch use of the schools learning platform so this can be a place to find more information about timetables and homework expectations, along with hopefully reducing the number of emails sent out.

Open the library after school to enable children to borrow books more regularly.

Things to explore and find out more about:

To continue to investigate alternatives for after school clubs for all age children, with the need to ensure they are financially viable.

To look into the homework (home learning) given and provide clearer guidance for parents.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding parents evenings on Monday 23rd and/or Tuesday 24th July. These meetings will be for 5 minutes and will inform you of your child's attainment and progress. It will also involve setting targets for the next 3 months; these will then be reviewed at the autumn consultations. There will also be a chance to view your child's books.

Whimble's Got Talent

The first four heats of our contest have taken place and what a wealth of talent we have here in Whimble Primary School. We have had singing, dancing, instrumentalists, acting and gymnastics, to name a few. Each member of the audience has had three votes to cast in each heat. We have two more heats next week. Those acts with the highest numbers of votes will go through to the final on Tuesday 17th July where they will get to perform to the children again before performing to parents at **2.45pm**. Votes from both performances will be combined to find our winners. Put the date in your diary, you really don't want to miss it, even if your child is not involved.

Don't Forget

If your child is taking part in Forest School activities for Fantastic Friday, please make sure that they bring long trousers and a long sleeve top – regardless of the weather. Mrs Wall spends a tremendous amount of time and energy to provide these sessions and we are becoming increasingly frustrated by the numbers of children who come to school without correct clothing. If your child does not have the necessary kit, they will not be able to attend.

Mr Brown, class teacher

- **To ensure the safety of all of our children, especially at busy times like drop off and pick up.**
- **Leave prior to the bell to give everyone more space in the mornings.**
- **To ask your child to wear appropriate footwear to school - sandals are not ideal as lots of toes have been hurt.**
- **To come along to our first performance of our school orchestra on Thursday 12th at 2.30pm**
- **The time of the talent has been moved to 2.45pm to ensure all acts have the time to perform.**

Dates for your diary

New dates added in bold.

July

Monday 9th - 13th	Kings School transition week
Thursday 12th July	Orchestra/Soloists Assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th July	Talent Show Final 2.45pm prompt
Wednesday 18th July	Music Showcase - learning an instrument
Thursday 19th July	Music assembly - choir/recorders/guitars 2.30pm
Monday 23rd July	Parent consultations
Tuesday 24th July	Parent consultations
Thursday 26th July	Leavers Assembly and party at the Cricket Club

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