

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School.

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**It's another bumper edition - it's amazing what we manage to fit into two weeks!**

### **Only 5 days until our Readathon ends**

Lots of children have already talked about the books they are reading. Don't forget to bring your sponsorship in so we know how much we have raised for this great charity.



(Sponsors can pay by cheque or cash, or pay online by [www.readathon.org/sponsor](http://www.readathon.org/sponsor).) Please do support your child's reading efforts. Research tells us again and again that children who read for pleasure are more likely to have successful outcomes. Above all, we hope they have fun!

As well as encouraging pupils to read for fun, our school will get free books worth 20% of our sponsorship total - so there really is something in it for everyone.



### **Home Learning**

We have recently updated our 'Home Learning' Guides for parents. They have lots of useful information included to help support your children at home. Please find them on the website: Classes and Curriculum tab - Home Learning.

### **Health Information**

The website also has a tab: Parents' Zone which includes lots of information:

- What services and help can be accessed outside of school including drop-in clinics at both Cranbrook and Ottery St Mary Hospital (School Nursing Service tab);
- School nurse: parent information newsletters - lots of useful information including signs to look for specific medical conditions (School Nurse Information).
- Making sense of sensory behaviour - information.



### **Music Assembly**

Once again Mrs Palmer and Mrs Allen have worked wonders with our fabulous choir and musicians. A lovely mix of old and new songs, with actions included! Well done to everyone who took part.



### **Orienteering at Killerton**

Despite an exciting journey (the coach broke down in Broadclyst), when the children finally arrived the weather was fairly kind to us, despite being very wet underfoot.

Nine teams of children set off with a map to navigate their way around the site to find each point. They were great at working collaboratively and one team managed to complete the course finding all the points.

Well done everyone for taking up the challenge.

Thank you to all the adults that enabled us to take the children.



## Tiger Karate

Martial Arts exclusively for children aged up to 14 years old.



Help your child gain the confidence to exceed in life!

- Improve your fitness
- Learn self defence
- Improve flexibility
- Improve focus
- Discipline
- Team work
- Improve self-confidence
- Regular gradings
- Anti-bullying
- And most of all have fun!

This club runs after school on a Friday until 4.45 pm and has spaces for next term. If you are interested or have any further questions contact:

Gurmare (chief instructor) on 07748992776

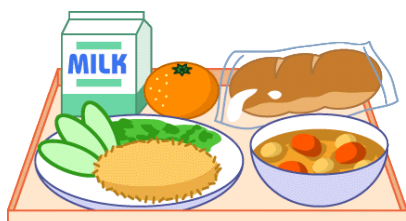
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## Pirates of the Curry Bean

There are still some tickets available for both performances - it will be great and includes lots of laughs. All the children will be watching the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon but are welcome to watch an evening performance. The show starts promptly at 5.30 pm and will finish by 7 pm.

We have decided not to charge for tickets but a donation bucket will be placed by the door at the end of the event to help cover costs.

Tickets available from the school office.



## School Meal Questionnaire

If you haven't completed and returned your questionnaire please find the time over the weekend and return to the office on Monday please. All feedback gratefully received.

## Dogs in School

Please can we remind you that dogs are **not** allowed in the playground and around the school gate - this makes some of our children and parents feel uncomfortable and nervous.



## Spelling and Grammar Parents Information Evening

This event has been postponed until early next term due to the low number of responses. We will keep you posted.

## Reports

Reports went home yesterday. If you have been asked in for a consultation please confirm by returning the slip. At this point in the year, the children's attendance is at the highest it has been for a long while, at over 97%. Thank you for your help in this matter and like I have written in many reports .... Keep it up! (Oak consultations will be after Easter).



## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief

20 cakes were entered into the cake competition today. The School Council started by judging the cakes by how they were presented; the criteria given was at least one red nose and some red, the children scored them.



Half the cakes were eliminated at this stage, (which was just as well, as after tasting 10 cakes, the children actually said they didn't want to eat anymore!)

The three cakes with the top points in this round went through to the final to be judged in assembly.

The final decision was.....

Rhys and Bethan Burtt-Jones.



A huge thank you to all those who spent the time and care baking and icing, we really do appreciate it and I am sure they will all be eaten up later this afternoon.

# Thank you



What a sea of red to be seen at school today. We have raised a total of £122.89 so far for this fantastic cause.



Throughout the day there has been a selection of small competitions for children to participate in - Red Nose hunt, word searches and design a red nose.

### **Our Orchard**

Last week the children in Willow assisted with planting 100 small trees in our orchard.



They were planted in a figure of eight and we want to encourage a variety of wildlife to visit whilst developing an exploratory environment for children.



### Shelter opening

After a lot of cake cutting, drinks making and getting all the children across to the orchard (on a day where they were already full of energy and excitement), we finally officially opened our new shelter.

It was great to see so many people there offering their support. The cakes and drinks were enjoyed by all making it a lovely way to end the week.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Egg hunt this year despite the inclement weather. Congratulations to Ben Porter for being a fantastic Easter Bunny.



# FOWS

**School Disco** - Friday 31st March 5.30-7.30 pm  
£2 per child, tickets available at the office

If you would like to attend yourself please get a volunteer ticket at the office, this is free but you will be required to help on the evening. If anyone is willing to help set up and decorate in the afternoon then please let me know.

# Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
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Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Willow drama production  
Willow drama production  
Parents evening KS1 and KS2 where requested  
Ash parents consultations  
End of spring term – 1.30 pm finish  
Start of summer term  
Class photographs  
Sports Day  
Sports Day reserve

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