

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

Whimble Primary School

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It is hard to believe we are now at the end of another term. You will have seen from our curriculum newsletter how busy everyone has been. I would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work in providing engaging lessons for all the children—it is a very energetic job. Thank you for your continued support with making sure your children attend school - generally for the majority of children, attendance has improved over the past half-term, hopefully this will continue in the summer term. I hope you all have a good Easter (fingers crossed the weather improves).

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time to meet with their child's class teacher in order to be kept up-to-date with their progress and things to work on. If you missed your appointment please catch your child's class teacher to rearrange.

RATS

After praising the children who took part in RATS last week, we were lucky enough to arrange for the children to perform some parts of the show to the whole school on Tuesday. They confidently sang some of the main songs taking on lyrics and roles undertaken by other children in play.

It was amazing to see how the four performers absolutely captivated all the children and staff watching. A truly heart warming experience for all involved.



PE Kits

Children should have brought home their kit for washing over the holidays. Please make sure all children have a PE kit in school next term. A number of children are saying they do not have one. Please label items so when things go missing and are then found, we can return them to their rightful owner. PE shirts are available to order from the school office.

Upcoming Clubs after Easter

Top Talk

Top Talk Club is returning this summer!

The club is designed to raise self-esteem with lively talking and games to encourage the children's confidence in speaking with their peer group.

The club will be taught by Alison Shorer from [The Oracy Workshops](#), an experienced teacher, tutor and lecturer in education.

The club will be from 3.30pm - 5.00pm each **Wednesday** and run for 13 weeks from 19th April until 19th July 2023 at a cost of £7.50 for each session.

Please respond by completing the Top Talk Google form (link below) by **Friday 7th April 2023** and **Mrs Shorer will notify you by Monday 10th April to confirm either way.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MTmv800waXdMncnzjlmsCeiTcdbtf_bmfHczKtcTg88/edit

Multi-activity Club

We have been working closely with a company called Premier Sport this term to provide some enrichment and high quality sporting activities for children in our school. We are delighted to be able to offer a multi-activity club on a **Wednesday** afternoon, across the first half of the summer term, for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Each week, children will take part in a range of challenges which will change each week.

[Sign up details can be found here](#), and a flyer is attached for your information. Please note that this club is on a first come, first served basis and there are only 20 available places - so be quick!

[Please note, before being able to book, you will need to create a parent account by clicking here.](#)

Drama Club

Miss Clarke and Miss Norton are going to hold a drama club on Mondays for children in Year 2, 3 and 4. This club will start later in the half term due to the number of bank holidays. More information on how to sign up after Easter.



Thank you to all those who attended the Easter Egg Hunt last weekend and for those donating items for Bags 2 School.

NOVA Easter Family Portrait Sessions

- Introductory offer for Whimple School Families!
- On location in Whimple or a beach session (Easter Holidays)
- Whimple Portrait session —30 mins, minimum of 20 images and a 12" x 8" print— £95.00.
- Beach session—1 hour, minimum of 40 prints and a 12" x 8" print— £150.

Both include full download rights.

£10 of every booking will be donated to the Whimple PTA

Please email katherine@novaweddingphotography.co.uk or call Katherine on 07718 733843 for more information and to book your session.

Dates for your diary

March

Friday 31st March Last day of term 1.30pm finish

April

Monday 17th April First day of summer term

May

Monday 1st May May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May Coronation Day Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

June

Friday 30th June Non Pupil Day (staff training)

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 5th June Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

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

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