

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

Whimble Primary School

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I get to Friday and always wonder where the week has gone lately. It has been a week filled with ups and downs but at least it has been mainly dry, although a bit cold. Let's hope it continues into the weekend.

Confirmation of Strike Action

Just to inform you that the school will be closed on Wednesday 1st February due to insufficient teaching staff and the inability to open school safely.

I know that some of you will possibly find this an inconvenience, however, like many other public sectors employees, teachers aren't striking because they don't care about education of the children they teach. They're striking because they do. It is also about supporting adequate funding for schools and the services they provide.

Seven other possible strike days have been announced, with three of them affecting schools in the South-West. I do not know whether school will be closed or open at present on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd March

Wednesday 15th March

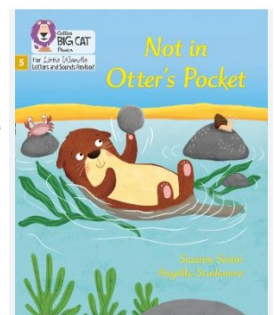
Thursday 16th March

Term Dates

Term dates for school year 2023-2024 have now been confirmed - please find them listed on the next page.

Reading Books - Year 1 and Year 2

We have lots of our new Big Cat reading unreturned at the moment. This is already making it difficult to provide books for other groups of children. At £6 per book they will also be costly to replace. Please have a look at home and return any books your child may have accumulated.



Gold Stars

Please can you all check at home to see if any of our gold enamel stars hanging around and return them to school.

Dates for your diary

February

Wednesday 1st

School Closed

Friday 3rd

Oak Class Forest School

Monday 6th

Rock Steady Concert (for invited parents only)

Friday 10th

Oak Class Forest School

Monday 13th to Friday 17th

Half term

March

Friday 31st March

Last day of term 1.30pm finish

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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