

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024



Whimple Primary School

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Another week has flown by as we head towards half-term. We do have a few children with chicken pox so please keep an eye on your child if they have not had it previously. Last weeks newsletter had the link to the A to Z of Infections, which has signs to look out for.

Parents Consultations

Please book an appointment via the booking system on ESchools - times and dates will be visible from 7pm this evening.

Gate Reminder

With an increasing number of children on site after school it is important that the gate is kept closed. The gate is not locked after 3.30pm, however, we do need to put the latch across. If you come into school to collect children at any point after 3.40pm please close and latch the gate again behind you.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 17th October in the Thirsty Farmer 7 to 8pm. We hope to see lots of you there - please come along even if you can only commit to helping a little bit.

The PTA AGM will be held in the school library the following week, Thursday 24th October, starting at 7pm.



The next sweet sale will be on Friday 25th October after school.

Annual Apple Pick

Weather permitting, the children will go across to our orchard to help collect apples. Whilst the majority will be made into cider by a local company, we will also keep some apples to press for juice in school the week after half-term. Children need to bring in a change of clothes along with a pair of wellies. If you also have gloves and a bag/bucket, that would also be very helpful.

A final decision will be made by the end of the day Thursday, so assume it is happening unless you hear otherwise.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Developing spirituality in children is a sensitive subject, and one that needs to be approached with care. Developing spirituality is often confused with recruiting to a particular faith, but it is actually much broader than this. It is about encouraging children to think about themselves, others and the world, including the world beyond their own immediate experience. Spirituality is a source of creativity open to us all. It brings that quality of aliveness which sparks inquiry, ideas, observations, insights, empathy, artistic expression, earnest endeavour and playfulness. It opens us to life and to each other. Spirituality is a thread which runs through our life, bringing hope, compassion, thankfulness, courage, peace and a sense of purpose and meaning to the everyday, while reaching beyond the immediate world of the visible and tangible. Whilst there is particular focus for our three Church of England schools to ensure that they continue to live up to their foundation as a church school and are enabling pupils and adults to flourish, the principle of flourishing applies equally to all our schools and our values of love, dignity, community, hope and wisdom help us all to live these out day by day.

PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 25th October at 9.15am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.

RE-FEDERATION CONSULTATION

The consultation period for re-federation with Moorsway is open until Friday, 15th November. There are copies of the report, with updated Q and As from the consultation meetings, on the EVF website under 'important information' and 'Re-federation Consultation'. Parents are welcome write to the consultation email account [federationconsultation4@gmail.com].

Library Reading Challenge

37 children from Whimple Primary joined Ottery Library for this years Summer Reading Challenge. 19 of these children managed to read their 6 books and complete the challenge. Well done to everyone who has joined in.





Tickets are on sale online via www.whimpecc.co.uk, or in Whimpe Stores and the New Fountain Inn.



Autumn Trail at Seaton Wetlands

October 25 – November 4

10am to 4pm daily

Come on down to Seaton Wetlands and get involved in the Seaton Wetlands Autumn Trail this October half term!

£3 per trail, includes a prize (no booking required)

[Event Detail \(wildeastdevon.co.uk\)](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

Guide in the Hide for Kids

October 29

November 9

November 23

10am to 4pm

Come and learn about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands with an experienced volunteer guide.

£2 per child (booking required)

[Event Detail \(wildeastdevon.co.uk\)](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk)

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10am to 4pm, daily

£3 per trail, includes a prize
Collect from the Discovery Hut

Wild East Devon
East Devon District Council

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Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 17th PTA meeting held at Thirsty Farmer 7pm

Friday 18th Annual apple pick (weather permitting)

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd

Willow Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd

Beech Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd

Ash Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd

Oak Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th

Elm Class Parent Consultations

Thursday 24th PTA AGM held at school 7pm

Friday 25th PTA sweet sale

November

Tuesday 5th Flu Vaccinations — All Years

Wednesday 20th Individual School Photo's

Thursday 21st Meet the PTA—Thirsty Farmer 7pm

Thursday 28th Bags2School Collection (PTA)

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

5th September to 18th December 2024

Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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