

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Welcome back after half term.

SIMS Parent

All parents should have received an email invitation to register with SIMS parent. If you have not received this can you inform the office either by email or in person. This App will enable us to complete the data collection required, e.g. address, contact numbers, etc. in a more efficient way and comply with the GDPR regulations. Please note that at present the information is not available as the system has to be set up. More details on this to follow in the next few weeks.

Please bear with the office while teething problems are sorted, this is a new system for them as well as yourselves.

Children's school reports

Please can you inform the office if your family circumstances have altered and you require more than one copy of your child's report. Please also provide the office with the relevant names and addresses.

Water Butt

Does anyone have a water butt they no longer use/need? One of ours has unfortunately broken and we need to replace it. If you can help, please let us know. Many thanks.

New After School Club+

Hi my name is Sarah Batten and I am starting a new after school club here at Whimble school after the Easter break.

The club will run from 3.30 until 5.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time. I would be happy to do a Friday too if there is enough demand.

The cost will be £5 for the first hour or £9 for the whole session.

I have a national diploma in Nursery Nursing, a certificate in paediatric first aid and a safeguarding level 2.

I have also worked at Whimble preschool for over 4 years doing part-time and relief shifts.

So if you would like to get more information please email me at

whimbleafterschoolclub@gmail.com

Thank you.

After School Clubs

It is vitally important that parents inform the class teacher and Sporty Stars if their child is not attending an after school club. We had a number of staff running around at the end of today as 6 children did not turn up to football. We were concerned about their safety as we didn't know where they were.

Road safety update from the governors.

One of our roles as governors is to ensure the safety of our children. You may have noticed a few of us standing outside the main gate at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for those that stopped to say what a good idea it is. The zig-zag lines are there to keep the children safe and must not be parked or stopped on (not even for a minute). These road markings help protect pupils by giving them clear sightlines when crossing roads outside the school. They also create clear sightlines for passing motorists



Unfortunately we can't be there every day so as Mrs Shilston said last week, if you see anyone stopping on the lines please ask them politely to move.

FOWS have bought a lovely new sign to go outside the gate and I have approached Devon County Council, who have agreed to repaint the lines. I have also requested for the zig-zag lines to be extended to the entrance of the village hall and for an official yellow sign to be put up, although this may take a bit longer.



School Visits to Otterton and Exeter Synagogue

On Thursday 12th March, Beech and Willow class will be visiting Otterton Mill and then walking to Budleigh Salterton to supplement their learning in geography this term.

On Thursday 19th March, year 5 and 6 pupils will be going into Exeter to visit the Synagogue and RAMM to aid their learning in RE and History.

In order for these trips to take place, we are kindly asking for a voluntary contribution from parents. The schools funding, as you may be aware of from the press, is being further and further stretched, and we are also receiving less from FOWs as they come under pressure from parent support. We believe that trips like these provide vital hands on learning opportunities for the children and would love to still be able to do them.

Please log on to Schoolcomms in order to give consent for the trips and pay your contribution.

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

Don't forget to start thinking about your costumes for World Book Day. The authors are:

Judith Kerr	Julia Donaldson	Lewis Carroll	C. S Lewis
any Nursery Rhyme Character		any Comic Book Character.	

Dates for your diary

March

Wednesday 4th March	Recycling workshops Elm, Ash and Oak Class
Friday 6th March	Whimble World Book Day
Week commencing 9th March	Annual reports Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 12th March	Willow/Beech Class Trip to Otterton
Week commencing 16th March	Parent consultations
Thursday 19th March	Year 5 and 6 trip to Exeter Synagogue
Tuesday 24th March	Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)
Wednesday 25th March	Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)
Thursday 26th March	Oral Hygiene Workshop - Year 3 and 4
Friday 27th March	End of term - 1.30pm finish

April

Wednesday 15th April	FOWS Meeting Thirsty Farmer at 7pm
Thursday 23rd April	CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm

Week commencing 11th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing 8th June	Phonics screening/times tables testing
Thursday 2nd July	Civic Award Presentation Evening
Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July	Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

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