

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Whimble Primary School

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The Christmas dinner went down well and it was lovely to hear all the children joining in with Christmas songs whilst they were waiting for their food. Thank you to the PTA who provided the crackers which were well received, and had lovely tree decorations in them. This was followed in the afternoon by a music workshop by the Benedetti Foundation, a great experience for all the children (more details in the curriculum newsletter next week).

Thank you also, to all those who attended the Carol Service last night. The children did a brilliant job in front of the largest audience they will have had for quite some time.

The Christmas Fayre has been enjoyed by all today - a big thank you to all those who have helped organise, sort and man stalls for this lovely event for the children.

We now head into the final week of term with our nativity 'A little bird told me' to come.

School Dinner Orders

Due to circumstances beyond our control there have been a number of changes to the menu for next week - all previous orders have been removed, please can you reorder any meals required, if you haven't already done so.

Scarlet fever and Group A Streptococcal infections

You will no doubt be aware that nationally there have been an increase in cases of these childhood illnesses. Please find attached a letter from the UK health and Security Agency.

Christmas Nativity - Wednesday 14th December

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Elm and Ash Class) will have a role in this years nativity - at Whimble Church. If you have been asked to supply additional items for your child's role in the play, please send them into school on Monday morning in a named bag, ready for our dress rehearsal.

Don't forget, children will be kept in school at the end of the day, given a small snack and then walked to the church to change. Once children are changed, (at around 4.15pm), parents will be allowed into the church, the performance will be around 30 minutes.

Collections will be taken at both events and split between the Church and the school.

School Photographs

School photographs have been sent home with children today (sibling photos are with the older child). Any discrepancies, you will need to contact Tempest directly.

Christmas Post Box

Unlike Royal Mail, our post box will be available in the reception area from Monday 5th December. Deliveries will occur daily (if needed) by our Year 6 children. Please encourage your children to place them in the post box as all children love to receive their delivery.

Beading Club

Due to the popularity of this club, it will be run again next half-term. Beading Club starts on Monday 9th January and runs for five weeks up to and including Monday 6th February, running from 3:30-4:30pm.

Festive Fun Run

As in previous years, the pupils in Oak, Beech and Willow classes will have the opportunity to take part in a Festive Fun Run. This will take place next Thursday 15th December. In exchange for a donation, suggested £1, to ELF (Exeter Leukaemia Fund), the children in those classes can come to school in festive or sports clothing and challenge themselves to how many laps of the MUGA they can run.

One of the ELF fundraisers is set to be a visitor in one of our forthcoming assemblies, where they will talk about how the money we raise goes to help local people with blood disorders and support their families.



Whimple PTA

Christmas Disco

Don't forget about the Christmas Disco taking place on the last day of term, Friday 16th December. Spaces are filling up and it will be great for children to celebrate the end of term together.

The timings are 4-5pm for KS1 children and 5.15 - 6.15pm for KS2.

Entry is £3 which needs to be paid in advance **by Wednesday 14th December**, either in cash to the school office or by BACS to the Whimple PTA (details below). Please remember to return your consent form to the school office as well.

If anyone is available to volunteer at the disco please email the PTA at whimple.pta@gmail.com.

BACS payments:

Whimple Primary School PTA

Lloyds bank

Sort code: 30-94-36

Account no: 01582240

Please also confirm by email to whimple.pta@gmail.com to ensure we don't miss your payment.

Easy Fundraising

The number of people supporting the PTA through Easy Fundraising is steadily growing, thanks to everyone who has started to or is continuing to use Easy Fundraising for online shopping.

A zero-cost way to raise much needed funding for the school, you can download the app for both Apple and Android. It's very easy to use and collectively we have the potential to raise thousands each year.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

<https://youtu.be/dHVZzGq-Ggg>

Important dates next week

December

Wednesday 14th	KS1 Christmas Nativity 4.30pm in the church
Friday 16th	Last day 1.30pm finish
Friday 16th	Christmas Disco in hall (Ash and Elm Class 4-5pm; Oak, Beech and Willow 5.15-6.15pm)

Dates for your diary

January 2023

Wednesday 4th	First day of term
Friday 6th	Forest School - Willow Class
Monday 9th	Rock Steady Music lessons
Monday 9th	Swimming Beech Class and Year 4 Oak Class
Friday 13th	Forest School - Willow Class

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 - 2022/23:

SPRING TERM 2023

4th January to 31st March 2023
Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2024

17th April to 21st July 2023
May Day holiday - 1st May 2023
Extra May Bank Holiday 8th May 2023
Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023
Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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