

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



## Whimple Primary School

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Fingers crossed, we have finally had our internet issues resolved yesterday! It really is quite scary how we all rely on it so much now.

Both the Craft Club and Choir will continue this term; final session for craft club will be Wednesday 24th, whereas Choir's last session will be on Thursday 18th July. Payments will be set up on the system shortly. Class trips have been booked and letters with details will be with you shortly; the dates are in the dairy on the last page.

### Park Run

Don't forget! Parkrun is this Sunday and [you need to register your child on the Parkrun website so that they can see their time at the end of the race.](#) We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 8.45am!

We are grateful for any sponsorship you may have collected and this can be brought to the office from Monday onwards. Many thanks!

### Staff Tombola

The tombola is always a popular stall at the fayre. We hope to run it in the usual format, with a tombola for children and one for adults. It's time to look in cupboards to discover unwanted items such as toiletries, unused gifts, sweets, chocolates, etc. In exchange for not wearing uniform on Friday 14th June, the children are asked to bring in one item for the stall if possible.

Children who are unable to provide a suitable tombola item are still allowed to wear their own clothes. In the past this has been well supported with some great items which has raised over £100 for the school.

### Polite Reminder

Please remember that when collecting your child from Ash and Elm Class at the end of the day, younger siblings should be kept with you and not be on any equipment or under the shelter. We want to ensure your children are kept safe whilst keeping our resources tidy.

### Sports Day

Sports day is being held on Friday 21st June at Whimple Cricket Club. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their child from 10am. As this is a public and open space, there will be certain arrangements that will need to be adhered to in order to ensure we are compliant with health and safety and safeguarding procedures. All children are asked to come to school in their PE kits and bring coats, etc. They also require a packed lunch. **Please read the accompanying letter** for more information regarding the format and timing of the morning.



## Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



One of the ways that we want to prepare our older children for the world of work is by hearing from adults about their jobs and their pathway from school to employment. You may remember that I asked for parents to share their experiences with our Year 5 and 6 children in a short presentation and question and answer session. I am very pleased to say that I have enough people to do this for three series of talks over the next few months, which is fantastic. This is something that Whimble School have done for some time and I am grateful to Mrs Shilston and her team for sharing the idea and the practicalities of the talks. We have a great range of parents and others talking to the children, from a software engineer to an ecologist to a National Trust ranger. This will give children the opportunity to learn more about different jobs and begin to think about which ones they might want to explore more in the future. The first talk is planned for next Monday and will be followed by four more talks this term and more in the autumn and spring terms. I am very grateful to the parents who have already volunteered to take part but if you haven't already done so and would be willing to help, please let me know via your child's school office and I will be in touch with more information about the way we are able to do this online so that all seven schools can take part.

### Girls Cricket

A huge well done to the eight girls from Willow Class who took part in an inter-school competition on Thursday. We were very proud of the skills you showed and the way you represented our school.



### Action for Children—Devon Digital Services

'FREE' online sessions for families delivered by Action for Children. We have a range of **webinars, workshops and bite sized sessions** from **Speech & Language, Digi Dads Connect to Play** and information around **SEND**. We have available a resource leaflet after the session with all the links and information that has been shared. Follow our Eventbrite page for all updates - [FOLLOW OUR PAGE](#)

Click here for our Eventbrite collection and to book on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/devon-digital-webinars-bite-sized-info-sessions-1462829>

### Family and Community Sessions

Please find attached with this newsletter some information regards sessions for parents to discuss the new family hubs with Devon County Council.

# Dates for your diary

## June

- 9th Park Run at Cranbrook
- 13th Ash Class Forest School (pm only)
- 21st Sports Day (morning only at the Cricket Club)
- 22nd School Fair
- 26th EVF Year 6 transition day
- 27th Skills Builder Challenge Day
- 28th Non-Pupil Day - staff training

## July

- 2nd Beech (+ Willow Year 5) School Trip
- 2nd School visits September Reception starters (appointments am only)
- 3rd School visits September Reception starters (appointments all day)
- 9th Ash Class School Trip
- 8th - 12th Year 6 Residential to Pixies Holt
- 17th Oak Class School Trip

## Key assessment dates for 2024

- Phonics Screening (Year 1) w/c 10th June
- Times Tables Check (Year 4) w/c 3rd June

## Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**15<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

## Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

**5<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

*Half term - 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024*

### SPRING TERM 2025

**7<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

*Half term - 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025*

### SUMMER TERM 2025

**22<sup>nd</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

*May Day holiday - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

*Half term - May 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

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