

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Whimble Primary School

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Well we have made it into December, and it feels like we can start thinking about Christmas.

All things Christmas

Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 8th December commencing at 6pm.

All children in Key Stage 2, (Willow, Beech and Oak Class) will be participating in the Carol Service which is being held in Whimble Church next Thursday at 6pm. Each class are performing a couple of items as well as supporting the singing of some more traditional carols. If for any reason your child is unable to attend, please can you inform the relevant class teacher as soon as possible, as your child may have been chosen for a significant part of a song or poem. After having to cancel last years service it would be really great to see most of you there to support the children.

Children will be sat with their classes and can be brought to the church from 5.45pm

Christmas Jumpers

We have decided to give making hats a miss this year, however, children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Friday 9th December. Hats can also be worn but they will be no competition.

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.

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. we have the majority of costumes in school but parents may be asked to supply some undergarments to keep them warm. (more information early next week)

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.

Bags2School

Please remember to bring any bags of good quality preloved clothes to the Thirsty Farmer car park on Tuesday 6th December before 9am, to the right hand side of the shelter.

Whimble PTA

Whimble School Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December only one week to go! The fayre is in the village hall during school hours.

Please send your children will need to bring a **maximum of £3** in a purse or bag, (all stalls are a maximum of 20p). Small change is appreciated. Please also send your children with at least one **bag** more if they are keen shoppers!.



Parents of reception children are invited to attend with their children at **3pm** please come direct to the village hall.

All parents are invited in at 3.30pm bring your purses as there will be bargains!

We are still looking for the following for the Fayre:

·**Gifts for parents** - Items in good condition, toiletries or unused gifts that children can buy for grown-ups.

·**Soft Toys** - Clean and safe soft toys/ teddys for the toy tombola. Thank you for all the ones that have come in we still need about **20 more** so keep them coming!

·**Toys and books** - clean and safe for the bric-a-brac stall. Items that you would like your child to come home with. School age only **NO PRE SCHOOL**

·Spare **bags** for children to put items in.

·**Seasonal cakes/ biscuits** on the day. Please let the class reps for Beech: Katy Hill and Becky Steadman know if you are able to bake or buy! We have some children in the school with allergies so **no nuts** please in any bakes. We also need some volunteers to bake gluten free and cakes suitable for vegan/ vegetarian diets.

Any remaining donations to school by mon 5th please to allow time for wrapping sorting etc!

Raffle don't forget to get your tickets!. There are some wonderful prizes donated by local businesses including vouchers for food, shopping, well-being and a family photo-shoot, tickets for Panto and woodlands, hampers and lots more!!!

Prizes have been donated by amazing local businesses including:

Whimble Stores, Sarah Jaynes Hairdresser, Oliver Joseph Fitness, Revive, Courtneys, Dilly's Florist, Temple Spa, Nova Wedding Photography, Woodlands tickets, Tropic Skincare, Cotley Farm, Dilly's Florists, Oggy Oggy Pasties, Planet Sal, Pipers Farm, The Jack in the Green, Combe Garden Centre, Exeter Corn Exchange and Natural Well-Being. As well as other lovely donations from parents. The Raffle will be drawn after the Christmas fair.

There are three ways to buy tickets (£1 a ticket)

-Face to face at drop off and pick up from Katherine Pankiewicz or Amanda Denton using cash

-Bacs payment to Whimble Primary School PTFA Lloyds bank Sort Code 30-94-36 Account number 01582240

-On the day at the fayre

Please put the ref as 'raffle followed by your surname'. Then use messenger to contact Katherine Panciewicz or Amanda Denton with your name, how many tickets you want and your telephone number. We will then message you your numbers!

Please do support the PTFA and good luck!!

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

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| Wednesday 7th | Christmas Dinner (pre-ordered only) |
| Thursday 8th | KS2 Carol Service 6pm in Whimble church (children to arrive from 5.45pm) |
| Friday 9th | Christmas jumper day |
| Friday 9th | Christmas Fayre from 1pm (Parents can attend at 3.30pm) |

Dates for your diary

December

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| 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) |

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

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| 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:

AUTUMN TERM 2022

5th September to 16th December 2022

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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