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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Charity Bike Ride



Back in the summer holiday our fantastic caretaker, Billy Bloomfield, organised a charity bike ride. He raised £150 which was used to buy our new freezer.

Thank you to Billy and all those who took part.



Fantastic Friday

For the next three Fridays, 2nd, 9th and 16th November the activities are as follows:

Activity	Year Group	Equipment required
Forest School	Year 1 and Year 2	Wellies, long sleeved top and trousers, waterproof coat, gloves, hat (if cold)
Creative Arts	Year 3	
Crafting	Year 5	
Cookery	Year 6	
Art Skills and Sporty Stars	Year 4	P.E kit (which should be in school)
Relax Kids and Computing Skills	Year 1 and 2	

ESchools

We have had a number of queries from parents in relation to their child's attendance as seen on the learning platform. The system is not completely accurate due to the time lapse between computer programs and small manual updates being needed which may take a week or so to do.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox



This is a charity we have chosen to support to help children to understand and appreciate that not all children are as lucky as they are. On Monday, the vicar Chris Martin, came to our assembly to share some example of items that could be donated as Christmas presents for children less fortunate than themselves.

Information leaflets are being sent home with the children and they will help to put the shoeboxes together with a number of volunteers from the community, including the WI on Monday 12th November ready for collection on Thursday 15th.

For more information: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Any donations of items for the boxes can either be taken into class or placed in the container in the lobby just by the office.

Children In Need

We will be doing something simple for Children In Need - more details next week.

Upcoming Events:

Whimble Handmade Market (previously craft fair), [Saturday](#) 10th November

We still need helpers on the day, even for half an hour then please speak to myself, Cathy Culshaw or Gaby Sweet.

Most importantly though, please come and support this event, I always do lots of my Christmas Shopping there, it really is a great quality fair, and one Whimble should be very proud of.

Silent disco, [Saturday 17th November](#)

Tickets on sale in the school office (from November 5th) and Whimble Stores.

If you haven't been to a silent disco before, then we are going to start the evening with a normal disco, then headphones will be handed out and you will be able to choose from either 80s, 90s or current music to dance to. Those without the headphones (there will be enough for 1 set each) hear no music, giving the effect of a room full of people dancing to nothing. It's going to be a really fun

WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 5.30-7.30
VICTORY HALL, WHIMPLE

Come and join us for a Spooktacular Disco,
with Games, Prizes for Best Fancy Dress,
Best Dancing and Best Carved Pumpkin
(please bring these with you, battery operated tea lights only)

Tuck Shop and Games,
Please bring some pennies!
We suggest no more than \$1

Parent Information:
This is a drop off and leave disco,
but if you would like to attend
please get a FREE volunteer ticket.
All reception children need an adult with them.
Only volunteers will be able to attend the Disco and
we ask that volunteers come in Fancy Dress

FOR WHIMPLE SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY!

Games PRIZES SWEETS & MORE!

2nd Nov each!
Tickets From School Office



Events happening in November.

Cafe
Art
Cosmetics
Interiors
Children's crafts
Hot Soup
Christmas Gifts
Workshops & much more!

Handmade Market

Whimple Village Hall
Saturday 10th
November 1-4pm

In aid of Whimple
Primary School

Cathy 07789553251
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FRIENDS OF WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Silent Disco

HEADPHONES SUPPLIED CHOICE OF THREE MUSIC STREAMS

WHIMPLE VICTORY HALL
SAT 17th NOV 7.30 - 11
\$10 - FIRST DRINK FREE*
FOR PARENTS & FRIENDS
OF WHIMPLE SCHOOL

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WHIMPLE STORES & SCHOOL OFFICE
*does not include spirits xx

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and all other interested parties very welcome.)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
Executive functioning	Friday 2 nd Nov	Looking at working memory, reasoning, organisation, time management, flexibility, problem-solving as well as planning and task completion. Recognising working memory failure. Games and activities to develop auditory memory. How to build attention, focus and concentration. Experienced retired Educational Psychologist co-presenting.
Learning to Wait Language development	Friday 9 th Nov	Why is it so important to be able to wait? It is the basis of resilience, social interaction (turn-taking) and self-control (internal discourse). We will also consider undetected language problems. Retired Ed Psychologist co-presenting.
How can I help a child who may have autistic traits? (e.g. Asperger's/Autism/PDA)	Friday 16 th Nov	As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. We will look at strategies including social stories, ideas for in & out of the class /at home. Retired E.P. here.
Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered loss or any change	Friday 23 rd Nov	How to help a child suffering from one of these debilitating issues, in the classroom or at home, including working through the stages of grief. How loss, grief, separation and change are linked. Ways you can help a grieving parent. How children of different ages react. Covers divorce and bereavement too.
Aspects of DYSLEXIA – 'Can you be a bit dyslexic?' and 'How to help children learn to read better'	Friday 30 th Nov	Hints and tips for empowering those who struggle to read. Straightforward and effective strategies for school and home, resources supplied. Also ideal for volunteers hearing reading in school.
Understanding boys' learning and motivation	Friday 7 th Dec	Boys can under-achieve, show disruptive behaviour and lack motivation for learning. We will learn about boys' brains, matching needs to activities and creating boy-friendly lessons, classrooms and homes. We'll look at shame too.
Preparing for Christmas; keep calm and MISP	Friday 14 th Dec	Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential; could this be the way forward for your child (in class/at home)? Learn strategies to keep yourself and the class calm. Massage in Schools Programme – feel free to ring for more details.

Website for parents – child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk> is an information and resources website which aims to raise awareness about child sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation, answer questions and give adults the information, advice, support and facts they need to help protect children. It is run by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, supported by the Home Office.

Don't Forget

- To complete forms required for swimming by next Monday.

Dates for your diary

November

Monday 5th November	Flu immunisations Reception to Year 5
Monday 5th November	Beech and Oak Year 4 Swimming starts
Wednesday 7th November	Fire Safety Visit
Saturday 10th November	Craft Fair
Thursday 15th November	Samaritan Purse Shoebox Collection
Week commencing 26th	Book Fair (dates to be confirmed)

December

Friday 7th December	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13th December	Carol Service at Church
Tuesday 18th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity 4pm
Wednesday 19th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 21st December	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Parents Tour Dates for Reception Starters September 2019

Tuesday 6th November 9.15am

Monday 12th November 10am

Thursday 22nd November 4.30pm

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