

### The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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#### Parents Evening

Don't forget to book your appointment online. Times available from 1.25pm to 6.15pm are open for booking until the day before the consultations.

Look along the top tabs to find one called 'parents evening'. Choose the relevant class consultation and then look for your child's name to book a time.

If you haven't booked and you need some support with the new system please pop into the office and we will help you out.

#### Parents of Year 6

A reminder from Devon County Council Admissions team that time is running out to apply for your child's secondary place. Applications are open now. Please do not delay in order to ensure you are not disadvantaged and miss out on a place.

More information on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/DCCSchoolAdmissions/

#### School Photographs

Photographs will be taken by Sue Draycott on Wednesday 17th October, just bring your child in all neat and tidy and we will do the rest.

#### Annual Apple Pick

Our apple pick is on Friday 19th October - children are able to wear their old clothes to school that day (just like the clothes for Forest School - trousers, long-sleeved top; bring along gloves and a bag or bucket).

Due to the number of pupils we have split them up as follows:

11am - 12 midday Beech and Oak class

1.45pm - 2.45pm Willow, Ash and Elm class

Parents are welcome to join us for either session but can we please remind you of our safeguarding duties with regards all children and ask you to be mindful of this. On return to school the children will be attending a simple harvest assembly to end the half-term.

#### Whimple Primary School Governors

Here are our wonderful governors who continue to support and challenge the school. The team is drawn from the school and local community (including some elected by parents) who are appointed to oversee the school. The governors work with the head teacher to set the school's aims and objectives, prepare its forward plans, and determine its policies, targets and priorities. They work alongside the headteacher to achieve high standards for the school. The governors and teaching staff are held to account on behalf of the local community in general, and parents in particular, for: the performance of the school, the delivery of the curriculum, the school finances and a fair and caring regime for pupils.

Mrs Linden Best (Chair)



Parent Governors

Mrs Kate Mackay



Co-opted Governors





Mrs Helena Hastie



Community Governors





Mrs Caroline Ward-Reece



Mr James Terrett



Local Authority Governor

Mrs Gill Seeley



Clerk
Mrs Cathy Culshaw



#### Recent News Item

There has been a lot of media attention in the village in the past few days. Please be cautious about what you hear and what your children are seeing and hearing. Many overheard conversations become embellished by children and are often misinterpreted. This has led to some children coming into school with 'stories' and 'scaremongering'.

#### Parent Governor

We only had one application for the post of parent governor from James Terrett, so he has been re-elected.

#### Exeter Art Project

Last term, the children in Year 4 were involved in a DAISI Art Project - Uncovering Exeter's Layers of History. Their items alongside that of 400 other children are part of an exhibition in Exeter.



#### Reboot - Uncovering Exeter's hidden heritage

Public exhibition and display
From 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - 25<sup>th</sup> November

Free Large scale public display on the shop windows in Paris Street Exeter
22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct (half term week)

Free public exhibition of examples of work created for the Reboot project
At St Stephens Church on Exeter High Street

The large window display artwork has lots of 'hidden' art work that can be accessed through your phone using the HP reveal APP.

All the details and information will be on the display.

#### School Dinners

The new menu has been emailed out today. We are trialling only asking for 3 weeks choices at a time, to give children the flexibility to change choices for the next period of 3 weeks. This enables you to change a choice for the next 3 week cycle if you want to try another option. Please choose your children's options and get back to the office asap latest by Thursday  $18^{th}$  October.

Silent disco (For Parents and FPWs), Saturday 17th November

Tickets on sale now at Whimple Stores and will be available from the school office after November  $5^{th}$ . 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 event, glow sticks will be provided, but feel free to dust off your leg warmers if you feel the need! There will be a bar and snacks too xx





#### FOWS AGM

Monday 15th October at 7.30pm in the school library.

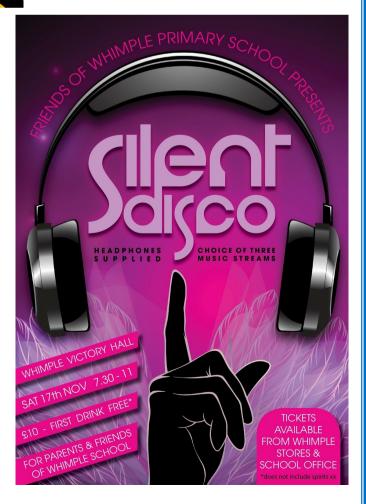
Cake Sale, Friday 19th October, it's the turn of Beech Class this time, but as always everyone is welcome to bake. Cakes are 50p each so don't forget your spending money!

Halloween Disco, Friday 2nd November, tickets on sale now in the school office!

Craft fair, Saturday 10th November.
Unfortunately, we have had no volunteers come forward as yet. If you can help on the day, even for half an hour then please speak to myself, Cathy Culshaw or Gaby Sweet

Silent disco, Saturday 17th November (see details on previous page)





## Don't Forget

- To log into the Learning Platform and change your password and then book your child's consultation slot.
- Children can come to school in their old clothes for apple picking on Friday.
- Book your child's school dinner options.

# Dates for your diary

#### October

Monday 15th October Bikeability Week for Year 6

Monday 15th October Ash and Elm Class consultations

Tuesday 16th October Beech Class consultations

Wednesday 17th October School Photographs

Wednesday 17th October Oak and Willow Class consultations

Wednesday 17th October Apple Pressing

Friday 19th October Apple Picking at The Orchard (no Fantastic Friday)

Half term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

#### November

Friday 2nd November Halloween Disco

Saturday 10th November Craft Fair

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

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