

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well, it's been another busy week here at school - read on to see what we have been up to. Next week we have another music assembly where we get to listen to the delights of the school choir along with the recorder and guitar players.

### Writing Competition

The winners of our writing competition were announced on Tuesday in assembly. Due to the huge number of entrants we decided to have a winner for each year group and here they are. You will get to read their fantastic stories in the next edition of 'Way with Words' due out next week.



From left to right:

Back row - Rory Hynd (Year 1), Evie Povey (Year 3), Ned Brown (Year 6), Isabella Fry (Year 5)

Front row - Amelie Mewse-Dixon (Reception), George Williams (Year 2), Mark McFee (Year 4)

## Forest School - Oak Class

A couple of weeks ago, a few children in Oak class designed and brought in a poster all about the reasons why we should learn outside. This led to a trip to the MUGA on Monday morning, where the children were able to search forest school for any clues or remnants of dragons from 'Dragon world'. The children worked in teams to create a scene and a story based around the dragons, which they showed to the rest of the class.



After break, it was time for some maths. The children had to try and find an object in forest school that they could measure, to see if it was under or over 30cm. Then we moved on to bigger measurements, where Mrs Wall was able to teach the children a special way of estimating the height of a tree!

Overall the children had a lovely morning in the sunshine, and were very sensible about staying in the shade, under the trees and in the shelter.

## School Orchestra and Musicians

What a fabulous selection of musicians we now have here at Whimple. Each child played brilliantly and overcame their nerves to continue when things didn't go quite as planned. After a few short sessions with Mrs Carter the orchestra performed 'A Bond Theme' which sounded great. Well done to everyone involved, including all our lovely music teachers.

## Events for Parents:

The musical showcase is on Wednesday (18th July) evening at 6pm - do come along if your child is interested in learning an instrument.

**Friday 20th July** - half of the children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing a play (learned during Fantastic Friday) to the rest of the school at 3pm. Due to hall space can only parents of the children involved in the play come and watch (these will be the children who did not perform last term).

## Parents Evenings

We will be holding parents evenings on Monday 23rd and/or Tuesday 24th July. A letter is being sent home with your child this afternoon. Please send the reply slip back by Tuesday 17th July so appointments can be arranged.

Elm: Tuesday 24th

Ash: Monday 23rd

Oak: Monday 23rd

Beech: Tuesday 24th

Willow: Tuesday 24th

These meetings will be for 5 minutes and will inform you of your child's attainment and progress. It will also involve setting targets for the next 3 months; these will then be reviewed at the autumn consultations. There will also be a chance to view your child's books.

## Whimble's Got Talent - The Final

All children have participated in their heats and we now have our finalists. They were all fabulous for taking part and all the children, whether a participant or not, have really enjoyed watching all the acts. It was very close but we now have our ten finalists for the contest on Tuesday.

The finalists are: (in no particular order)

Ben Cortinhas - guitar, Tamsyn Terrett - gymnastics, Evie Povey - guitar and singing, Lizzie and Sophie Yendole with Georgia Pirrie - singing, Zachary Swain - piano, Bethan Burtt-Jones - story sketch, Dulcie Hill, Lottie Williams and Elliot Clayton - singing, Raghav Sachdeva - rap, Adelaide Perry, Charley McFee and Tegan Street - cup song and finally Oliver Hynd, Dan Culshaw, Ella Bayley, Katie Parker and Archie Cross - drama and comedy.

So, please come along and watch the show and bring your spare change - all donations will go to Brave the Shave.

The winner will be announced the following day in assembly after counting the votes from both the children and parents.

## A Comprehensive Cyberbullying Guide for Parents

This guide has been recommended to us so has been added to the website: Safeguarding and Online Safety - Online Safety Tips.

The link is: <https://www.wizcase.com/blog/a-comprehensive-cyberbullying-guide-for-parents/>

## Fortnite - online video game

It has been brought to my attention that we may have a number of children possibly playing the game 'Fortnite'. The game has an age recommendation of 12 years. Please read the attached fact sheet and guide for parents. Any concerns of inappropriate or changes in behaviour do get reported under our safeguarding policies.

## Heritage Centre

Staff visited the Heritage Centre on the non-pupil day to get more of an idea of what was in the centre and how we can utilise it more in our curriculum.

Whilst there we saw a new display by one of our pupils, Zachary Swain. He has his own fossil exhibition just inside the door. It was great to see especially as he worked really hard on it and it was all his idea. Well done Zac!



Thank you to everyone that helped and came along to the School Summer Fair, we made over £2000 which is a massive boost to the school. Many thanks especially to Donna Woolston and Mellissa Ironside for organising, you both did an amazing job xxxxx

## School Leavers Party!

Whimple Cricket Club, Thursday 26th July 3.30-6pm

Come and celebrate the end of term at the year 6 leavers party, Bouncy Assault course, BBQ & Tug of War (bar will be open for the adults).

If it is a lovely summer evening, please feel free to bring a picnic tea, we can keep the club open longer if people want to stay on.

Although this is mainly funded by FoWS and is a school leavers party, I would like to remind all parents that this is an out of school hours party. School staff and FoWS committee members are not responsible for your children, they will need to be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times, especially on the assault course and getting to and from the Cricket Club.

**Other Events:**

Tue 24 Jul  
9pm to 10.30pm  
**Nightjar night walk**  
at Trinity Hill



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Wed 25 Jul  
10am to 12 noon  
**Rockpool ramble**  
at Exmouth beach



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Wed 1 Aug  
9.30am to 11am  
**Outdoor yoga**  
at Seaton Wetlands



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Wed 1 Aug  
1.30pm to 3.30pm  
**Mud walk**  
at Exmouth beach



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Sat 28 Jul  
10am to 4pm  
**Willow Breton Button baskets**  
at Reed Base, Seaton Wetlands



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HEATH WEEK  
Sun 29 Jul  
11am to 4pm  
**HEATH WEEK FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY**



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Wed 1 Aug  
8.30pm to 10.30pm  
**Night walk**  
at Mutters Moor



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Thu 2 Aug  
10am to 12 noon  
**Little ones wild walk**  
at Uphams Woods



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Thu 2 Aug  
2pm to 4pm  
**Fun in the stream**  
at Cranbrook



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Thu 9 Aug  
1pm to 3pm  
**Bug hunt**  
at Seaton Wetlands



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**Summer in Wild East Devon**

Mon 6 Aug  
10.30am to 3.30pm  
**A wild day on the Maer**  
at the Maer Local Nature Reserve



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Wed 8 Aug  
2pm to 4pm  
**Minibeast mayhem**  
at Cranbrook



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Tue 14 Aug  
2pm to 4pm  
**Rockpool ramble**  
at Sidmouth beach



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Wed 15 Aug  
9.30am to 11am  
**Outdoor yoga**  
at Seaton Wetlands



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Mon 20 Aug to Fri 24 Aug  
**SEATON WETLANDS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**



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**Seaton Wetlands Summer Holiday Club**, Monday 20 August to Friday 24 August, 10am to 4pm, Seaton Wetlands Fun, engaging and adventurous outdoor holiday club for 7-11 year olds, based at Seaton Wetlands. Every day will be different with opportunities to learn about Wetlands wildlife, natural craft, use tools, cook on campfires and play. Max 16 children.

Booking required, discover more at [wildeastdevon.co.uk](http://wildeastdevon.co.uk), 01395 517557, [countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk), £25 per child per day. Book 5 days for £112. 10% sibling discount for single day bookings.

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Thu 6 Sep  
8pm to late  
**Bat walk**  
at Seaton Wetlands



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23 July - 3 Sept  
10am to 4pm daily  
**Summer spotter challenge**  
at Seaton Wetlands  
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Sat 15 Sep  
10am to 12.30pm  
**Family forage and cook-up**  
at Holyford Woods



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Sat 29 Sep  
2pm to 4pm  
**Apple day**  
at Elbury Farm Orchard, Cranbrook



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# Don't Forget

- To return your consultation slips by Tuesday.
- To come along and try an instrument on Wednesday evening.

## Dates for your diary

New dates added in bold.

### July

Tuesday 17th July	Talent Show Final 2.45pm prompt
Wednesday 18th July	Music Showcase - learning an instrument
Thursday 19th July	Music assembly - choir/recorders/guitars 2.30pm
<b>Friday 20th July</b>	Drama show for parents Year 1 and 2 (see note on page 2)
<b>Monday 23rd July</b>	Parent consultations - Ash and Oak
<b>Tuesday 24th July</b>	Parent consultations—Willow, Beech and Elm
Thursday 26th July	Leavers Assembly and party at the Cricket Club

### September

Wednesday 5th September	First day back to school for pupils
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