

# CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School.

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## Bear Trail

A great time was had by all the children who participated through The Bear Trail last Saturday. A big thank you to all the staff that went along to ensure this event could take place safely. Also, we need to thank F.O.W.S. for paying for the experience as this was a substitute for the Rock Solid event, which unfortunately went into liquidation earlier in the year.





## Sports Day

Didn't we all have a lovely time today watching all the children participate in Sports Day? As always, the team spirit amongst our children is fabulous to witness.



### **School Meals Questionnaire Feedback from Devon Norse**

I would like to thank those of you that completed the questionnaires as we do value your comments and it helps us look for patterns from these comments to improve the service in your school.

As you may be aware, the school recently changed over to plates and bowls from the traditional airline trays. One of the main advantages to this is that it cuts back on plate waste as the children do not have their dessert in front of them while they are eating their main course which encourages them to eat more. We also pack the food in the production kitchen in KS1 and KS2 boxes to ensure those that come in later in the lunchtime still receive a hot meal.

We have now asked our staff to ensure they ask the child what they want on their plate, and encourage them where they can, to try new foods and always take vegetables or salad. We have also noted that you sometimes feel the names of the dishes do not give you an understanding of what it is, so with the next menu in the autumn, we will send out an explanation sheet to support the menu.

Some of you commented on what dishes you would like to see more of on the menu, which we will try to introduce, however, our menus do meet the high standards of "The School Food Trust" and we do have limitations within this, such as oiled potatoes, processed meats and sugar & salt levels.

Overall your comments were very positive, however, if you would like to contact me regarding anything to do with the lunch service you can contact Devon Norse using the link on the menu or contact me direct at [dawn.wood@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:dawn.wood@ncsgrp.co.uk)

Dawn Wood

### **Staff Retirements**

As you are aware at the end of the summer term the staff and children of Whimple Primary School will be saying a fond, (but very sad) farewell to three long-serving members of our team who are retiring. Mrs Alyson Smith has been our school administrator for over twenty years and has welcomed many families into school in that time. Both Mrs Jayne Lindsey and Mrs Miranda Killen have taught for many years and have been involved in the education of many children and now young adults in the village.

In order to acknowledge their long commitment, for all those who have come into contact with them over the years, we are holding a farewell event which is open to anyone who has had the privilege of knowing these fantastic people.

It is to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Cricket Club from 4pm.

If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to their leaving gifts, please place in a named envelope and drop into the school office.



### **Parent Survey**

Many thanks to all those who have already sent in their completed forms. For those who haven't, please try and find 10 minutes to complete it and return to school by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.



### Fantastic Friday

The last Fantastic Friday for this academic year will take place next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please can you make sure the children in Reception have their outdoor kit to change into after assembly on Friday.

### School Trips

Please can you ensure all money, whatever it is for, is in a **named envelope**. You would be surprised how much money is handed into school on a daily basis and it can be really tricky to try and match things up when they are just handed in with no name. Don't forget we also need the permission form signed and returned too.



### Non-uniform day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

In exchange for not wearing uniform, the children are asked to bring in something for the teachers' tombola stall such as boxes of chocolate, unwanted Christmas gifts, toiletries, sweets, food items, etc.

Don't forget to bring in donations of pre-loved toys, clothes and books for stall at the fayre.

## Summer Fayre Raffle Prizes

Here is a selection of fantastic raffle prizes  
on offer at the summer fayre:

*£25 voucher for Jack in the Green*

**2x Golden Tickets to Bear Feet Playcentre (Exeter)**

*£50 off Laser Summer Camp*

**1X FREE BOUNCE AT IBOUNCE EXETER**

**Free Roast Dinner at The Thirsty Farmer**

*2x £10 vouchers for The Cranberry Farm pub*

**Free MOT from Moorview Motors**

*Free ½ hr session at the Oliver Joseph Gym*

**Free Xmas Wreath from Cotley Farm**

**2x tickets for Whimble Cricket Club end of season 'Queen Tribute Night'**

***Free Cut and Blow Dry at Halos Hair salon***

**Free cup of tea and slice of cake at Cafe@143 in Cranbrook**

***2x Free entry into The Bear Trails at Cullompton***

**1 week pass to David Lloyd Leisure**

**Family ticket to Kent's Cavern**

**Free 30 min Hot Stone or Sports Massage from East Devon Sports Massage**

**Gift wrapped Plant courtesy of Otter Nurseries Garden Centre**

***Free Climb at Clip n Climb Exeter***

**And more great prizes to follow.....**

**Tickets are on sale now at £1 each and your child would have come home with the grid/tickets. This needs to be returned with money by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June please.**

**Thank you.**

# Dates for your diary

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Light and shadow workshop – Year 3
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Life Skills – Year 6
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Women's World Cup Cricket, Taunton
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Crealy – Year 6
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Ash, Elm and Oak school trip
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Start of Village Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Musical assembly – choir, recorders and guitars
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Clyst Vale Transition Days
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Beech school trip
Thursday/Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	DAISI Art Project – Year 1 and 2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Move on day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	King's Transition Days
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential Week Pixie's Holt – Willow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly, last day of term for children.

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