

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### **Introducing Our Teaching Assistants**

At Whimble we have several Teaching Assistants who help support children in class under the supervision of the class teacher. Our teaching assistants all work part-time, mainly in Key Stage 1.



Mrs H Triggs



Mrs M Cosslett



Miss D Passmore



Mrs T Cornish



Mrs K Sherwood



Mrs A Large

### **Mealtime Assistants**

We are currently looking for mealtime assistants to help support and care for our children each lunchtime 12 midday until 1.15pm. The job includes helping children with their meals in the hall and some supervision in the playground. If you are interested please call at the School Office for an application form. Single, regular lunchtimes (e.g. every Tuesday) will be considered.

*Whimble School is committed to safeguarding children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS disclosure will be required.*

### **What day is my child's spelling test? When is P.E.?**

The answers to these questions are now available on each class page (under classes and curriculum tab) on the website. It is called 'Class Activity Information' and provides these details.

## Safeguarding Update

In order to ensure our pupils are kept safe from harm we constantly review our policies. If your child is going to be absent for the day due to ill-health please can you phone the office between 8.45a.m. and 9.30a.m so we can update our registers. If we have not heard anything by 9.30a.m. and your child is marked as absent in the class register we will call your first contact number to confirm your child's whereabouts.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Look out for and return:

Photograph permission forms needed back on Monday 9th

Parent consultation request slips to be returned by Wednesday 11th so we can coordinate times for families with more than one child.

Sponsor forms for our 'sponsored travel'.



### General Niggles—please, please please....

#### Niggle 1

Please help our younger children in the mornings by only staying in the playground if your child is in reception. Children in both Year 1 and Year 2 can be left in the playground under the supervision of the duty teacher from 8.50a.m. If you want to stay with your child (Year 1 and 2) please stand with them in the top playground.

Children in Year 3 to 6 can be left in the KS2 lower playground from 8.50a.m. also under the supervision of the duty teacher.

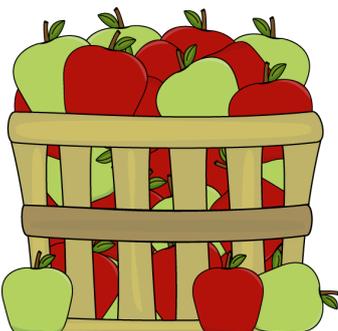
This will really help the staff identify the children they are supervising and keep them safe.

#### Niggle 2

Ensure all monies, whatever it is for, (lunches, clubs, etc) are in envelopes with the child's name clearly on the outside with what the money is for. For school dinners please add the day the money is for and what meal is being ordered.

The office is handling a lot of small amounts of money each day and it is amazing how much is handed over without any envelope or, if in an envelope, it just states 'school dinner' on the outside. As brilliant as our office staff are, they are not miracle workers and tend to take a lot of items through their window in a short space of time in the morning.

We have recently had several children in Key Stage 2 not ordering their meals in the morning which means when it comes to lunchtime we are scrabbling around trying to find extra food. Please help us by ensuring your child knows whether they are having packed lunch or school dinner each day.



### Help required

The younger children in the school will be having a go at apple pressing to make some apple juice to sell. We need some willing volunteers for an hour on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th October, 2.30-3.30pm to help quarter six sacks of apples ready for pressing on Thursday.

## Italian Day

There were lots of lovely smells coming down the corridor on Monday and the children all came to school in clothes in the colours of the Italian flag.



As well as making festival masks and making pizza/pasta, children also sang the national anthem, learnt about some famous Italians (past and present) and sketched some great Italian landmarks and buildings. At the end of the day, they shared some of their work and enjoyed some culinary delights. Thanks to Mrs Knee and Mrs Hynd for lending us their pasta machines.





Events:

**FoWS AGM, Tues 10th October, 7.30, Thirsty Farmer**

I really would love to see as many of you as possible, we will be electing the committee, and speaking very briefly about up coming events. But really I think it would be great to have a bit of a FoWS social, especially for the new parents, so I will keep the meeting as brief as possible!

**Cake Sale, Fri 20th October, 3.30pm, in the top and bottom playgrounds.**

This is being run by the parents of Beech Class, even if your child isn't in this class you are more than welcome to still bake, cakes to be bought to the playground just before the sale or left in the school office on that day...Oh! and don't forget to bring some money!

**Halloween Disco, Fri 20th October, 5.30-7.30, Village Hall, £2 per child**

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 2nd October, from the School Office.

All reception children must be to be accompanied by an adult, please get your free volunteer ticket, also available in the office.



# WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO

FOR  
WHIMPLE  
SCHOOL  
CHILDREN  
ONLY!

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 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

**Games  
PRIZES  
SWEETS  
& MORE!**

**£2  
each!**  
Tickets From  
School  
Office



# Dates for your diary

October 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability (Year 6 – all week)
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	School photos (individual & family photos)
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC assembly
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	TAG Rugby at Clyst Vale (Year 5/6)
Week commencing October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' evenings
Elm class	Monday and Tuesday
Ash class	Monday and Thursday
Oak class	Monday and Tuesday
Beech class	Tuesday
Willow class	Tuesday and Wednesday
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Workouts
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Apple chopping 2.30-3.30pm
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored travel
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Pressing
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Pick at the Orchard from 9.30a.m. onwards - all welcome to join us.

## **Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Alibi visit 'Apple John'
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service at the church by Key Stage 2
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity by Ash and Elm class
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity by Ash and Elm class

## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes at 1.30 pm**

**More dates will be added. Whilst we try and give as much notice as possible we occasionally get last minute opportunities which are too good to miss!**

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