

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Whimble Primary School

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What a welcome change to see some sunshine! The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 had a great morning orienteering at Killerton yesterday which was then followed up by some country dancing in The Orchard to celebrate the apple blossom.

Please take the time to read the weekly newsletters sent out on Friday's. As much as possible we want to put all the information in one place to make it easier to refer to and decrease the number of emails sent from us. It is a very busy term with lots of events happening. Trips are being planned so look out for letters and consent requests coming home.

Class Photographs

These will be taken on Friday morning so please ensure your child is in their school uniform. The half-termly team points winner will be given out on Friday and their non-uniform day will be moved to after half-term.

Relationships and Sex Education

As part of your child's educational experience at Whimble Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, happy and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Since September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, has been **statutory**, and forms part of the National Curriculum. This aspect of the curriculum will be taught in all classes after half term. For more details of what is covered please look at the website - https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/relationships_and_sex_education/522030

Over a number of years, we have had an independent person offer to run a session on body image - this is done in a positive way and includes accepting what we are and look like, whilst raising awareness of what we see in the media, is often not real. We are really lucky to have this opportunity, and the children have always found the session informative. There will be one session for Willow Class and one for Beech Class (including Oak Year 4), also after half term.

If you have any questions please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Many of this term's curricular items link to physical and mental health. We will be helping to collate some of these to show at the Wellbeing Hub at Whimble Fest in July.

Online Presence and Internet Usage

It has been brought to the schools attention this week that videos/images are being uploaded to various social media sites, including uploading to You Tube. Although, often recorded in innocence, some contain age inappropriate language and suggestions.

If recorded at home, they could also contain other information that should not be shared online that can help others to commit identity fraud, and risk being viewed by an unwanted audience. You Tube for example can be watched by anyone if an account is public.

Consent has to be obtained from each individual, (or adult with parental responsibility for under 16s) prior to any images or videos being uploaded.

Privacy settings, including age settings exist to help control and monitor usage and protect children.

Children under the age of 13 should not have online accounts to YouTube, Snap Chat or Tik Tok, some apps like What's App are 16. Parents should not be setting up accounts for them.

We will continue to support and educate pupils about the importance of gaining consent for taking photos and also talking about how they can protect themselves online, and good behaviours to adopt.

It could even impact their future, with many employers now completing online checks as part of their recruitment processes so it is important.

It is essential that children can have open and honest conversations so when they are made to feel uncomfortable they can discuss it and get support.

Navigating the world wide web can be daunting, however, there are many useful resources

A lot of new resources to support parents have been placed on our website which includes:

- Online Reputation
- Managing What your Child Sees Online
- How to keep your child safe online

It maybe worth having a check of any devices your children use, or accounts that may be in your name, and doing this openly with your child/children.

Update re Exe Valley Federation

Message from Mr John Joliffe, Federation Head

The governors of the Exe Valley Federation and Whimble Primary School met last night at Clyst Vale College to vote on the proposal to re-federate. I am delighted to say that both boards voted unanimously in favour of this proposal, which means that Whimble will join us a full member of the EVF from 1st September 2023. The process of re-federation does mean that we will hold parent and staff governor elections in readiness for September across all the schools and we will send out more information about this later in the term. I am very pleased that some Whimble governors will be joining the new board as well and look forward to working with them.

100-Club

Over the past year or so, the number of 100-Club active subscriptions has dwindled, with numbers dropping from 75 in May 22, down to just 25 in May 23. We hope to reinvigorate interest in the 100 Club from September this year with the new intake of pupils.



Participating in the 100-Club, as well as using the Easyfundraising app are two "slow but steady" non-event-fundraising methods which can accrue small amounts of money over the course of any given year. The PTA subsequently allocates that money to directly benefit the children, e.g. assisting with transport costs for school trips, etc.

In the meantime, the overdue monthly draw results have been completed. The winners will be emailed in the next week, but as participation is low, these recent prizes are also very low in value, and you will see the associated figures of subscriptions received and the corresponding prizes awarded in that email.

We will issue the 100-Club prize draw results via email to subscribers on a monthly basis moving forward, so if you would like to join in as we revive this small monthly lottery, please do drop us an email at whimple.pta@gmail.com.

Easy Fundraising

If you're booking a trip for the summer, why not check to see if any of the companies you're using can be found on Easy Fundraising - you could be helping to contribute to funding for the school, which directly benefits the children.

In the last quarter, the PTA has received £153 from Easy Fundraising - the total number of people using this app is around 25, so if that could be doubled or even tripled the difference would be amazing.

The PTA is a registered charity and is completely non-profit. None of the PTA volunteers is being paid for their time and all funding raised goes directly to the school, so all funds raised really do count.

Sign up [here](#) to start donating today!

[How Easy Fundraising works](#)

Bag2School

Thanks to everyone's clothing donations in March, the PTA has received £205 from Bag2School. It's almost time to start having another clear out as there will be another chance to drop off your unwanted good quality clothing on **Thursday 29th June**.

Cranbrook Community SEND Group

A great in person resource to support parents, dates are:

Friday May 5th - St Martins School 9.15-11.15am; Friday May 19th - CEC Wellbeing hub 6 -7.30pm

Friday June 2nd- St Martins School 9.15-11.15am; Friday June 16th -CEC Wellbeing hub 6 -7.30pm

Friday July 7th- St Martins School 9.15-11.15am; Friday July 21st- CEC Wellbeing hub 6 -7.30pm


Also trialling adults only Saturday mornings:

11th June TBC

11th July TBC

Please contact cranbrooksendproject@btinternet.com

if you are interested in sat meet ups



CRANBROOK COMMUNITY SEND GROUP

Contact us for further information
about the locations, meeting dates
and times. PLEASE CALL OR TEXT
SAM on 07359 067788







**Pop in and find out what SEND
family support is all about,
join us for a chat and cuppa.**

**All family members
and children welcome.
No diagnosis necessary.**

Cranbrook Community Support Project for families with additional needs children aim to provide a support group in a safe place where parents can meet other parents, share their experiences, and talk with others in a similar situation.

Together we can support each other, offer emotional support, and learn strategies to help with the challenges faced in everyday life.

We want you to feel valued and included in the lovely Community of Cranbrook and surrounding villages.


-  Regular Cafe Style Meetings
-  Meet Like Minded People
-  Friendship, Emotional & Peer Support
-  Information, Resources and Advice
-  Activities and Social Events
-  Guest Speakers to Educate and Inform
-  Receive Signposting to Local, National Services, Organisations and Groups
-  Participate in Shaping Local Services

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Dates for your diary

May

Friday 26th May

Class Photographs

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Oak Class Forest School

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

June

Thursday 15th June

Ash and Elm Class Trip

Monday 19th June

Beech Class Trip

Thursday 22nd June

Sports Day 10-12.30pm

Friday 23rd June

Willow Class Trip

Friday 30th June

Non Pupil Day (staff training)

July

Monday 3rd July

Oak Class Trip

Friday 14th July

Year 5 Sleepover

Saturday 15th July

Summer School Fayre

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Week commencing 5th June

Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June

Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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