

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



Whimple Primary School

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Now we have entered December, I feel like I can now mention Christmas! It is always hard in school when we have to plan and prepare so far in advance. The snow yesterday also excited the children and gave a festive feel. Read on for lots of Christmas dates and information.

School Christmas Carol Service

Our school Carol Service is being held on Tuesday 5th December in Whimple Church. The church will be open at 5.45pm ready for a 6pm start. All three classes are performing alongside some traditional carols and readings. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Cards

The school Christmas post box will be open from Monday 4th. Our older children will act as posties and will sort and make regular deliveries to class. Please encourage your child to use this to send their cards, this then means all children should receive cards and they can open them at the same time so no one is left out.

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumpers can be worn to school on Friday 8th to coincide with the Christmas fayre.

Christmas Tree

As a school, we were invited to decorate a Christmas tree at Killerton again this year. Many children across the school have been involved in producing something made from natural products. Here is a taster of what it looks like. The whole tree and many others are in the Chapel at Killerton all through December.





Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

For the last couple of weeks, I have been based at Silverton School as Mrs Adnams, the Head of School, has not been well. This has meant that I haven't been as 'present' as usual across the other federation schools and I am very aware that I haven't been in the schools to see children, staff and parents as much as usual. If you do need to contact me for any reason, please do email your child's school office and the staff there can pass on any information that I need. I will be at Silverton for the whole of next week but I keep in touch with what is happening in each of the schools through regular communication with the other Heads during the week and also at our weekly team meetings on Tuesday afternoons.



PRAYER ROOM

Every half term a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools and everyone is welcome to join them. The next prayer room is on Friday, 8th December at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church. For more information, please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com]

Christingle Celebration 2023

Special All Age Service

Sunday 10th December
St Mary's Church Whimple
at 4pm

A magical candlelit celebration, loved by children and adults, to help the whole family share in the Christmas message together in a fun and interactive way.



School Christmas Fayre

One week to go to the Christmas Fayre!!! We are still selling raffle tickets and have some wonderful prizes lined up! Please find Catherine Evans Martin in the Key Stage 1 play ground at pick up or alternatively by Bacs:

Payment to Whimble Primary School PTFA

Lloyds bank

Sort Code 30-94-36

Account number 01582240

Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a strip of 5. If you're paying by BACS please put the ref as 'raffle/surname'. Then use 'messenger' to contact Catherine Evans Martin with your name, how many tickets you have paid for and your telephone number. We will then message you your numbers!



We are still looking for the following for the Fayre so please have a hunt around this weekend!

- Raffle prizes: We have some fab bigger prizes from local businesses but some smaller items such as chocolates, Christmas treats, wine etc or anything you feel would make a fabulous raffle prize in new unused condition would be welcome!
- Small sweets - maybe you have some left from Halloween
- Prizes for lucky dip - maybe you have things left from party bags or other small toys
- Gifts for parents - items in good condition or unused gifts that children can buy for grown-ups.
- Soft Toys - Clean and safe soft toys for the toy tombola.
- Toys and books - clean and safe for the bric-a-brac stall. Items that you would like your child to come home with. School age only NO PRE SCHOOL.
- Spare bags for children to put items in.
- Spare wrapping paper.
- Festive cakes/ biscuits on the day. The kids love buying these! Please let your class reps know if you are able to bake or buy!

(We have some children in the school with allergies so no nuts please in any bakes. We also need some volunteers to bake gluten free and cakes suitable for vegan/ vegetarian diets)

On the day...

The fayre is on Friday 8th December in the afternoon during school hours. Parents of reception children are invited to attend with their children at 3pm - please come direct to the village hall. All parents can come in at 3.30 pick-up time; bring your purses as there will be bargains! Children will need to bring a maximum of £3 with them to school on the 9th (most stalls are a maximum of 20p). Please also send your children with at least one bag more if they are keen shoppers!

Thank you so much for your support and see you there!

Whimble PTA xx

Dates for your diary

December

Tuesday 5th	KS2 Carol Service, 6pm
Thursday 7th	NSPCC Workshops - Year 5 and 6
Friday 8th	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th	Rock Steady Concert (morning - invited parents only)
Monday 11th	Federation Carol Service (Crediton Church)
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th	KS1 Nativity 4.15pm
Friday 15th December	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

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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