

# NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

## Whimble Primary School

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Well, the snow added some extra complications this week but at least the children enjoyed it and at last we saw some sunshine!

Many of you will no doubt be aware from the media that teachers have recently been balloted about going on strike. This probably is not a surprise as many public professions are in the same situation. Whilst no one takes strike action lightly, it is important to improve funding, not just for pay but, for running our key institutions for the benefit of all after a long period of austerity.

The first date announced is Wednesday 1st February and it is possible that the school maybe shut on that day. At present, I am unable to confirm any more information regarding arrangements whilst all advice and guidance is considered

I will update you as soon as I am clear of the situation, but thought it would be helpful to raise your awareness to the situation. so you can start to consider arrangements should the school need to close.

### Curriculum Newsletters

The Spring Term newsletters have been sent out today for each class. Please take the time to have a read as they also include key information about routines like spellings reading and P.E. They are also on the class pages on our website.

[https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/classes\\_1/623499](https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/classes_1/623499)

### Year 6 SATs Information Evening

We would like to invite you into school on **Monday the 30th of January at 3.40pm** for a brief meeting (no more than 20-30 minutes) to discuss SATs week and the expectations on the children in Year 6. It will also be an opportunity to talk a little more about the Civic Award. If you are able to attend, please sign up using this form to allow preparation of resources.

[Sign up here](#)

### ELF Run

Between the Carol Service and the nativity over £230 was raised. This has been shared between the church and school, with £30 being donated to ELF.

The children in Key Stage 2 did a brilliant job in the last week of term running around the MUGA in the cold weather. This fantastic effort, with some money from the church collections raised £85. Many thanks for all your support.

### Science Club

Mrs Boyd is going to run a science club for children in year 3 and 4. This will take place on a Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm. A range of activities will be completed which will count towards the Superstar Crest Award. It will run for 4 weeks this term and will cost £5 per session.

A form will be sent out by email on Monday to register your interest and then we will be in touch to confirm your child's place and arrange payment.

# Dates for your diary

## January 2023

Friday 27th                                      Forest School - Beech Class

## February

Monday 6th                                      Rock Steady Concert (for invited parents only)

Monday 13th to Friday 17th              Half term

## March

Friday 31st March                              Last day of term

## Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May                                      Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May              Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 5th June                      Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June                      Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

## Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

### SPRING TERM 2023

**4<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
*Half term - 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**17<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**  
*May Day holiday - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023*  
*Extra May Bank Holiday 8th May 2023*  
*Half term - 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*  
*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

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