

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School.

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I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some extra time with your children.

Staff changes

Firstly, we say goodbye to Mrs Terrett who has been a Teaching Assistant in Miss Norton's class for the past few years. We would like to thank her for all her help and support during this time. Needless to say she will still be seen in and around school as one of our supply teachers and running both Relax Kids and craft after school clubs.

In her place we welcome two new people as Teaching Assistants - Mrs Cornish, for three mornings and Mrs Sherwood for three afternoons - both in Miss Norton's class.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be taking place for all year groups next week. Letters have gone out which give details for the arrangements for each class - appointment times should come home with your child today. Appointments are 10 minutes long however, if you have a particular issue that requires more time please make a separate appointment with the class teacher at an alternative time. These meetings will concentrate on how children have settled into their new classes, children's application and attitudes to their work, areas for improvement and advice on how you can support your child's learning to help them progress.

Remembrance

The vicar is coming in for a special Remembrance assembly on Monday 7th November. As always we try to collect as much money as we can for the British Legion to support those in need. This year there is a wide range of items to choose from - we are suggesting a minimum donation of £1 per item (wristbands, bracelets, slap bands) and for a smaller donation a traditional poppy or reflector can be obtained.



Advance Notice

The Christmas performance for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December commencing at 5.45 pm (due to hall availability). More details to follow.

Art Display

What a wonderful array of art items from children across the whole school. It had a lovely autumnal feel about it with a slight Roman invasion! I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts in helping to put on this great display at the end of a very busy half term.



Anglo-Saxons at Escot

Beech class had a great time at Escot, being in the role of Anglo-Saxons for a day. They participated in many activities as part of daily life in Anglo-Saxon time including wood working, milling spelt to make flour and making cob for building walls. The afternoon was spent foraging for foods in nature on a walk through the woods.

This has been followed up with a session at the MUGA designing and making Anglo-Saxon settlements.



Taster Session

The kitchen that provides our school meals is providing a taster session for children and their parents on Wednesday 23rd November. More details will be provided in the next CONTACT.

Important Safety Reminder

We have had a few occasions recently where a child has attended a medical appointment and then be brought back to school without being signed in. For us this has health and safety implications as that child would not be registered as being on the premises so, in the case of a fire, would not be counted. It has also sometimes meant that the child returns to find their class is not in school or things like dinners have not been catered for.

For your child's safety please ensure you sign you child in or out at the School Office if they arrive or leave the school site outside of registration time.

Grammar and Punctuation Parents Meeting: KS2

Tuesday 15th November 2016 - 6.00 pm

Mr Brown will be giving away lots of information freebies at this event so don't forget to send the reply slip back so we know how many we need.

F.O.W.S



This year's Craft Fair is nearly upon us and we have lots of stall holders already booked in to sell their artisan crafts.

Please come along and support the event. Georgina Watson will be there on the day doing her face painting and Sally Terrett will be doing children's activities again this year, both always very popular with the children.

There will be tea and a delicious selection of homemade cakes in the cafe and a very good raffle (all the prizes are donations from our talented stall holders).

For more information please contact Mona (Bill's mum) 07886552123

We would much appreciate any cakes that you can bake for us, please either pass to myself in the playground on Friday or bring to the hall on Saturday between 11.30 & 12.30.

But most of all please come along, it's a really great event and perfect for some Christmas Shopping.

Halloween Disco

We'd just like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who helped make the Halloween disco on the 21st October the fun filled, enjoyable evening that it was.

Thank you to everyone who donated decorations, who helped to set up our hall and clear it away again at the end of the evening, who carved a pumpkin, who baked the many, many fabulous cakes for sale (what a fantastic effort!) and to those who volunteered to help us to look after the children.

We'd also like to send a special thank you to Amanda Yendole and to those who helped Amanda to run the very successful tuck shop, the Major family for running the ever popular apple bobbing stall and to Alyson Smith for "manning the ticket booth" and the ticket sales leading up to the event.

The children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes and were throwing some seriously funky shapes on the dance floor.



Our personal favourites were "Superman" and "Oops Up 'Side your Head", which triggered some nostalgic memories for our parents when they entered the hall at the end of the evening! Despite the atmosphere of pure excitement the children behaved impeccably and it was wonderful to watch them enjoying themselves so much. A special thank you to them. It was also lovely to see Miss Clarke on the night and Mrs Shilston in her orange wig and green alien deely boppers!!!

The impressive high standard of pumpkin carving gave the judges the very difficult task of judging and choosing first, second and third place. We even had a VW pumpkin! Well done to everyone. We hoped that you enjoyed the display of pumpkins on the hay bales outside the hall. Thank you to Steve Street for providing us with the bales.

Our spooky photo opportunity scene proved very popular on the evening with lots of strange and scary faces being pulled! We will be in touch again soon to confirm how you may view and order photos of your children dressed in their finest Halloween attire.

All cake tins have now been returned to the School Office for collection. If any tins or decorations have gone walkabouts please speak to Katie Williams, Katy Hill, Susie Plank or myself.

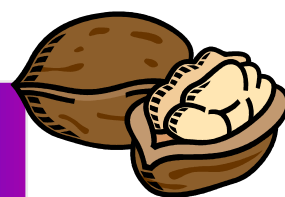
Oh...I almost forgot...the evening raised £200+ for our wonderful school. A great result. See you next year!

Many thanks

Donna Woolston



In a Nutshell



- Don't forget to sign your child in at the School Office if after registration.
- All parents to wait in the library for their consultation (if after 3.30pm). Prior to this please sign in at the School Office.
- Don't forget to send your reply slip for the 'Grammar and Punctuation'.
- Remembrance items for sale all next week.
- Please make sure your child has their PE kit including trainers and their book bags in school every day.

Dates for your diary

November 5 th	Craft Fair
November 7 th and 8 th	Parents' evenings
November 8 th	Flu Vaccinations (p.m.)
November 9 th	Theatre Alibi visit 'The Boy Who Climbed into the Moon'
November 14 th	School photos (individual & family photos)
November 15 th	Grammar and Punctuation Parents meeting KS2 6 pm
November 21 st	Music Assembly 2.45 pm
November 23 rd	School dinner taster session
December 2 nd	Non pupil day (disaggregated)
December 8 th	Carol Concert in the Church
December 13 th	5.45 pm Christmas Production (Reception & KS1)
December 14 th	Christmas dinner
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Friday 16th December – School finishes at 1.30 pm	
January 4 th	First day of Spring term for pupils

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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