

# NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

## Whimble Primary School

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It's hard to believe it is the end of our first half-term - where did that go! Make sure you have a good break and have some time to relax. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday 1st November. Have a good half-term!

### **Clubs**

We have managed to secure an external provider to run a Beading Club after school.

The Beading Club will start on Monday 7th November and run for five weeks until Monday 5th December.

Beading club is a jewellery making club that allows the children to learn a range of jewellery making skills and techniques. Each week, the children will make a wide range of jewellery using a selection of acrylic and wooden beads and assorted threads. There is a main project each week that progresses in difficulty as the term goes on, developing the child's jewellery making skills.

After making the main project of the week, the children can make as much jewellery as they like. They take home every piece of jewellery that they make. Projects range from clip on or real earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings, hair braids, book marks and keyrings to name a few. To register and pay please visit the website below.

<https://www.sophie-maydesigns.co.uk/products/whimble-primary-school>

### **Rock Steady**

Rock Steady came to visit this morning and all children watched a musical assembly and attended a music workshop. We have managed to secure this great company to provide children with a musical opportunity in school on Monday mornings. starting on Monday 7th November.

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, and even academic achievement.

For more information and to sign up please see the attached flyer and look at their website.

[In-School Rock & Pop Band Lessons | Rocksteady Music School](#)

### **Ottery St Mary Library**

There are lots of things happening at the library over half-term and beyond for both children and adults. Take a look at the attached posters for more information.

### **Provisional Christmas Dates**

See the diary dates on the last page for more information.

## Whimble Primary PTA

### Christmas Fair

After half term Whimble PTA will be giving parents more information on the Christmas Fair. The annual Christmas Fair is a wonderful event run by parents for children in school time. As October half term is often a time for sorting and clearing at home please do take note of the items below that we will shortly be asking for.



As usual we value your help with donations and this year we would appreciate the following:

- Items to decorate the grotto such as unwanted Christmas trees/decorations/ tinsel/ lights
- 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.
- Wrapping paper and tags - any spare Christmas wrapping paper or tags that you have from last year that is recyclable.
- 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. If possible, please can you bag these in class age bags. We put out items that are relevant to each year group.
- Any spare bags for children to put items in
- Any prizes for a parent focused raffle. If you work for a company or business that may be able to donate something please let us know!

We will let you know when you can start to bring donations into school or where they can be dropped off. If you have a raffle prize or work for a company that could donate something for the raffle please do contact Amanda Denton, Katherine Panciewicz or email [whimble.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimble.pta@gmail.com).

# Dates for your diary

## October

Monday 24th to Friday 29th      Half Term

Monday 31st                      Staff training day (no pupils)

## November

Monday 7th                      Willow class swimming lessons start

Tuesday 22nd                  Individual School Photographs

## December

Thursday 8th                  KS2 Carol Service 6pm (time tbc)

Wednesday 14th              KS1 Christmas Nativity 4.30pm (time tbc)

Friday 16th                      Last day 1.30pm finish

## Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

*Half term - 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

### 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*

*Half term - 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

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