

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimple Primary School

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It has been an interesting week this week - we have had a number of problems with our internet and it is likely that this may continue next week so please bear with us. It maybe that when we are checking registers we call to check about your child as we have been unable to access emails.

The Year 6 approached their SATs in a calm manner and whatever the outcome we are extremely proud of them. I would like to thank all the adults involved in supporting them this week, and especially Mr Brown for organising breakfast each morning.

Polite Reminder

The hall car park is for use by staff, hall users and the doctor's surgery. We request that parents who have to drive use the Thirsty Farmer car park for drop off and collection. With more staff and increased use of the surgery, there are times when staff are unable to park which is impacting on the time they are able to get into class to help set up for the day.



Next Sweet Sale in the playground will be Friday 24th May.

The Summer Fayre is Saturday 22nd June. Donations required for raffle prizes and also donations of cakes baked or bought.

Next Bags2School collection - Date TBA

Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



After almost ten years at Silverton C of E School, Mrs Adnams has decided to take some time to focus on her family and to enjoy more worldwide travel and will be leaving at the end of the summer term. Many children have cause to be grateful to her for her pastoral care and concern for their well-being and learning over the years and there will be plenty of opportunities to say thank you to her in July and to wish her well on this exciting new phase of her life.

I will be working as Head of Silverton in the autumn term and I am looking forward to being based in one school and getting to know the children and families there. I will continue to lead the federation as Executive Headteacher, with the support of the other members of the senior leadership team and governors. This model of working has been successful in other federations, including the South Hams Federation, where the EHT is also the head of one of the schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Adnams for her hard work and determination to champion the cause of vulnerable children in her care and to wish her every happiness as she steps away from school leadership and embarks on new adventures in the autumn.

PRAYER ROOM

The next Prayer Room will be held at Silverton Evangelical Church on Friday, 24th May at 9.30am. More details from Andy Mathers [email: apmathers@gmail.com]. New parents are welcome to join us.

Whimple Annual Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show



Whimple Gardening Club have been running an annual flower, vegetable and craft show in the village for the last 68 years. There is only one year we couldn't, and we are sure you can guess why that was if we tell you, it was in 2020!

Since then, the number of adults and children getting involved hasn't quite returned to previous levels. We discussed this recently with Whimple School and are absolutely delighted that the school are going to encourage the children to enter by giving them time towards the end of this term to make entries for two of the "classes" with clear educational value. In turn we are scrapping the small entry fee which we used to charge.

The show is on Saturday 10th August this year and for adults who would also like to join in there are a wide range of things you could enter. The full "schedule" of classes will be available from Whimple stores by the end of this month. Your participation would be warmly welcomed.

Dates for your diary

May

- 24th Elm Class Outdoor Learning Day
24th Wildlife Garden visitor Beech and Oak Class

June

- 3rd Non-Pupil Day - staff training
9th Park Run at Cranbrook
21st Sports Day (morning only at the Cricket Club)
26th EVF Year 6 transition day
28th Non-Pupil Day - staff training

Key assessment dates for 2024

- Phonics Screening (Year 1) w/c 10th June
Times Tables Check (Year 4) w/c 3rd June

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

- SUMMER TERM 2024** 15th April to 25th July 2024
Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024
Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd June and 28th June 2024

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

- AUTUMN TERM 2024** 5th September to 18th December 2024
Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

- SPRING TERM 2025** 7th January to 4th April 2025
Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

- SUMMER TERM 2025** 22nd April to 25th July 2025
May Day holiday - 5th May 2025
Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025
Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd and 4th September, 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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