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Visit to Exeter Synagogue and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum

On Tuesday, all children from Year Five and Six hopped on a coach and headed for Exeter. The first part of our day was spent at the Synagogue, where we put our learning about Judaism to the test. Stewart, who talked to us about his religion, sent this email on our return:

"I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was talking to your students this morning at the synagogue. They were extremely well prepared to get the most out of the visit. A credit to themselves, their teachers and the school."



After lunch in the park, we headed to the RAMM museum for some exploration of the exhibits. We have been writing stories this week based on Night at the Museum.

Polite Reminder:

We can no longer accept old pound coins or, from 1 March 2018, paper £10 notes as they are not legal tender. They can still be exchanged at any high street bank.



Health Alert from Public Health England - Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs and symptoms.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on the skin of some Black and Asian people, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Scarlet fever FAQ: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>



NSPCC

A big thank you for supporting your children with their 'Buddy workout'. A grand total of £234.37 was raised.



School Governors

Each school has a governing body made up of parent representatives, staff representatives and members of the local community. This group of governors have overall responsibility for the functioning of the school, from budgets to staff and the well-being of the children. The governing body meets once every half term to consider the needs of the school. In addition, the governing team at Whimble school has 2 committees, each of which meet once per term. One focusing on teaching & learning, including staffing and academic achievement. The other is finance & resources which looks at funding all aspects of the school as well as maintaining the building.

There are currently 10 governors serving Whimble school. They play an active role in school life in a number of ways. Individual governors visit lessons and activities to learn more about a particular features of school life.

More information is available on the school website:

<http://www.whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/governors/93231>

Fantastic Friday - Forest Schools

Year 4 had a busy time at Forest School last half-term, converting measurements, measuring accurately, sawing and screwing to produce five bird boxes. Working as a team was also key to the final outcome. Hopefully the birds will enjoy their new homes.



Music Lessons

As part of their music lessons this term, the Year 6 children have been learning to play ocarinas. We have been lucky enough to be able to borrow a class set for this term. After a number of sessions learning how to play them and learning to read music they felt ready to play in front of an audience.

The children performed to the school in assembly yesterday and what a fabulous job they did.



Dates for the diary:

The dates have been set for the musical assemblies this term. Monday 12th March for children who are learning to play instruments individually, for example, saxophone, piano and violin. Monday 19th March for the choir, guitars and recorders.

School Photographs

Following on from the photographs taken in the autumn term both photographers have asked for feedback on their product and service. Both questionnaires will be emailed out, please complete one or both, depending on what photos you had taken and then ordered.

Completed forms can be returned to the office or in the case of The Smart Photographer can also be accessed online from the link below. Please find the time to complete as we all value your feedback and it will help us to decide who and when to have photographs taken next.

If you need a hard copy of either form, please contact the office.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L3JZS58>

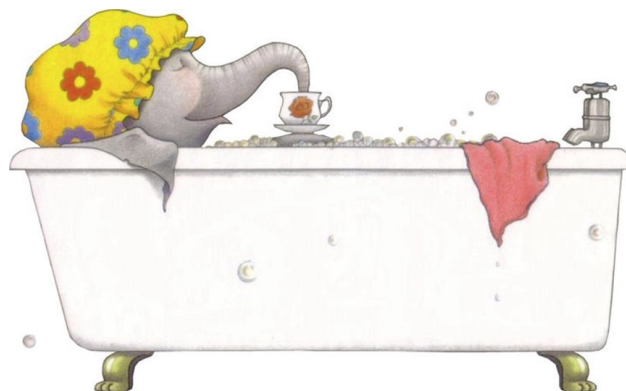
Letting us know the type of photo, i.e. individual or class or year group, and the best time of year for them to be taken will be really helpful.



Parent Time

Spring - Summer 2018

St Martin's Primary School,
Younghayes Road,
Cranbrook,
Exeter,
EX5 7DT



Parent time will run fortnightly with different topics of interest covered in these sessions.

Come and join other parents for a drink, biscuit and chat.

Thursday 22 nd February 3.30-4.30	Guest Speaker: Michelle Perryman - School Nurse Sleep, Eat, Drink and Toilet
Tuesday 27 th February 8.45-9.15	Early Years Pupil Premium Supporting your child in school by completing forms today
Tuesday 13 th March 8.45-9.15	Meeting Sensory Needs Reducing Sensory Overload
Tuesday 27 th March 8.45-9.15	Mentoring and Coaching
Tuesday 17 th April 8.45-9.15	Fine and Gross Motor Skills
Tuesday 1st May 8.45-9.15	Speech and Language
Tuesday 15 th May 8.45-9.15	Internet Safety 'So you think they are safe'
Tuesday 12 June 8.45-9.15	Parent Voice
Tuesday 26 June 8.45-9.15	Managing transition including Pupil Premium form filling today to support your child
Tuesday 10 th July	Cake Celebration of the Year Please bring and share. Plans for Next Year



Find Your Friends' Wordsearch

Last chance to enter. If your child wants to enter to win a £5 cash prize then complete your entry and return it to the school office with a 50p entry fee. Closing date Friday 23rd February - so get searching!

Dates for your diary



Don't forget

Reception Vision Checks

Forms need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 28th February to ensure your child is able to have their eyes checked on Friday 2nd March.

Open Evening

Classrooms and corridors will be open for your perusal from 3.40pm until 5.30pm. Come and look through your child's work but also look around the classrooms and shared spaces like the ICT suite, and corridors to see wonderful displays of a variety of children's work.

Dates for your diary

February

Monday 26th Dental checks - Year 3 and Year 4

March

Thursday 1st	Open evening to view books and displays
Friday 2nd	Vision screening - Reception
Friday 2nd	World Music Workshop - Key Stage 2
Tuesday 6th	Shumba Arts - Key Stage 1
Wednesday 7th	SATs information evening - Year 6 parents
Monday 12th	Instrumentalists assembly
Wednesday 14th	Reading Information evening for parents
Friday 16th	Annual Reports go home (Year 1 to Year 6)
Monday 19th	Musical assembly
Tuesday 20th	Parent consultations
Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance
Wednesday 28th	Troy Story performance

Don't forget we break up at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holidays.

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