

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



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Whimple Primary School

Issue 11

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Another week has flown past and we are rapidly heading into December. We have had a good number of children wanting to participate in our newly formed school choir. Children can wear their festive jumpers for the day of the Christmas Fayre, Friday 8th December.

Year 5 Residential

Information went out to parents with regards the Year 5 residential yesterday. Miss Clarke and Mrs Wall were hoping to talk through the slides and information prior to sending it home but, unfortunately for a number of reasons this will now take place on Monday. Children will be able to ask any questions they have then.

Whimple PTA

PTA AGM is on Tuesday 28th November at 7pm in the school library. Please come to the double doors to gain entry to the school. We look forward to seeing you all, please come along and introduce yourselves, it is a great group of people and you can then decide how involved or not you would like to be.

Bags 2 School

Collection of the bags is from the shelter in the Thirsty Farmer car park — please drop off your bags by 9am on Monday 27th November. A great opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas.



Christmas Fayre raffle

As in previous years we're organising a 'raffle' to support the Christmas Fayre on Friday the 8th December. There will be some wonderful prizes donated by local businesses.

There are three ways to buy tickets (£1 a ticket/£5 per strip)

- Face to face at drop off and pick up from Catherine Evans Martin in the key stage one playground
- Bacs payment to Whimple Primary School PTFA Lloyds bank Sort Code 30-94-36 Account number 01582240

Please put the ref as 'raffle followed by your surname'. Following your transfer please use messenger to contact Catherine Evans Martin with your name, how many tickets you paid for and your telephone number. Catherine will confirm your ticket numbers and good luck!



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

As the autumn turns to winter, the season for viruses and other infections tends to get underway as well and often children are not well during this time. The Chief Medical Officer and leading health professionals have written to schools to ask us to provide a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance. They have shared useful information for schools to pass onto parents including when is it appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with a mild illness. This may be found on the federation website under 'key information' and 'attendance'. There is a very helpful list of childhood infections and guidance about what to do if your child is not well. Schools used to have a 'Spotty Book' with this information in, which I always thought was very aptly named, with all this information in it but the information on the website is much easier to access and I hope this is helpful to you when you are deciding whether to send your child to school or not.



Exe Valley Federation Carol Service

The federation carol service is taking place on Monday, 11th December at 6.00pm at Crediton Parish Church, [Church Street, Crediton EX17 2AH]. All parents are welcome to join us for this event, which is the first time we have been able to bring all the schools together for several years. The children who are involved in the service will have a letter with more details about when they need to arrive to practise, by the end of next week.

Year 5 Residential Visit

Information about the Year 5 residential visit to Bristol and Bath should have been emailed to parents yesterday. If you have not received the information, please contact your child's school office. There is more information on the federation website under 'key information' and 'residential visits', including the presentation about the activities we will be taking part in during the visit and who will be going with the children.

Prayer Room

Every half term a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools and everyone is welcome to join them. The next prayer room is on Friday, 8th December at 9.30am at Silverton Evangelical Church. For more information, please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com]

Give the gift of library membership this Christmas - and it's completely free!

Sometimes, the best things in life are free. Ease the financial pressure this Christmas and pick up a free library membership card gift pack. Your loved one will save money too. If they buy one book a month plus a daily newspaper, a library card could save them £500 a year!

Gifting ideas:

- As a stocking filler.
- Gift a book and pop the library gift card inside.
- Buying a device, give the library gift card and once registered it gives immediate access to thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers and eMagazines in the digital library.

Pop in to Ottery library and pick up a library membership gift card, while stocks last.



Pick up a gift card and envelope at your local library and gift to friends and family. ↗

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Dates for your diary

November

Tuesday 28th PTA AGM 7pm

December

Tuesday 5th KS2 Carol Service, 6pm

Thursday 7th NSPCC Workshops - Year 5 and 6

Friday 8th Christmas Fayre

Monday 11th Rock Steady Concert (morning - invited parents only)

Monday 11th Federation Carol Service (Credon)

Wednesday 13th Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th KS1 Nativity 4.15pm

Friday 15th December Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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