

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### Musicians Assembly

What a lovely way to start the week. It was incredible to see 25 children stand up and play their various instruments individually and for some, also as part of a duet. From piano, to violin, saxophone, trumpet, clarinet and flute, it was a delight to listen to. Well done to all those for performing and playing in front of a large audience.



Thank you to all their teachers.



Our next musical delight is on Monday 19th March at 2.45pm where we get to see the choir, guitars and recorders perform.



## China Day in Beech Class

Also on Monday 12th March, Beech Class had a whole day of activities relating to the art and culture of China. Children arrived in a range of costumes which helped them get into the spirit of the day. In addition to learning about how the Chinese came to order the animals for Chinese New Year they worked in groups to make some shadow puppets and then perform a story about one of the featured animals. After spending time in groups thinking about and creating their shadow puppets, the children then produced some lovely performances.

Finally, to end the day, some noodle dishes were sampled from different regions of China and were offered advice by their message in each of their own individual fortune cookies.

They all enjoyed their day and learned lots of new things. Thank you to Miss Clarke and Mrs Boyd for organising this great day and to parents for helping with outfits.



## Reading Information Evening

Thank you to those who attended our recent information evening. I think it was a surprise to many the expectation in reading and the understanding required (inference) to answer the reading comprehension questions. Hopefully, you picked up some useful pointers and like spellings, times tables, etc time has to be allocated to read and enjoy good books. Reading books to children should not stop once they can read well themselves, sharing books helps not only to develop their vocabulary but provides opportunities to really unpick what is happening in the text and why.

## Letter from the Minister of State for School Standards



# Department for Education

*It was great to receive a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP earlier this term congratulating the staff and pupils of the school for our very high achievement in reading in the 2017 Key Stage 2 assessments. 100% of our pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading which means Whimple Primary School is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.*

Without your continued help and support this would not be possible and like you, we want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency and understanding in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond.

## Astronomer Visit

On Tuesday afternoon Willow Class were lucky enough to have a visitor from the Norman Lockyer Observatory in Sidmouth.

He showed the children his computerised telescope and showed how to spot the stars in the sky. The children asked some brilliant questions and learned a lot about our solar system!



## Speeding Through the Village

Please be mindful of driving through the village at the correct speed. Parents are easily identifiable when your children are wearing school uniform. Please be considerate of everyone in our neighbourhood as we want everyone to be safe.

## Important things to remember:

### Monster Race

Good luck to all those 80 children taking part in the Monster Race tomorrow.

Don't forget to wear your T-shirt but also wrap up warm; take your child through the registration tent with their waiver form and then meet staff at the start line.

Enjoy!



### Tickets for Troy Story

Tickets for the production of 'Troy Story' will be available for general release from the school office from Monday 19th March.

The tickets are free but we will ask for a donation on the night to help cover all our overheads, including the hall hire. All children will get to watch the dress rehearsal on the Tuesday.



### Music Assembly

The choir/recorders and guitars assembly will start at 2.45pm in the hall. Come and listen to a wide range of music by many of the children in Whimple School.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities

### GIRLS & FOOTBALL



West Hill Wasps are a mixed sex football team and are very proud to have many successful female players. One now plays for Yeovil Town! We want more girls to enjoy the West Hill Wasps football experience and have set up FREE taster sessions (girls only) on **Sun March 25th 9:30-10:30a.m.**, **Tues March 27th 5:30-6:30p.m.** and **Tues May 1st 5:30-6:30p.m.**

Enthusiasm is valued over experience!! Come and have fun. You must register your interest with Doug (Nathan's Dad year 4) first [dferguson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dferguson@doctors.org.uk)

### CALLING YEARS 2 & 3-

West Hill Wasps are after enthusiastic children to join Yr 2 (under 7's) and Yr 3 (under 8's). It's a mixed boys girls club with enjoyment at the core of what we do. We would also like a parent of any year 2 children to join and be FA trained (free) to help with next years under 8's. Please contact [dferguson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dferguson@doctors.org.uk) for information.



Hello we have a couple of fundraisers coming up (all money raised goes towards buying fab stuff for the school)

Please help if you can! But just as importantly please attend these lovely events xx

### **Easter Bingo Thursday 22nd March**

Cakes, cakes and more cakes please!!!!

I'd really appreciate for lots of you to bake/buy cakes, can any donations please be left in the school office on the day or bring along with you on the night.

We're also after a couple more helpers on the evening, we'll be at the cricket club from 5.15 to lay table out etc. (Please let myself or Zoe Bickel know).

### **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 24th March**

I'm after a couple more helpers to hide eggs, we meet at midday and normally takes around an hour, please let me know ASAP if you can.

Many thanks for your continued support, Katie Williams.



# Don't forget

- To bring your waiver form to the Monster Race - you cannot take part without it.
- Get your 'Troy' tickets from the office.

# Dates for your diary

## March

Monday 19th	Musical assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 20th	Parent consultations
Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance 5.45pm
Wednesday 28th	World Music Workshop - Key Stage 2
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**Don't forget we break up at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holidays.**

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