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Sports awards

Last Friday in assembly, Physical Education (P.E.) and being active was the focus.

Congratulations to James and Alfie who were the first ever winners of the Whimble School Active Student Award. Both of these boys took part in extra-curricular clubs after school and are constantly busy in their free time. Well done boys - I wonder who will win this term?



We were also delighted to award Charlie with a well-earned pair of tickets to watch Somerset play cricket in the 2018 season. He ran like the wind during our charity fun run and motivated his friends to go with him - excellent effort Charlie, fully deserved!



Remembrance Assembly

The vicar gave a lovely assembly talking about heroes and why so many people, not just service people, are heroes. The Year 1 children read out their fabulous remembrance poem to the school.



Here is the poem the Year 1 children wrote with Mrs Clapp.

Let's Give Them 2 Minutes

Let's give them 2 minutes on the 11th of November,
At 11 o'clock to think and remember.

Brave people who guard and protect our land,
In the air, on the sea and on the sand.

We can sing and dance and run,
Come to school and have lots of fun.

We can choose what we do or say,
We can choose what to eat or play.

So buy your poppy and wear it with pride,
Think of all the people who got hurt, and those who died.

Let's remember them now with our heads bowed low,
And say thank you to the people who we do not know.



Whimpe Primary School Governors

Here are our wonderful governors who continue to support and challenge the school. The team is drawn from the school and local community (including some elected by parents) who are appointed to oversee the school. The governors work with the head teacher to set the school's aims and objectives, prepare its forward plans, and determine its policies, targets and priorities. They work alongside the head teacher to achieve high standards for the school. The governors and teaching staff are held to account on behalf of the local community in general, and parents in particular, for: the performance of the school, the delivery of the curriculum, the school finances and a fair and caring regime for pupils.

Mrs Maria Wallis
(Chair) Co-opted



Mrs Helena Hastie
Co-opted



Mrs Gill Seeley
Local Authority



Parent Governors

Mrs Kate Mackay



Mrs Linden Best (Vice chair)



Mr James Terrett



Community Governors

Clerk

Mrs Gail Martin-Davies



Mrs Caroline Ward-Reece



Mrs Cathy Culshaw



Music Clubs

Music clubs are up and running well. Recorders and guitars are not taking new members, but choir will take new members after Christmas. A music assembly to celebrate their hard work will take place later in November - date to be confirmed (we will let you know as soon as we can).



Open Evenings

It was great to see so many of you come into school to share and celebrate the children's achievements. We plan to make this a termly event.

Children In Need

This year's theme is 'Do your own thing', so with this in mind we are encouraging children to dress up and 'do your own thing'. Whether it is a teddy bear, fairy, pirate or sports person - come as whoever you want for a small donation of £1.



School Uniform

We now have a plentiful supply of school jumpers, PE t-shirts and backpacks. Unfortunately, our suppliers have had to increase their prices which, in turn, means we need to increase our prices. We have kept the increase to a minimum and the new prices are as follows:

Jumpers: 24" - 28" (ages 3-4, 5-6 & 6-7) remain £9 each
 30" - 34" (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) are now £9.50 each
 36" (xs adult) £10.50 each. (These are more expensive as adult sizes are VATable)

PE t-shirts: All sizes have increased slightly to £4.50

Backpacks remain the same at £12 each and caps are also available for £2 each.

School Photographs

You should receive your codes to view your child's photographs next week. Don't panic - there will be plenty of time to get them before Christmas.



CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2019-20

What is it Consultation on school admission arrangements for 2019-20 and Devon education transport policy for 2019-20

When does it start 1 November 2017

When does it finish 5 January 2018

How do I comment schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or

School Admissions Consultation, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG

The admission authorities for all schools are required by the School Admissions Code to consult on their admission arrangements. Equally, local authorities such as Devon are required to consult on the co-ordination schemes and other policies that enable parents to apply for places. The intention is that admission arrangements meet the needs of parents and children. Consultation is an important part of the process in setting school admission arrangements.



Public
Consultation

School Admission Arrangements

for state-funded schools and

Education Travel Arrangements

for the academic year 2019-2020

Consultation open from 1 November 2017
to 5 January 2018

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and by the academy, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools in Devon which are their own admission authorities.

To view the proposals, please visit:
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements
or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019
for a paper version.

Parent Support INFORMATION SESSIONS

IN THE EXMOUTH ACADEMIC LEARNING COMMUNITY

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and all other interested parties very welcome.)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
Learning to Wait Language development	Friday 10 th Nov	Why is it so important to be able to wait? It is the basis of resilience , social interaction (turn-taking) and self-control (internal discourse). We will also consider undetected lan- guage problems. Educational Psychologist co-presenting.
How can I help a child who may have autistic traits? (e.g.Asperger's/ Autism/PDA)	Friday 17 th Nov	As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending. We will look at strategies including social stories, ideas for in & out of the class /at home. We will touch on how very bright children can benefit from similar strategies. Ed Psych here too J
Preparing for Christmas for those children who have suffered loss /any change	Friday 24 th Nov	How to help a child suffering from one of these debilitating issues, in the classroom or at home, including working through the stages of grief. How loss, grief, separation and change are linked. Ways you can help a grieving parent. How children of different ages react. Covers divorce and be- reavement too.
Preparing for Christmas; keep calm and MISP	Friday 1 st Dec	Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential; could this be the way forward for your child (in class/at home)? Learn strategies to keep yourself and the class calm . Massage in Schools Programme – feel free to ring for more details J
Understanding boys' learning and motivation	Friday 8 th Dec	Boys can under-achieve, show disruptive behaviour and lack motivation for learning. We will learn about boys' brains, matching needs to activities and creating boy-friendly lessons, classrooms and homes. We'll look at shame too.

NO CHARGE – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! J PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS

**Bring your questions – or better still phone or email them in advance and we will
find strategies to fit!**

To book a place or ask for further information, please ring 01395-263397 ext 2 (Please leave a message if necessary and I will get back to you) or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org . Thank you.

FOWS

Friends Of Whimple School

Hello!

Hoping that lots of you are going to help us by baking cakes for this Saturdays Craft Fair!

Can you either pass them on to me in the playground, or leave in the school office please.

And also please come along, it's in the Victory Hall 1-4pm this Saturday, it really is a fab event to do some Christmas Shopping.

Katie Williams

IN SUPPORT OF WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHIMPLE CRAFT FAIR

CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS
TEAS AND CAKES

1pm - 4pm

Saturday 11th
November 2017

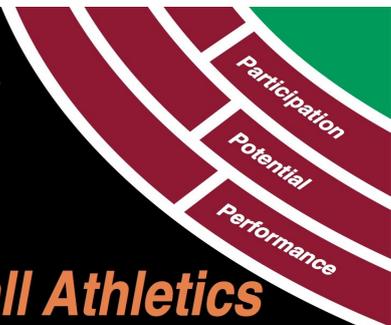
Contact: Cathy Culshaw - 07789553251

Christmas Fair, Friday 8th December. We will be sending out more info on this, but please start getting together any unwanted, good condition, toys and games (school age children's items only please), and adult gifts.

Things to see and do:



— South West —
Athletics Academy
EXETER Sportshall Athletics



- Come and have a go at a range of sportshall athletics events
 - Running jumping and throwing activities lead by local coaches
 - 2 groups - **Minis** age 4-7, **Juniors** age 8-11 (all events are inclusive)
 - £7 advanced booking (£6 members), £8 if pay on the day
- then come and do as many events as you like

Come and have a go!

Inclusive sportshall athletics activities for children

- Sprints ● Hurdles ● Distance ● Relays
- Obstacle Relays ● High Jump
- Standing Long jump & Triple Jump
- Speed Bounce ● Shot ● Turbo Javelin
- Balance Beam ● Vertical Jump plus more . . .



10 - 11.30am

Saturday 23rd September
Sunday 19th November
Sunday 10th December
Sunday 21st January
Sunday 25th February

**at Riverside Leisure Centre,
Exeter EX4 1AF**

07745 616852

See our website for more details



website: www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk

TRIANGLES OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - ACHIEVING MOTOR SKILLS

STARTING SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2017

Venue: Victory Hall, Broadclyst, Exeter

Is your child sensory sensitive?

Would they like to be better at motor skills (fine and gross) and have fun doing it?

Are they overwhelmed in big groups?

Do they want to learn independence skills in a small structured group run by experienced Occupational Therapists trained in Sensory Integration?

We are running groups on a Saturday morning with a maximum of 8 children in each group for 5 weeks:

18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December & 16th December

Time: 9.30am – 10.30am & 10.45am – 11.45am

Cost: £150.00

For more information contact either of the Occupational Therapists listed below;-

Catherine – Tel. – 07974 954739 or email catherine@trianglesot.co.uk

Sarah – Tel – 07484 812729 or email sarah@trianglesot.co.uk

Dates for your diary

Wednesday November 15th	Theatre Alibi visit 'Apple John'
Thursday November 22nd	Nasal Flu Vaccinations pm
Monday December 11th	Carol Service at the church by Key Stage 2 (including choir/recorders)
Wednesday December 13th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class
Thursday December 14th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class

Friday 15th December – School finishes at 1.30 pm

Start of Spring term Thursday 4th January 2018

School tours for children starting in September 2018

Tuesday 14th November 10am

Thursday 16th November 11am

Monday 20th November 2.15pm

Wednesday 22nd November 10am

Please call the office to book a visit.

More dates will be added. Whilst we try and give as much notice as possible we occasionally get last minute opportunities which are too good to miss!

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