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Torbay and Devon Civic Award

This year, our Year 6 children have been invited to take part in achieving the Torbay and Devon Civic Award. One of the things the children have to do is to adopt a cause or charity which they feel strongly about. They need to research it and find ways of supporting it.

Ben Hudson, Charlie Williams and Daniel Baker would like all of the children, (and adults), in the school to wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 20th November - the brighter and more outrageous the better! You will find out why when they come home that day.

Children In Need

Dear Reader,

On Friday the 16th of November it will be a non-school uniform day to raise money for Children In Need. We ask for your child to:

- Wear something different, the spottier the better!
- Bring in £1 to donate
- To try and do their part for Children In Need by: Entering a contest, listening well in our presentation and to try and raise as much money as possible.



Your child does not need to enter the contest or wear spotty clothes. They can wear normal school clothes or anything else. Just bear in mind the day is nearing!

From, Sylvia Reid, Katie Jaggs, Alice Davis

After School Clubs

Please remember to inform the person running the club if your child is not attending if they have been present at school. Ideally, a snack, and essentially a drink must be provided. The water bottles provided by the school are for use during the school day only. We are also having lots of children without their PE kits in school, often after an after-school club. Can we suggest children use different shorts and T-shirt for this and leave their kits in school.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Tuck Shop

Elm Class eat their snacks with their peers in class prior to break time to prevent choking hazards. If your child is in this class and they have not got a snack to have and you would like them to have something from our tuck shop please go with them before school to purchase something. Many thanks.

Fire Visit

We are lucky to have the local fire service education team visit our school annually to educate our children and help keep them safe. The children in Ash and Year 5 had a great talk along with a question and answer session. The older children were asked to find out things from home, so hopefully they have asked you a number of things.

The fire service have asked us to share the following information with you - please look them up, it's a free resource and there is lots of useful information on their website.



Make the call!
0800 05 02 999



Children are at the greatest risk if there is a fire. Find out how to keep them safe. Our specially trained Technicians can tell you how.

A third of fire deaths happen in properties without a working smoke alarm. Our Technicians will provide and fit one FREE of charge.

We are here to help, please call and reduce the risk.

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**Book
Fair**



Book Fair

Come along to our Book People Book Fair and start buying your Christmas presents. Everyone loves a good book. Last year we raised lots of money to supplement books for guided reading and our school library.

The Book People book fair is open on **Friday 23rd, Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th November** in the school library, 3.30pm until 5pm. The book fair is open to anyone so please let your friends and family know. The more books we sell the more commission we get to buy more books for our children.

Remembrance 2018

You may not be aware but The History Society and Whimple PCC have been lucky enough to have been awarded a grant to fund our village's participation in the nationwide 'There But Not There' project to mark the centenary of the end of WW1.

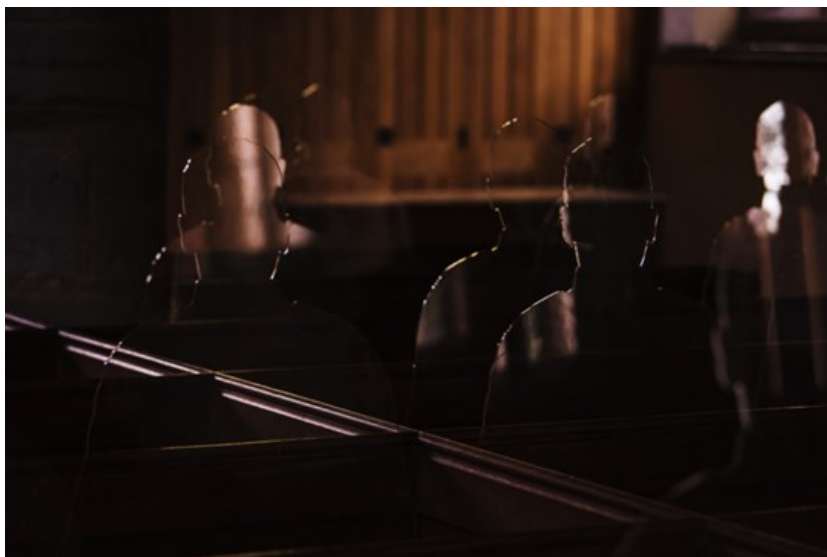
There But Not There aims to place a representative figure for every name on local war memorials around the country, into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt. These transparent silhouettes will be back within their communities for Remembrance 2018, the centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 First World War.

As well as silhouettes there is also a display of certificates from the War Graves Commission for each of the names on the war memorial, as some war poetry.

Do pop in to the church between now and Sunday to look (it's open daily from around 10am). This is a limited opportunity!

You can find out more about the project here: https://youtu.be/gcp5R_vFizk

Rob Davis



Also from school

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 performed some great songs and pieces in a special Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday. Their silent soldiers and a poem written by our Year 2 children last year are also on display in Whimple Church.

Handmade poppies by children in Key Stage 2 are displayed around a pillar too.

Thank you to Cathy Culshaw and her children for attaching them all.

Really Good Training Opportunities for Parents



CVCC - Parent Information Group - **Wednesday 28th November 6.15pm**

Post 16 Room

We are very pleased to be able to offer this insight for Parents and carers into provisions being made in Devon for Mental Health care of our children.

Steve West of Virgin Care Link will be presenting the EH4MH initiative and he will be happy to take questions after the session.

All interested parties are welcome to attend so if you are currently experiencing related issues with your children or would like to learn how to help your children stay mentally healthy, this is an excellent opportunity to access an expert.

Numbers are limited so please book your space - email jls.sanders@btinternet.com or text 07711 100250

New Autism Learning Day coming to Exeter

The Curly hair Project (CHP) is an award-winning social enterprise founded by autistic author and entrepreneur Alis Rowe. Our aim is to help those with autism learn to understand themselves and their needs and ultimately be able to self-manage with our work being largely about acceptance, understanding and empathy for different world experiences.

In these past few years Alis' work has diversified to include a UK wide network of training on all aspects of autism. This training is written by Alis and delivered by parents of autistic children thereby providing real lived experience. We are excited to reveal that we have a **new series of Autism Learning Days and Mental Health Days** which are being launched in the autumn and we will be bringing this new work to **Exeter** for the first time. We have put together several days where parents and professionals can learn more about autism together, from those who know what it is like to live with this condition.

The first **Autism Learning Day** which incorporates **anxiety, social energy, sensory processing and emotions** starts on **Saturday 17 November 2018** in **Exeter**. The link below takes you to the event with information and the ability to book tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-learning-day-1-exeter-tickets-50618639714>

Curly Hair Project

www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk

www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events

Silent Disco

The silent disco on Saturday 17th November in the village hall has been organised to be a fun event with great music, a free drink, bar available, plenty of free snacks and a wonderful way to raise money for things our children can use in school.

For those who have never been to one before, you can dance or watch and chat - each person has the use of wireless headphones with a choice of music.

It can only go ahead if a minimum number of tickets are sold by this coming weekend! It would be very disappointing to have to cancel.

There has been lots of enthusiasm for this but I need to confirm the number of headphones this week.

Please invite your mates and come along - but please purchase your tickets either from the shop, the school office or from me by Saturday.

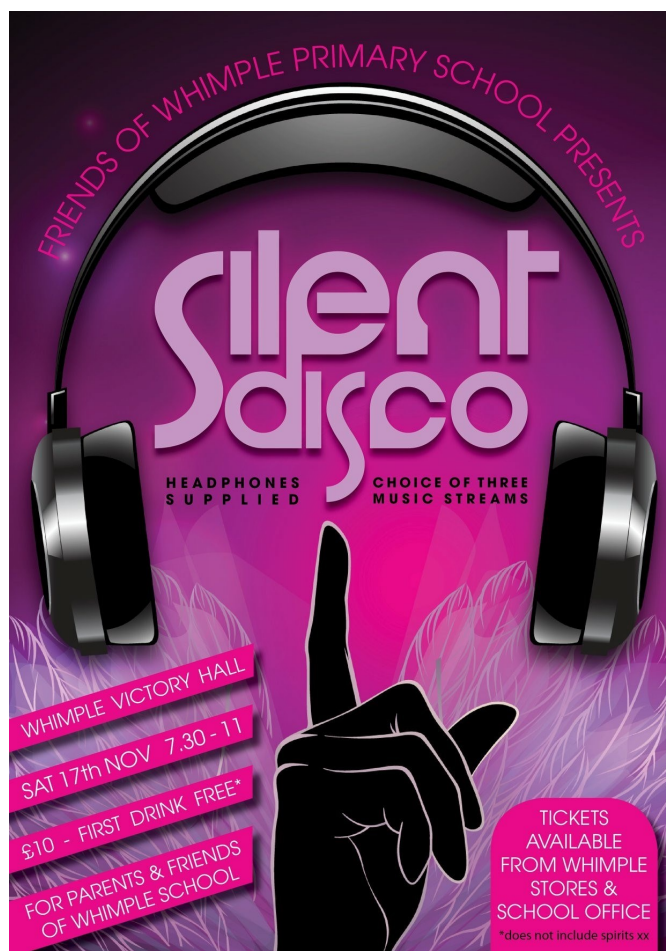
With thanks and best wishes,

Jenny Jones on behalf of FOWS



A huge thank you to everyone who helped, donated goodies and attended our Halloween Disco on the 2nd November. We hope you all had a fantastic time. Final figures are not yet in but we believe we have raised at least £150 for our lovely school. Thank you.

Donna Woolston



Calling all Juniors!



Come and join Sidmouth & Ottery Hockey Club!

Established 2012

Our Junior Academy has over 150 active members – boys and girls, offering coaching and competitive team hockey for School Years 2-11. The Junior Academy is the heart of the Club and makes a major contribution to the development of young players to progress to our senior league teams.

We are always welcoming new members and players to the club and already have a great group of Whimble junior boys and girls who attend every week!

Our Club is totally run by volunteers – Club players, parents (playing and non-playing) and other volunteers. They give their time and enthusiasm freely to create the best possible opportunities so that our youngest members can play hockey, train and compete, stay fit and have fun playing a great sport.

Why not come and try a taster session on a Sunday!

Boys: 10am-11am or Girls: 11am-12pm

Colin Tooze Sports Hall Astro Turf - 11th Nov to 9th Dec

(training alternates between Ottery & Sidmouth)

For further information, please do not hesitate to see Laura (Parker - Katie & Sophie's mum), email Becky Davies, (Playing Committee & Junior Committee Chair) at sidmouthandotteryhc@live.co.uk,

or visit the website www.sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk



Don't Forget

- To make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Dates for your diary

November

Saturday 10th November	Craft Fair
Thursday 15th November	Samaritan Purse Shoebox Collection
Friday 16th November	Children In Need - Be Spotty!
Saturday 17th November	Silent Disco
Friday 23rd November	Book Fair 3.30-5pm
Monday 26th November	Book Fair 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 28th November	Book Fair 3.30-5pm

December

Friday 7th December	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13th December	Carol Service at Church
Tuesday 18th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity 4pm
Wednesday 19th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 21st December	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Parents Tour Dates for Reception Starters September 2019

Monday 12th November 10am

Thursday 22nd November 4.30pm

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