

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024



Whimple Primary School

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So here we are in October and after a month in school, and as to be expected we are seeing a few children come down with a few illnesses. There is some general advice and support on the school website: https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/medical_support/314294

Here you will find the A to Z of Infections (what was the Spotty Book) and 'Should I keep my child off school advice'.

If your child is slightly under the weather it is helpful for staff to be made aware but please try to do this discretely rather than saying it in front of your child. Often children hold onto that thought and then it is more difficult to genuinely know whether they need to be sent home or not. Of course, we will always contact you if we are not sure.

Parking Reminder

Parents are welcome to park in the Thirsty Farmer car park, but please park considerately. We have been informed that on occasions recently, cars have been parked so others have been unable to access the pull through in front of the pub entrance.

Please refrain from parking in the Village Hall car park at the start and end of the day - this is for the users of the hall and doctors surgery.

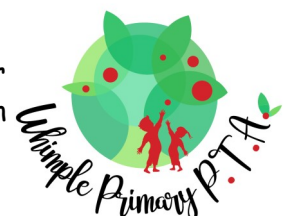
Medicines

All medicines need to be handed into the office so the relevant paperwork can be completed. If you have two inhalers, one can then be kept in school.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday 17th October in the Thirsty Farmer 7 to 8pm. We hope to see lots of you there - please come along even if you can only commit to helping a little bit.

The next sweet sale be on Friday 25th October after school.





Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

As the federation has grown over the last eight years, members of the governing board have kept in close contact with one of the schools by attending school events and getting to know the children and staff really well. This model has worked well and we are keen to continue this way of connecting governors to schools in the future. At one governors' meeting each term, Heads share a report with their link governors, relating to the school's development priorities. Next week, we will have the first of these meetings in two Hubs, called East and West EVF at the moment [we might find a more imaginative name for them later!]. The east hub comprises Whimple, Silverton, Thorverton and Brampford Speke and the west hub is the other three schools, Newton St Cyres, Cheriton Fitzpaine and Sandford. We hope that by meeting in this way, we will have more time to focus on each school and give governors dedicated time to challenge and support senior leaders. We are still looking for an Associate Member who will be linked to Whimple School. If you would like find out more, please let me know via your child's school office.

RE-FEDERATION CONSULTATION

The consultation period for re-federation with Moorsway opened last week. A letter from both Chairs of Governors was sent to all stakeholders with the consultation report with a Q and A section. There are also copies on the EVF website under 'important information' and 'Re-federation Consultation' as there have been some technical issues with opening PDF documents on some devices. Parents are welcome to come to the in-person consultation on Friday, 11th October at 2.15pm at Silverton School or write to the consultation email account [federationconsultation4@gmail.com]. The consultation closes on Friday, 15th November.

Children and Family Health Devon

This autumn, Children and Family Health Devon (CFHD) will be hosting two events that aim to launch our new pathways of care and give you the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about what CFHD do, who we are and how we can help. The first of these will be a drop in event, hosted at our Tiverton site, Oaklands Court.

This event is an informal and relaxed event that aims to give those in attendance the opportunity to drop in and speak to us about the new pathways of care and what we offer children and young people as well as their families across Devon and Torbay.

As well as a face to face drop in event, we are also hosting an online launch and Q&A session for those who wish to learn more virtually. This session will be recorded and posted on our website after the event.

Community drop in event:

- When: 16 October 2024, 10am-3pm
- Where: Unit 7/8, Oaklands Court, Tiverton, EX16 6TG
- What3words: ///slowly.magic.mini

Limited parking is available – *Please only use CFHD allocated spaces when using the car park.*

Virtual launch event with Q&A:

- When: 6 November 2024, 10am-12pm
- Where: Online, MS Teams

[Join using this link](#)

For full details on each event, as well as our FAQ document, please visit:

[Children and Family Health Devon pathways of care launch events - Children and Family Health Devon](#)

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)



If you at all interested just turn up next week.



Still time to add this to
your diary....

HMS Pinafore

If you would like to be involved in any way, on stage or
off. Please come along to our first meeting on Tuesday
1st October or in the following weeks at

Whimble Cricket Club

Tuesdays

7.30pm



Performances

2nd and 3rd May 2025

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Library News:

Our Library 'Craft & a Cuppa' group and the 'Ottery Crocheters' have teamed up to create a library themed post box topper. We are all so touched by their support in helping us to promote our library locally. The wonderful creation is on the post box in Hind Street, and there is a challenge associated with this topper (to raise money for Ottery Library Friends). Pop in to see us, buy a challenge sheet (for £1), see if you can figure out which books the characters on the topper are from, and return your completed sheet to the library. All correct entries will get entered into a prize draw to win a book voucher for the Curious Otter (courtesy of Ottery Library Friends).



In October we will be celebrating Libraries Week from the 7th October. The theme of this year's Libraries Week is "Every Library, a Green Library". We couldn't agree more with this theme. Libraries embrace the ethos of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. If you'd like to completely 'reduce' the number of physical books you read, then borrow our eBooks & eAudio (for free!). If you enjoy reading a physical book, then by borrowing one of our Library books you are 'reusing'. Many of our customers donate great condition pre-loved books to the library for us to either add to our stock or to sell and raise money for the library, thereby 'recycling' these books. In addition, we are a recycling point for glasses (on behalf of the Honiton & District Lions Club) and we have a recycling point for old electricals (phones, laptops, games consoles), stamps, jewellery and currency, which all get recycled, and raise money for our library at the same time.

To launch this year's Libraries Week, we are delighted to be welcoming Lydia Baily's & Company to the library on Saturday 5th October where Unicorn Princess Blossom will be reading her new book to us and meeting customers afterwards. Copies of Unicorn Princess Blossom's book will be available to be purchased and signed. For the children we are also putting on a 'Libraries Week Crafternoon Special' where children can come and decorate their own Library Book Bag (this event requires booking, and has a small fee to cover material costs). Finally, Oakley, our Pets As Therapy dog, will be back in the library on Friday 11th October to listen to children read. Reading to Oakley is always a popular event, if your child would like to read to Oakley, please contact the library to book your place.

We will be continuing with our regular activities and events all through October, including, our monthly children's 'Crafternoon' and Code Club, our weekly Bounce & Rhyme, Baby Weigh, Lego Club and Adult 'Craft & a Cuppa'.

If you would like any more details on any of the events that we offer in the library, or would like to book a place, please come in and see us or contact us on: 01404 813838 or ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk



Dates for your diary

October

Tuesday 8th Vision screening - Reception children

Friday 11th Beech Forest School

Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October

Willow Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd October

Beech Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd October

Ash Class Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23rd October

Oak Class Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October

Elm Class Parent Consultations

November

Tuesday 5th Flu Vaccinations — All Years

Wednesday 20th Individual School Photo's

Thursday 28th Bags2School Collection (PTA)

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

5th September to 18th December 2024

Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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