

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimple Primary School

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Despite being a short week, we have still managed to fit a lot in. Keeping up with all the meetings and activities both in and out of school is challenging at this time of year but we do appreciate your support with all the extras. Enjoy the extra long weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

The school fair last week was a great success and it was lovely to see so many families, both past and present. Thank you to all of those who helped to set up and run the fair this year, it is really appreciated.

The children have helped to put together some pieces for a display at Whimple Fest tomorrow - so look out for it.

Eight of our Year 5 children took part in the Colyton Maths Challenge today - it was lovely to see them apply their skills and challenge their mathematical learning.

Finally, our children have had a great day using their essential skills in the Skills Builder Challenge Day. Starting next week, I will start to talk with children about their Home Activity Passports and what they have achieved. Closer to the end of term we will have a special assembly to celebrate their achievements.

For those who would like to challenge themselves over the summer, we have been sent a challenge sheet.

Sunhats

Please remind children to wear or bring a sunhat to school. It is important they protect themselves from the strength of the sun - sunstroke can be horrible.

Skills Builder Summer Challenge

Name: _____	Class: _____	
<p><u>Speaking</u></p> <p>You have been challenged to tell a group of people up to 5 'fascinating facts' about yourself.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p><u>Listening</u></p> <p>Interview a family member about their job. What is their job? Where do they work? What tasks do they do at work?</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p><u>Problem Solving</u></p> <p>Go on a Shape Hunt. How many different shapes can you spot in your house? Record examples of the same shape in different places.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>
<p><u>Creativity</u></p> <p>Imagine the floor in your home has turned to jelly. How would this change the way you lived there? Can you and your family design a gadget that would help you to live in a jelly home!</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p><u>Staying Positive</u></p> <p>Create a Positivity Jar. Save an empty jar. Fill it with 'happy notes' and messages. People in your household can take a message from the jar when they are facing a setback.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p><u>Aiming High</u></p> <p>How many times can you catch a ball in 60 seconds? Can you beat this score tomorrow? What will your score be by the end of the week?</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>
<p><u>Leadership</u></p> <p>Draw a picture of yourself as a leader. Around your drawing write down your leadership strengths (the things that make you a good leader).</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p><u>Teamwork</u></p> <p>Make a cake with a member of your family by following a recipe.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Parents, please tick to say that the activities have been completed. You can send pictures via Dojo. Return your form on Wednesday, 6th September. to be entered into a prize draw.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> </div>



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



Our annual parent survey has now been analysed by governors and they have written a short summary report of the main findings from what you shared with us. This has been immensely helpful to us in shaping our priorities for next year through the Federation Development Plan and the school plans that are now being written by Heads and their staff teams. The report is attached to this week's newsletters but the headlines of what you would like us to do are:

- Securing wrap around provision for all schools and increasing the breadth and access to after school clubs for all children to enjoy
- Managing the small number of children with additional needs and accessing additional funding to improve send provision
- Developing and sustain the federation-wide sporting and culture events, including sporting competitions and festivals musical performances, concerts and shows

We will continue to work on these during the coming year and share with you the events as next year unfolds. We already have some plans for federation-wide events in the coming year, including Showdown in the spring term.

YEAR SIX CELEBRATION DAYS

It has been great to see the Year 6s from the different schools coming together over the last two days to share a range of learning experiences that will prepare them for the next stage of their learning journey and beyond. The children have been based at Silverton and Sandford schools and have worked together on a range of projects including art, games, outdoor learning, first aid training and an opportunity to reflect on their transition to secondary school. Many thanks to everyone who led groups throughout the two days and to Mrs Powell for organising the day and of course, to all the parents who helped by bringing their children to the host schools.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

A final reminder that tomorrow, Thursday, 28th June is a Staff Development Day and all the federation schools will be closed for staff training. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday, 1st July.

CAREER TALKS FOR YEAR 5 and 6

Our eldest children have enjoyed hearing about three different careers on Monday afternoons and we are looking forward to a series of talks in the autumn. However, at the moment we do not have anyone who works in primary education talking to the children so if you are a teacher, TA or other member of staff in a school outside the federation, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Jolliffe via your child's school website if you are able to help with a talk on a Monday afternoon in the autumn or spring terms.

Dates for your diary

June

28th Non-Pupil Day - staff training

July

1st Year 5 and 6 trip to Somerset Cricket Club

2nd Beech (+ Willow Year 5) School Trip

2nd School visits September Reception starters (appointments am only)

3rd School visits September Reception starters (appointments all day)

9th Ash Class School Trip

8th - 12th Year 6 Residential to Pixies Holt

17th Oak Class School Trip

22nd Rock Steady Concert

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 28th June 2024

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): 3rd and 4th September, 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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