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### The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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#### Important Requests

The majority of our parents are very good at following some of the rules we have to set as a school in order to ensure the safety of all the children. So for the minority that aren't supporting us, here is a brief reminder:

- No dogs (except guide dogs) are allowed on site and we request also not outside the school
  gate where it is narrow and very intimidating for those who are scared of dogs (whatever their
  size).
- Please close the gate between the lower playground and the external gate. Don't assume someone else will do it.
- No nuts for snack in any form we have a number of children with allergies.
- No parking on zig zag lines outside the school gate, (park at the Thirsty Farmer). Please also be mindful of those families walking on the pavements when you open car doors.

I would really hate for the school to be in the news for the wrong reason. Please politely remind others if you need to. This ensures all children are kept safe and can enter and leave school without worrying.

#### Influenza Outbreaks

There has been a national increase in outbreaks, please look out for the following symptoms: Fever > 37.8C, muscle aches, headache and cough, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat.

### Don't Forget

- Music Assembly 2.30pm on Monday
- Roman Drama for parents of Year 4 on Wednesday at 3pm.
- No school for children on Friday 6th December.

Christmas is coming! Read on for some important festive information.



#### Ash and Elm Class Nativity

Our nativity this year is called 'Our Very Own Nativity' and the performances will be held in the village church this year and will start at the following times:

Tuesday 17th December at 4pm
Wednesday 18th December at 2.45pm

Letters regarding any costumes required have been sent home this week.

More details next week.

#### Children's Christmas Dinner

Don't forget to order your child's Christmas dinner on Wednesday 11th December. Log into School Comms and order this meal by Wednesday 4th December in order to guarantee a meal.

On this day children will also be able to wear their festive jumpers and wear their Christmas hats. As always we will have a grand parade of hats and they will be judged to find a winner in each year group.

Every year we are amazed at the creativity and imagination of our children—a brilliant activity to do on one of our wet days.



FoWS Christmas raffle- tickets for sale from Monday in the top playground. £1 a ticket. Winner will be drawn on the 16th December.

1st prize - Christmas luxury hamper

2nd prize - A free term at Helen O'Grady drama club

3rd prize - A happy journal, leather bound loveliness.

Please buy one, all proceeds go to the school! Keep donations coming in for the Christmas fair, please leave at the office or with class reps.

## Dates for your diary

#### December

Monday 2nd December Musical Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 4th December Year 4 Roman Drama 3pm

Friday 6th December Non-pupil day

Monday 9th December Choir visiting Ottery Hospital 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December KS2 Carol Service 5.45pm

Friday 13th December FOWS Christmas Fair

Tuesday 17th December Key Stage One Christmas Nativity 4pm
Wednesday 18th December Key Stage One Christmas Nativity 2.45pm

Friday 20th December Last day of term 1.30pm finish

#### January

Monday 6th January Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 7th January Children return to school

Week commencing 11th May Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 8th June Phonics screening/times tables testing Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

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