

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



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Whimple Primary School

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There is no doubt, no two weeks in education is the same. The return from half-term started well despite the erratic weather. I would like to thank you for your support with the school closing yesterday. I believe it was the right decision to make in order to ensure everyone's safety. I hope you all managed to stay safe and not sustain too much building damage.

Poppies

As a school, we have always acknowledged and educated our children about the importance of remembrance, and what this annual event signifies. We have been given a range of items to support The Royal British Legion to help increase awareness and raise funds for their poppy appeal.

These items include traditional poppies, snap bands, wristbands, reflectors and zip pulls. For a donation, all these items will be available after school on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November from under the shelter in the top playground. Some of our older children will help to facilitate this arrangement.

School Dinners

It is early days, but the new meals are working out well. There is a wider variety of choice and the children loved the Yorkshire puddings on Wednesday's roast! Remember meals can no longer be ordered or changed on the day - all ordering is by Wednesday, a week in advance.

Advance Notice - Christmas

Whimple Parish Church has been booked for both of our Christmas performances again this year. Please put the dates and times in your diary - more information nearer the time.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service - 6pm Tuesday 5th December

Key Stage 1 (including Reception) Nativity 4.15pm Wednesday 13th December

Children are involved in their relevant production, but all are invited to come along if they wish to.

Whimple PTA

The PTA are going to hold their annual AGM on Tuesday 28th 7pm here at school. More details to follow but please put the date in your diaries.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and to the challenges that Storm Ciaran have brought us this week. Thank you to everyone for your understanding about the decision we had to make about closing the schools yesterday; it is never an easy decision to make and not one that schools or Devon County Council take lightly. Let's hope that it is a long time before we have weather like this again!

As we are now into November, I want to let you know about a new event that will be taking place next month. For several years we have had a federation carol service at Crediton Parish Church but we are now too big to all fit into the building during the school day. So we are going to hold a federation carol service on Monday, 11th December at 6 o'clock at Crediton Parish Church and warmly invite all parents to join us. Different groups of children will be taking part in the service and more details about this will follow nearer the time. Schools will still have their own Christmas services in December but this is an opportunity for the wider federation community to join together, which was one of the things that some parents asked us to do this year. I look forward to seeing you then.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The Year 5 residential visit to Bath and Bristol is taking place from 21st to 23rd February next year. In order to make the most of the three days away and fit in a visit to Aerospace Bristol, we will be leaving from Newton St Cyres and Silverton at 8.00am on Wednesday 21st February and will be returning by 3.00pm on Friday 23rd February. The cost will be £185 for meals, accommodation and entrance to Aerospace, SS Great Britain, the Roman Baths and the performance of Wicked. More information about the visit and how to book will be sent to parents of Year 5 children by the end of November.

Dates for your diary

November

Friday 3rd November	Year 5 Sleepover
Tuesday 21st	Individual photographs
Tuesday 28th	PTA AGM 7pm

December

Tuesday 5th	KS2 Carol Service, 6pm
Monday 11th	Rock Steady Concert / Federation Carol Service (Crediton)
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th	KS1 Nativity 4.15pm
Friday 15th December	Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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