

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Whimble Primary School

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April showers - they are not wrong there! What is concerning is the number of children that are not bringing coats to school. Children have to move between buildings including the hall so are getting soaked through without a coat. Please remind your child to have a waterproof coat. Have a good bank holiday and we will see you on Tuesday.

Morning Drop Off

Children should **not be on the school site before 8.45am**. With better weather some children are arriving at school a lot earlier than this and we cannot take responsibility for them.

King Charles III Coronation

Don't forget that next Friday (5th) we are holding our own commemorative event in school for the children. Everyone can either wear red, white and blue or dress up as a king or queen.



Federation

The consultation for the Federation runs until Friday 5th May 2023 at 3.30pm.

If you have any thoughts, questions or comments please email them to: federationconsultation3@gmail.com or in writing, handed in to the School Office addressed to 'The Chair of Governors'. More information can be found on our school website: <https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/home>

Road Safety

With lighter nights, children are out and about more in the village. More children also walk to and from school on their own. There are many places around Whimble where unfortunately there are not pavements for pedestrians and limited visibility for drivers. Please remind your children when they are out to take care when close to roads. We will reinforce this message in school so we can try and ensure are children stay safe throughout the summer.

Drama Club

Drama Club will start on Monday 15th May for 4 weeks. It will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and is open to children in Year 2, 3 and 4.

Dates are: Monday 15th and 22nd May, 5th and 12th June. The cost will be £5 per week. If you would like to reserve a place for your child please use this link. If you would like your child to access this club and are having difficulties financially, please come and talk to us and we will see what we can do to support you. Families in receipt of free school meals, complete the form and come and see us. <https://forms.gle/dcapFngerq2UqHzv5>

Curriculum Newsletters

The class newsletters for this term have been sent out today with the newsletter, they are also available on the website on:

https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/classes_1/623499

Sports Day

This will be held at Whimple Cricket Club on the morning of Thursday 22nd June, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to attend and more specific details will be provided nearer to the event.

Support for parents:

This month, [TikTok has announced some new changes](#) that address screentime, parental controls and digital wellbeing. Highlighted as features that will support teenagers and families alike, these new additions are set to be rolled out for users over the coming weeks. In recent years, [TikTok has made some changes to improve privacy and security](#) across their platform and these new announcements seem to build on some of these already established features.

For more information follow the link below:

https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/online_safety/378283

Anna Freud

It is well known that many families including children are struggling for a variety of reasons at the moment. The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families website gives advice and guidance to support parents and carers with a child or young person experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

Our P.S.H.E. focus for this half-term is relationships so sessions will include discussions and conversations around how we manage these with different groups of people and how these are not fixed and can be changed.

https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/mental_health_awareness/378260

Top Talk

Top Talk Club is returning this summer!

The club is designed to raise self-esteem with lively talking and games to encourage the children's confidence in speaking with their peer group.



The club will be taught by Alison Shorer from [The Oracy Workshops](#), an experienced teacher, tutor and lecturer in education.

The club will be from 3.30pm - 5.00pm each **Wednesday** and run for 13 weeks from 19th April until 19th July 2023 at a cost of £7.50 for each session.

Please respond by completing the Top Talk Google form (link below).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MTmv800waXdMncnzjImsCeiTcdbtf_bmfHczKtcTq88/edit

Dates for your diary

April

Friday 28th April Beech Forest School

May

Monday 1st May May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May Coronation tea party

Monday 8th May Coronation Day Bank Holiday

Friday 12th May Willow Forest School

Monday 15th May Height/weight checks - Reception/Year 6

Friday 19th May Oak Forest School

Friday 19th May Vision screening - Reception

Friday 26th May Class Photographs

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

June

Thursday 22nd June Sports Day 10-12.30pm

Friday 30th June Non Pupil Day (staff training)

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 5th June Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

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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