

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Whimble Primary School

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Remembrance

After hearing the local rocket maroon at 11am, the whole school stood and observed the 2 minutes silence. It is a great privilege to acknowledge and remember the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms.

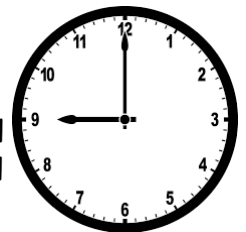


Absence from School

If your child is going to be absent from school, please either email admin@whimbleprimary.co.uk or phone (a message can be left) stating the full name of child and detail the reason for being off. It would really help us (and you) if you can be specific, for example, if a child has been vomiting we will know that they will not return for two days and we would only contact you after this if they have not returned. This will help us to meet our statutory obligations, as we are now being asked for more information on completion of registers.

Timekeeping

Children should be in school by 9am; if you tend to be late regularly - try turning all your clocks on by 5 minutes (obviously don't tell the children!), believe me I do it all the time and it works really well.



The gates will be closed at 9am and entry will only be by pressing the intercom on the gate. For various reasons, we have had a number of children arrive after the gate has been locked and members of the public have then had to assist them with getting into school. If your child walks to school can you explain to them about the intercom (we will as well) and, ideally phone the school office so we know to expect them.

Funding Crisis

You may have seen in the news that two thirds of schools will be in deficit by the end of this financial year. This is through no fault of their own. Costs are rising and funding is lower than it was a decade ago.

The current funding increase and energy bill relief scheme will not be enough to prevent further cutbacks. This will greatly harm our education system and pupils.

Please **sign and share** this petition here to get this crisis debated in parliament - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

New Parent Governor

Whimble Governors are pleased to welcome Mr David Rose, to our governing body as a parent governor. I am sure he will be a great asset to the team.

Children In Need - Friday 18th November

Through the School Council, it has been decided that we will try and raise funds to support other children by:

- ♦ Wearing bright colours which can include spots
- ♦ Collect loose change to try and cover a Pudsey Bear outline (1p, 2p, 5p and 10p)



During these tough times, we appreciate that many people may not have anything to spare. All children can take part regardless of size of contribution.

There are also holding some fun activities for children to gain team points and help raise awareness of the charity:

- ♦ Child wearing the most spots in each class (on Friday)
- ♦ Pudsey colouring competition

For those who can afford to provide a donation to this great cause this can be done by:

- ♦ Using the App link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9629>

- ♦ Or bring cash in on the day (either in a tub at drop off or hand it to class teachers when they get to class)

Forest School

Ash Class will be having Forest School sessions on Friday 18th and 25th November.

Children need to bring in spare clothes to change into which includes a long-sleeved top, trousers, wellington boots and a waterproof coat.

Church Christmas Fayre

Whimble Church will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 19th November in the Church from 10am-1pm. There will be lots going on and things for children such as games, facepainting and Christmasy things to buy. This is a cash only event.



Whimble PTA

Bags 2 school dates: Tuesday 6th December, Wednesday 29th March, Thursday 29th June

Easy Fundraising

It's great to see that more parents are using Easy Fundraising - thank you for helping to support the school.

Each weekly online food shop can generate up to £1.50, and if 100 people did this through Easy Fundraising for one year it would generate £7800 for the school, which directly benefits the children. Participating supermarket brands are Aldi, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, Tesco and Ocado.

In the lead up to Christmas, many people will be shopping on sites like Amazon, Argos, M&S etc., all of which also participate in Easy Fundraising.

If you don't do much online shopping, perhaps you have some willing relatives who do. Using the app couldn't be easier, and no one has to spend anything extra.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Parents can also download an Easy Fundraising app for both Apple and Android.

100 Club

See attached sign up letter.

Dates for your diary

November

Monday 14th

Rock Steady Lessons start

Tuesday 22nd

Individual School Photographs

December

Wednesday 7th

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 8th

KS2 Carol Service 6pm (time tbc)

Friday 9th

Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 14th

KS1 Christmas Nativity 4.30pm (time tbc)

Friday 16th

Last day 1.30pm finish

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May

Key Stage 2 SATs (we are waiting for further information due to recent announcements)

Week commencing 5th June

Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June

Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022

5th September to 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

4th January to 31st March 2023
Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2024

17th April to 21st July 2023
May Day holiday - 1st May 2023
Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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