

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

Whimble Primary School

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Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to have some pleasant family time over the break, although many families have had bouts of illness again. Let's hope 2023 can be a healthier year for us all than it's predecessor.

Few Reminders:

PE Kits

Please can children have their PE kits in school at all times, this can include black tracksuit trousers to wear in the colder weather.

Waterproof Coats

All children should have a waterproof coat with them to wear in school - we try to ensure they all get some fresh air at certain times throughout the day, and sometimes this means being out in light rain for short periods of time.

Swimming Update

Swimming will start for the children in Beech, including Year 4 in Oak on Monday 16th January and **NOT** 9th January as previously printed.

School Wassail

The children in Beech and Willow Class will be taking part in the school wassail next Friday morning in our orchard. Whimble has a huge historical link with apples and cider making and this is studied as part of our local curriculum. Last term, all children took part in apple picking and many then followed this up with apple pressing to make and taste juice. Mrs Emma Palmer and Mr Jim Causely help to run and organise our wassail and they are involved in the village wassail on Tuesday 17th January.

Support for Devon Residents

One small step is a free lifestyle service, funded by Devon to support the health and well being of its residents.

There are friendly advisers who can support you to maintain a healthier weight, stop smoking, drink less or become more active. Their flexible support means they can help you focus on small achievable steps to fit in with your lifestyle and routine.

For more information take a look at the website: <https://onesmallstep.org.uk/>

Or call 01392 908139

You can also follow [One Small Step on Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for motivational messages and healthy tips, including easy and affordable healthy meal ideas, or alcohol-free drink suggestions.

Stay Safe on New Devices

We receive regular updates on how children can stay safe online. The most recent one, below, talks about staying safe on new devices. This may be particularly useful if children have recently got a new device. Also a good recap for Parents/Carers in how to keep your children safe. *(Click on Image to make bigger and easier to read, or save on your own device)*



Dates for your diary

January 2023

Monday 9th	Rock Steady Music lessons restart
Monday 9th	Beading Club restarts
Friday 13th	Forest School - Willow Class
Monday 16th	Swimming Beech Class and Year 4 Oak Class

February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th Half term

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 - 2022/23:

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
Extra May Bank Holiday 8th 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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