

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimple Primary School

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Despite the week only being four days we have still managed to fit a lot in! Monday saw the Rock Steady groups perform for the all the children in school followed by their parents. It was great to see how their musical skills have developed over the year - well done everyone.

On Tuesday afternoon all the children watched the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 play for leaver's assembly. Again, an event enjoyed by all.

Wednesday started with Beech Class and Willow Year 5 children visiting the church to learn all about the bells and their history. They were all brave enough to venture up the spiral staircase to stand next to the bells. In the afternoon we held our termly achievement assembly. This is the first year the children have had access to a home and school activity passport.

Through our teaching of the 8 essential skills through Skills Builder alongside a range variety of curricular tasks and activities, all the children have achieved their school passport for their year group and received a certificate. A small number of children also completed their home one and discussed their activities with me. An extra well done to those children who took the time to further develop those key skills. Most Improved Awards were also handed out (see later in this newsletter).



So, we have now got to Thursday and the staff and I would like to thank all families for their kind words and gifts. It has been another busy year where lots of things have been achieved. I would like to thank all staff who continue to work tirelessly to ensure we provide the best education we can to the children in our care.

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 6 pupils well on their educational and personal journey. We also have three other children going off to pastures new and we wish them well also. Try to have a good summer and do something you enjoy. Hopefully, the sunshine will appear too.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



Today we are saying 'goodbye' to our wonderful Year 6 children, who are leaving their primary schools to move on to the next exciting stage of their learning journey. All 94 of them have made a significant contribution to their schools and have enriched their schools through their unique and special characters. This cohort missed out on a big part of their Key Stage 1 education through the pandemic lockdowns and did not take SATs at the end of Year 2. However, their results at the end of Year 6 show how hard they have worked in the intervening four years and they have achieved a great deal. More than this though, they have learned to work together as a team, become increasingly resilient and determined to succeed and these are the characteristics that will enable them to flourish in the future. Thank you all for your contribution to your schools and best wishes for the future.

We are also saying 'goodbye' to two long-standing leaders from across the federation. Mrs Glynis Harris has been part of Newton St Cyres school for many years and has led both Newton St Cyres and Cheriton Fitzpaine schools. Mrs Gill Adnams is leaving Silverton after nearly ten years as Head, having brought the school into the federation in 2019. Both Mrs Harris and Mrs Adnams have given many years of dedicated service to their schools and many children have cause to be grateful to them for their care and devotion to the learning and well-being of the children in their care. Thank you, and best wishes to you for the adventures that lie ahead for you.

Are your pupils moving from primary school to secondary school?

Learn about Navigating Change now

Family Minds Partnership is a group of organisations who are working alongside each other to better improve mental health support for Children, Young People and their Families across Devon.

Drawing on the range of expertise within the partnership, we co-produced a resource on our website, Navigating Change, to help families and support children making the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

FAMILY MINDS PARTNERSHIP
parentalminds.org.uk/navigating-change/

SAFEGUARDING IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

If you are concerned about the safety of a child during the school holidays, or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Front Door (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub or MASH) by calling 0345 155 1071. If a child is in immediate danger, please call 999.

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, or you are being abused yourself and live within Devon Local Authority boundaries, please contact Adult Social Care on 0345 1551 007 (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm).

Outside of the hours above or on bank holidays call the Emergency Duty Service on 0345 6000 388. Alternatively, you can email: safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).



Achievement Assembly

It is the highlight of the term presenting at our Achievement Assembly. Celebrating effort and success for progress in key curriculum areas.

For the first time, children have been able to complete both home and school activity passports - activities linked to each of the 8 essential skills we teach throughout the year. Due to breadth and depth of our curriculum, all children were able to complete their school passport; a number of children also completed their home activities too and were able to discuss them with me. Well done!

The following children have been presented with a small trophy, (to keep for a term - please look after them and keep them safe) and a certificate. Trophies can be kept for autumn term so keep them on show somewhere in your home and then return them in December.

Elm Class

Most improved reader	Rose	Most improved writer	Mihnea
	Most improved mathematician	Lucy S	

Ash Class

Most improved reader	Oliver	Most improved writer	Charlotte
	Most improved mathematician	Adele	

Oak Class

Most improved reader	Madison	Most improved writer	Ted
	Most improved mathematician	Matthew	

Beech Class

Most improved reader	Ellis	Most improved writer	Ava P
	Most improved mathematician	Libby	

Willow Class

Most improved reader	Felix B	Most improved writer	Marco
	Most improved mathematician	Eleanor	

The Governor Cup was presented to the school by an ex-chair of Governors to be presented to a child, who has actively demonstrated our 6Rs throughout the school day.

The cup is given out on a termly basis and, this term is has been presented to Gabi in Year 6.

Our Civic Award Cup has been awarded to Freddie Williams this year.

As part of the leavers assembly, certificates are presented for most improved reader, writer and mathematician throughout their primary education. This years recipients are:

Most improved reader	William H	Most improved writer	Amelie MD
	Most improved mathematician	Freddie W	

EVF Cross Country

Last Friday, 20 of our Year 2 to 6 children were taken to Blundells to participate in the first Exe Valley Federation Cross Country Championships. It was a very hot day but the children ran amazingly well. There were a number of firsts, seconds and thirds. Each position carried points and the overall winner was Whimble. We are extremely proud of them.



Dates for your diary

September

3rd September Staff Development Day
4th September Staff Development Day
5th September Start of term for pupils

October

28th October Half term

November

29th November Staff Development Day

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

5th September to 18th December 2024

Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd and 4th September, 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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