

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School.

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I find it hard to believe we are already at the end of our first half-term, what a busy one it has been.

### Harvest Apple Picking

What fabulous weather we had for our apple pick this year. Thank you to those parents who came to help, it was most appreciated. The children enjoyed themselves and worked well together. They were amazed at the space that had been created and they were keen to explore.



### Arts Week

The children have been creating all week using a wide range of resources and media.

On Tuesday, the children all participated in a drum workshop showing their great sense of rhythm.



Throughout Thursday, everyone had the chance to press some of their carefully collected apples into apple juice. Many thanks to Mr Palmer for patiently taking all the children through the whole process; they loved it (and the juice!).



### **Grammar and Punctuation Parents Meeting: KS2**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016; 6.00pm

As you may know, the importance placed on grammar and punctuation across all ages of Primary School has increased over the past few years. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 complete an individual test for this as part of their SATs in the summer term and literacy lessons have placed more of a focus on this area of writing.

With this in mind, Mr Brown will run a workshop for parents of children in Key Stage 2 as a refresher of some of the fundamental concepts. Letters will be sent out after half term with more specific details but this might be a date to keep free for an hour of fantabulous fun and fronted adverbials.

### **Sad News**

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the last half-term. Mrs Lindsey loved her flowers, that were sent following the collection from parents, and she would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts.

However, it is with deep regret and sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Lindsey has suffered another family bereavement. Very sadly Mrs Lindsey's father has died just a few weeks after her mother. Our thoughts are with her at this very difficult time.



## **Fantastic Fridays! - key changes**

After half-term our Friday afternoon curriculum will run for three weeks - 4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Year 5 and 6** are going swimming at Middlemoor, Exeter.

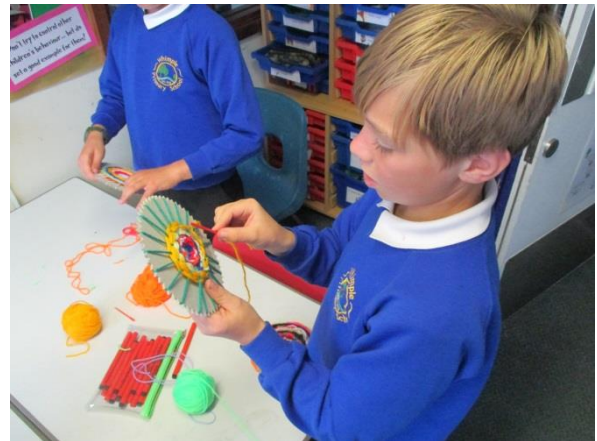
To accommodate this, **Year 4** will participate in a session of Relax Kids before having the opportunity to play board games.

**Year 3** will continue with music and drama activities.

**Year 2** children will be using the outdoor nature activities - these children **must** have **wellies, trousers, a long-sleeved top and a waterproof** to change into prior to walking to the Orchard. If children do not have the appropriate clothing they will be unable to participate as we need to ensure their safety.

**Year 1** will be cooking and participating in Relax Kids.

More photos as promised:



A few tasters from our art display today.... Please come along.





## Friends of Whimble School (F.o.W.S.)

### **Cake Sale Friday 21st October**

This is being run by the parents/guardians of Class 1 (Elm), as I have mentioned before, in previous sales there have been some disappointed children so please if you can spare the time, we would really appreciate cake donations from any of you.

Most importantly though remember to bring some money to pick up, so you can get to buy some yummy treats!

### **Halloween Disco**

Tickets have sold really well for this event, the organisers would like to thank you all, we are very excited to see all the children dressed up in their spooky finest. There will be a tuck shop and Cake Sale (so again please please get baking) and also some games, we suggest that children bring no more than £1 in change.

Also remember there will be a prize for the best carved pumpkin (to be bought with you on the night, please write the child's name on the back of the pumpkin and battery operated tea lights only)

Please can all cakes for the sale and disco be left in the school office on Friday 21st, or given to me in the playground.



This year's Craft Fair is nearly upon us and we have lots of stall holders already booked in to sell their artisan crafts.

Please come along and support the event. Georgina Watson will be there on the day doing her face painting and Sally Terrett will be doing children's activities again this year, both always very popular with the children.

There will be tea and a delicious selection of homemade cakes in the cafe and a very good raffle (all the prizes are donations from our talented stall holders).

For more information please contact Mona (Bill's mum) 07886 552123

### **A few important reminders**

Cash must be in a sealed, named envelope with clear details - about how much money is enclosed, what it is for, and who it is from - written on the outside of the envelope.

Please ensure the class teacher or teaching assistant is informed of any changes with regards to collecting children from school. We understand that on occasions things alter but as more people are involved with picking up children you must appreciate that this gets harder to monitor, especially with the very youngest pupils. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

### **Thank you**

I would like to take this opportunity at the end of this very busy half-term to thank some people:

Firstly, to our caretaker Billy, Mr Williams and Mr Saunders (from Whimble Stores) for their huge effort in clearing large areas of our orchard. Also, to those parents, grandparents and children who helped to clear our orchard last Saturday.

To those parents who have helped support our 'Fantastic Friday' curriculum - the children have really enjoyed their experiences (please feel free to come back after half-term!).

To our two lovely gardeners.

Anyone who has helped support children in class by hearing readers or assisting with other class activities.

Have a lovely half-term holiday.

# **Dates for your diary**

## **Half term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Fair
November 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' evenings
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations (p.m.)
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Alibi visit 'The Boy Who Climbed into the Moon'
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	School photos (individual & family photos)
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grammar and Punctuation Parents meeting KS2 6 pm
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non pupil day (disaggregated)
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert in the Church

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes at 1.30 pm**

**More dates will be added. Whilst we try and give as much notice as possible we occasionally get last minute opportunities which are too good to miss!**

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