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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well, we are here! The end of a unique school year.

Despite all the restrictions the current circumstances continue to place on us, the children have all experienced a sports day and a school trip. We have also provided a range of activities across all areas of the curriculum.

We have really appreciated the support and understanding of all families in complying to the requests asked of you in order to keep us all safe. This has enabled us to stay open all year and not have to send any children home. The pupils attendance has been amazing!

A big thank you for all the cards and gifts we have received - again after a hard year, it is lovely to know we are appreciated. (We will all be collapsing on Saturday!)



We say farewell to our 26 year 6 children - they produced a wonderful production for their leavers assembly today. We wish them well for the future in their chosen secondary schools.

We also say goodbye to some members of staff - Miss Passmore and Mrs Thorne, both of whom have been with us for a number of years (some too many to count!) Miss Dunsford also goes off on maternity leave and we welcome Miss Chalmers to cover her whilst she is away.

Finally, through what has been an extremely challenging year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and school governors - it has been an emotional rollercoaster and we have had to adapt to many things regularly and at short notice. This has been made bearable by having such a fantastic team to work with.

Everyone at Whimble Primary School wishes you all a good summer and we will be back with you in September.

Details of any arrangement changes will be sent out on Monday 6th September.



Happy last day of term and good luck to all our Year 6s as they start on their next adventures.

Thank you so much to all of you for your amazing support this year. We have been blown away by how you all joined together and supported the school through this particularly challenging year.

Because of this the PTA has been able to restore the orchard, create beautiful garden and wellbeing spaces, register as a charity, fund school trips, individual classroom donations, IT equipment, playground hand washing facilities and play equipment to name just a few!

We have a number of events booked in for the next few months which will put us in a great position for continuing to support our wonderful school. Thank you to those who are able to volunteer for these, we really appreciate it. (Don't forget the uniform and cake sale tomorrow)

Wishing a happy summer holiday to all of you.

From your PTA Committee



Safeguarding Update from Devon and Cornwall Police

Warning received re the app “Monkey”, which is billed as a cross between Omegle and TikTok.

There are some concerns over the nature of this app and how it might be used to exploit children.

The Ineqe ‘online safety experts have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called ‘Monkey’, which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as ‘an alternative to Omegle, with a TikTok vibe’.

Ineqe have reviewed and tested this platform and have found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/guide_to_games_and_apps/186140

Bikeability Session for the Whole family

<https://www.traveldevon.info/cycle/cycle-training/families/>

Dates for your diary

Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

AUTUMN TERM 2021

8th September to 17th December 2021

Half term - 25th to 29th October 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

5th January to 8th April 2022

Half term - 21st to 25th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2022

25th April to 26th July 2022

May Day holiday - 2nd May 2022

Half term - Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022 (inclusive)

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 6th and 7th September, 1st November 2021, 4th January, 7th June 2022

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