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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Please do NOT park on the zig-zag lines outside school - not only is it causing traffic congestion, more importantly it could mean a child being injured.

Moving Galaxy

We really enjoyed the visit to the inflatable SpaceLab last week; it was great to be able to visualise the constellations and the order of the planets. With this in mind, I wanted to bring your attention to an event that may be of interest to you. From the 5th -7th of March 2020, Exeter Cathedral will be hosting a special show, where the architecture 'becomes a moving galaxy'.

This might be a great opportunity to supplement your child's learning - click here to find out more.

<https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/space-light-and-sound-show/>

Safeguarding Update

It has been brought to our attention that some of our pupils are using or having access to an app called 'Tik Tok'. This was an app mentioned at our recent safeguarding training as being unsuitable for primary aged children.

TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated videos, mostly of people lip-synching to popular songs. It was originally called musical.ly (pronounced MU-zik-lee). Users can create and upload their own videos where they lip-synch, sing, dance, or just talk. You can also browse and interact with other users' content, which covers a wide range of topics, songs, and styles. These videos can be grouped by hashtags, which often correspond to challenges or memes.

Because of TikTok's emphasis on popular music, many videos include swearing and sexual lyrics, so it may not be age-appropriate for kids to use on their own. It's also easy to find people wearing revealing clothing and dancing suggestively.

Common Sense recommends the app for age 16+ mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least 13 years old to use the app and that anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian.

For more information follow the link below to Common Sense Media:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

Dates for your diary

February

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| Tuesday 4th February | Multi skills at Clyst Vale - Oak Class |
| Thursday 13th February | Elm Class cake sale |
| Monday 17th February | Half term holiday |

March

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| Week commencing 9th March | Annual reports Year 1 to Year 6 |
| Thursday 12th March | Willow/Beech Class Trip to Otterton |
| Week commencing 16th March | Parent consultations |
| Tuesday 24th March | Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc) |
| Wednesday 25th March | Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc) |
| Thursday 26th March | Oral Hygiene Workshop - Year 3 and 4 |
| Friday 27th March | End of term - 1.30pm finish |

April

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| Thursday 23rd April | CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm |
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| Week commencing 11th May | Key Stage 2 SATs |
| Week commencing 8th June | Phonics screening/times tables testing |
| Thursday 2nd July | Civic Award Presentation Evening |
| Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July | Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt |

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