

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Whimble Primary School

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Another week has flown by and the children have been busy. The change in temperature is definitely letting us know autumn has begun - school jumpers will be needed next week!

Your PTA needs you

As you are aware, many of our existing PTA members have stood down from their duties this year for various reasons. This team have worked hard for the past couple of years and raised a substantial amount of money, despite all the restrictions that have been in place.

In order to maintain charitable status, the PTA needs a number of trustees as well as a chair person, a secretary and a treasurer.

After holding the AGM this week, the PTA now has a treasurer and a couple of trustees, but unfortunately, no secretary or chair. Both these roles do not have to be onerous and could be shared by two people.

It is vital we fill these roles for the PTA to continue. It would be a real shame if we could not offer all the extra resources and activities that we are currently able to. These benefits are for all of your children.

The benefit of being a registered charity means we do not have to pay any tax on monies raised and in the past year these monies have been used to:

- Subsidise school trips for all children
- Support the purchase of individual reading books (linked to new phonics scheme) and class reads
- Buy class visualisers to aid class teaching and demonstration
- Purchase a portable sink for Elm Class
- Supply and fit our Apple signs and windows
- Part fund the building of the new outdoor shelter to support our Early Years
- Support for Year 6 leavers event at the Cricket Club

The role of chair and secretary need to be filled by Monday 3rd October in order to complete the transfer of names for charitable status. If you can support the PTA in anyway, please contact: Alison Shorer Co-Chair 07971 512740 or email whimble.pta@gmail.com

The PTA team will fully support the transition with handovers and inductions. Much of the planning for events is already done, so a lot of the work is about making it happen.



After School Clubs

We are hoping to run some in house clubs across the year and would be intending to offer them to pairs of year groups at a time for up to an hour for a 4 to 6 week block. These clubs would be to provide extra-curricular opportunities for a small cost. We would like to know your thoughts to help us to formulate a plan.

Please complete the simple survey on the link below: <https://forms.gle/vpgQ4wu36uJJiJkM7>

Parent Consultations

This terms parent consultations will take place in the last two weeks of this half term. The dates are below and details of times and how to book will be in next weeks newsletter.

Elm Class: Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th

Ash Class: Tuesday 18th

Oak Class: Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th

Beech Class: Tuesday 18th

Willow Class: Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 18th

Flu Immunisations - Link Closes on Sunday

Children in **Year R to Year 6** are eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The immunisation team will be visiting this school on: 6th October 2022

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link:

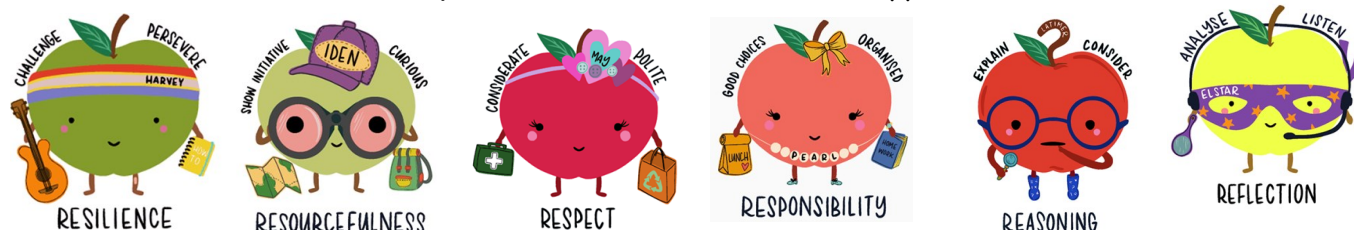
<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Please note that this link will close at midnight on: 25/9/22.

Skills Builder

Throughout the last school year we worked with the Skills Builder Partnership. The scheme supports essential skills which link closely to our 6Rs.

Our 6Rs are known as the **Whimble Wonders** and have named Apple Characters



Harvey - Resilience (Skills Builder - Saying Positive)

Iden - Resourcefulness (Skills Builder - Creativity)

May - Respect (Skills Builder - Teamwork)

Pearl - Responsibility (Skills Builder - Leadership)

Latimer - Reasoning (Skills Builder - Problem Solving)

Elstar - Reflection (Skills Builder - Aiming High)

I am pleased to announce that we achieved a Silver Award for the school year 2021 - 2022.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work to support this outcome. We are of course very proud of all the children and their achievements.

We applied and were accepted onto the Skills Builder Accelerator Scheme and we are aiming for the Gold Award this year.

We were asked to submit a case study to explain one aspect of our Skills Builder journey please find that attached with this newsletter.

Whimble Station Group

A big thank you to the Whimble School PTA for the donation to Friends of Whimble Station group so that they could purchase this lovely barrel that is now planted up and in place on the station platform.

Children in Beech Class have been involved in producing some planter designs, some of which will be used in the future.



Key Stage One Dinners

Please can you ensure that you chat to your children about their school meals - we are currently throwing a lot of food waste away which feels very wrong in the current times we live in. Many children today did not even eat any of the fish they were served despite lots of encouragement.

South West Norse - Catering Assistant

We are looking for a person to help support our current catering assistant at lunchtime here at Whimble Primary School, see details below.

Hours: 7.5

Shift Pattern: Monday to Friday, 12:00 to 13:30, term time only

Salary: £19,760 pro rata, equates to £9.50 per hour

Please see school website for more details:

This vacancy is subject to safer recruitment procedures.

Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 6th Flu Immunisations
Monday 24th to Friday 29th Half Term
Monday 31st Staff training day (no pupils)

November

Tuesday 22nd Individual School Photographs

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022

5th September to 16th December 2022

Half term - 24th to 28th October 2022

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

Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1st and 2nd September, 31st October 2022, 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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