

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Welcome

In order to put some names to faces for you all we have put together a photo gallery of our new staff members.



Mrs Lucy Presneill



Mrs Caroline Rowe.

Don't forget the office is open from 8.45am until 3.45pm every day. If your child is unwell please can you phone us between these times and help us by placing all monies in named envelopes.



Mrs Terrett
Elm class teacher



Miss H Boyd
Beech class teacher



Miss B Dunsford
Oak class teacher

NHS Flu Vaccinations

All children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 should have brought home a letter regarding the NHS Childhood Flu Immunisation Service. If you have been missed, call in and collect one from the office.

After School Clubs

We have now arranged some after school provision with a new company called 'Sporty Stars'.

Sporty Stars offer a range of exciting activities, from traditional sports such as Football, Cricket and Rugby to alternative sports such as Dodgeball, Volleyball and Handball.

The number of activities available are constantly growing and we are always looking to promote new and under recognised sports. All our Sporty Stars coaches are enthusiastic and passionate about sport, as well as being fully qualified and DBS checked.

Autumn Term 2017 – Sporty Stars Provision in School

Day of the Week	Activity	Time	Space(s)	Age Group
Monday	Multisports	3.45pm-4.45pm	Hall	Year 1-3
Thursday	Dodgeball	3.45pm-4.45pm	Hall or MUGA	Year 3-6
Friday	Football	3.45pm-4.45pm	MUGA	Year 2-6

Letters to sign up for each club are going home today with the children. All clubs will commence the week beginning 25th September.

The school receives an amount of money to encourage participation in sporting activities in order to promote healthy and active lifestyles. With some of this 'Sports Premium' money we have decided to subsidise these three clubs for this term, consequently, parents are being asked to pay £2 per session. You will need to sign your child up and pay for the whole term.

A cricket club will also be available on Mondays after school from half-term onwards. More details later in the term, (this club will be for older children).

Universal Free School Meals

Just to clear up any confusion with school meals. The Government funded Universal Free School Meal scheme is for children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years. These are the children in classes Ash and Elm. Once children are in Key Stage 2, i.e. year 3, meals have to be paid for. Please can cheques be made payable to Devon County Council.

Music Lessons with Mrs Carter

The children have started their lessons with Mrs Carter - they have all been enthusiastic and have been given some simple things to do ready for next week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Carter for all her hard work in setting up and providing this free tuition for our children.

Flag Parade



At the end of last term the children were shown the restored flags from the Heritage Centre as part of an assembly. We were so enthused, that we thought it would be a great idea to design and create our very own school flag.

Consequently, the children have been busy designing flags which represent the school including the four school teams - Badgers, Hedgehogs, Rabbits and Squirrels. Nine designs have been selected and will be sewn together to make a large flag. This flag is going to be paraded as part of the Flag Parade on Saturday 16th September. The parade starts at The Thirsty Farmer at 10.45 a.m. and finishes at The Heritage Centre. Please come and join us if you are around. (Photos of the completed flag in the next edition—when it has been sewn together!)



School Council

This year's school councillors have been chosen and they have already attended their first meeting. Their role is to represent the opinion of the children in their classes and to help decide on and organise our fundraising events across the year.

Well done to:

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| Year 6 | Tegan Street and Ned Brown |
| Year 5 | Daniel Baker and Joshua Jones |
| Year 4 | Tamsyn Terrett and Dan Culshaw |
| Year 3 | Martha Searle and Marley Wheaton |
| Year 2 | Erin Badley and Sophie Yendole |

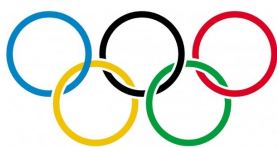


The School Councils first idea was to raise some money to donate to Shelterbox to help some of the people affected by Hurricane Irma. More details to come.

Fantastic Friday's Return:

It was clear from the pupil survey that our Friday curriculum was a great success and extremely popular with the children. It is great to see the children involved in a range of activities and try out things they wouldn't normally consider. Who would have thought that the Year 6 boys would have been crocheting their nights away! A few changes have been made after listening to the feedback from the children.

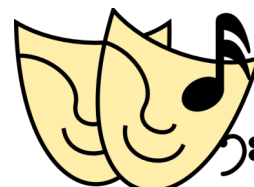
Our first Friday will be Friday 29th September and will be as follows:



relax kids



Year Group	Activity
1	Forest Schools
2	Relax Kids and Cookery
3	Art Skills and Activities
4	Creative Arts—music and drama
5	Sport Olympics
6	Cookery and Relax Kids



Don't Forget:

Reception Information Evening

Please return your reply slips for this information evening so we know how many handouts we require. There will be lots of useful information given out along with a chance to ask questions and meet our Friends of Whimble School (FOWS) chairperson.

Year 5 Sleepover

Please complete the SOE3 form along with the consent form if your child intends joining us for the Year 5 sleepover in the hall on Friday 22nd September.

Curriculum Newsletters

The curriculum newsletters for each class are now available on the relevant class pages on the schools website. We are working on a simple format to provide you with information with regards spellings, reading and P.E. and the days they happen.

Orchard Clearance

Our working party to clear The Orchard is on the morning of Saturday 23rd September. It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you think you may be able to help. Just tell the ladies at the office or send us an email at admin@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk Thank you.





Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th September - FOWS meeting Thirsty Farmer at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th October - FOWS AGM

Friday 20th October - Halloween Disco

Saturday 11th November - Craft Fair

Dates for your diary

September 22nd	Year 5 Sleepover 5.30pm
September 23rd	Orchard tidy up
September 25th	Clubs start this week
October 3rd	Willow swimming starts
October 9 th to 13 th	Bikeability (Year 6 – all week)
October 10 th	School photos (individual & family photos)
Week commencing October 16th	Parents' evenings
Week commencing October 16th	Apple picking
Half term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	
November 15th	Theatre Alibi visit 'Apple John'
Friday 15th 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!

Website

Don't forget that our school website has lots of information on it and it is continually being updated. So if you are unsure about something it is a good place to look first.

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