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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Congratulations to all those children involved in the Joseph production at the church - you were absolutely brilliant (so were the adults too!)

Parental Complaints Regarding Car Drivers and Dog Owners

I have had numerous complaints over the past few weeks about inconsiderate car owners parking on zig zag lines/double lines and dogs just outside the gates.

I do not want to turn into a nag so, firstly, **I would like to thank the majority** of you whom do consider the safety and views of others at the start and end of the school day. Along with yourselves I feel we should try a different tact with this small group of individuals - if you see something we have asked to stop, please take the time to politely remind the culprits of what we all want and why. Maybe it is their understanding of the situation and not just their selfishness.

So, can I ask that adults:

- ⇒ **DO NOT** have **DOGS** on **LEADS** just **OUTSIDE** the **SCHOOL GATES**
- ⇒ when trying to park a car in order to collect or drop off your children, **NOT TO PARK ON THE ZIG ZAG LINES** - there is always space in the Thirsty Farmer car park and it takes one minute to walk from there to school.

Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Reports will come home towards the end of the week commencing 9th March. Inside the report it will state whether your child's class teacher would like to meet with you or alternatively you can also ask to meet them.

The dates for each class consultations will be as follows:

Elm Class	Monday 16th March
Ash Class	Tuesday 17th March
Oak Class	Wednesday 18th March
Beech Class	Tuesday 17th March
Willow Class	Thursday 19th March

Toys in School

Just to clarify our 'rules' on toys in school. We strongly discourage toys brought in from home as often they get lost or broken. There are plenty of things in school and as you are aware our storage capacity is limited. Often trays and cloakrooms are overflowing due to items being brought from home. In exceptional cases there may be a child whom requires something specific but this is always done in collaboration with the class teacher and the parents of the individual involved.

All children have access to a tray of sensory type toys, for example, theraputty, textured balls and stretchy toys. These are used by children with identified needs regularly to support their learning whilst others pupils may use them when permitted, for example, mindfulness sessions or class relax activities.

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

After consultation with their classes the school councillors have decided on the following authors for World Book Day which, due to a number of reasons, we will be holding on Friday 6th March (not Thursday 5th as nationally).

The authors are:

Judith Kerr

Julia Donaldson

Lewis Carroll

C. S Lewis

any Nursery Rhyme Character

any Comic Book Character.

We will hold a special assembly for the children where they will get to see each other's costume.

Dates for your diary

February

Thursday 13th February	Elm Class cake sale
Monday 17th February	Half term holiday

March

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

Thursday 23rd April	CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm
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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