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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Welcome back everyone to the start of what promises to be another busy and productive term here at Whimble School. The children have come back recharged and ready for action after their break. They have settled down quickly into their class routines and the sun has finally come out! All of the pupils have been hard at work this week and been enthusiastic about their new pieces of learning too.



Ash class spent Tuesday afternoon investigating objects made of different materials to find out which were waterproof. They then used their results to design a waterproof crown fit for a king or queen!

Beech Class Trip to Woodbury

On Tuesday 17th April Beech Class visited Woodbury Castle in order to start their study of aspects of The Iron Age. First they explored the hill fort area and looked for key features and then tried to create a mini version of what they had seen, using natural materials.

After that some pupils classified plants while others took part in some leaf printing. Later on, Kim, one of the rangers, came to talk to us about all the work that has gone on recently to preserve the hill fort and we helped her to scatter some grass seed. After a lunch stop, at the nearby and welcoming Castle Brake Holiday Park, we were all quite soggy and returned to school.



"My favourite part of the trip was the fort building because we could use our knowledge and imagination." Harry

"My exciting part of the day was trying to dodge the mud on the way to lunch." Ettie

"My favourite activity was finding the leaves for the doing the leaf printing." Abbie

"My favourite part of the day was when we had collect items from nature." Tamsyn

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome.)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
Mental Health issues seen in school ...and how to help	Friday 21 st April	A look at mental health issues typically found in schools, inc. OCD/ASD/PDA/ADHD/ANXIETY/RAD/and soon. The session will be based on topics of interest to those attending.
'How to talk so kids will listen and learn' and 'How to listen so kids will talk'	Friday 28 th April	Back by popular demand! Use this at home or school – with stories of its effectiveness and questions answered for the sceptical. ☺
CONFERENCE	Friday 5 th May	We are presenting at a conference on Early Help for Mental Health so there won't be a session this week.
How can I help my child become more resilient ?	Friday 12 th May	More resilience means less angry, less anxious, more able to cope. Resources include The explosive child, Attachment, Executive Functioning, Language understanding, All Birds Have Anxiety (new book!)
What can I do with the child who pushes my buttons? (at home or school!)	Friday 19 th May	Children who try to get their needs met in unhelpful ways. Why does my child 'misbehave'? (mistaken goals of behaviour) Also looking at the effect of shame and how to avoid it.
Change and transition	Friday 26 th May	Change is more difficult for those who have already suffered loss through divorce, death, domestic violence, frequent house moves, family illness or other stressors. Ideas to help prepare for transitions.

☺ NO CHARGE – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! ☺ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS ☺

To book a place or ask for further information, please call 01395-263397 ext2 and leave a message if no answer. Thank you.

Things to remember:



There is a FOWS meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 24th April at The Thirsty Farmer.

Fantastic Fridays

For four weeks this half term the children are participating in the following:

Year 1 and Year 2 (two mixed groups) either drama **or** Sporty Star Olympics and Relax Kids.

Year 3 - Cookery

Year 4 - Sporty Stars Olympics and Relax Kids

Year 5 and Year 6 (two mixed groups) either Forest Schools **or** Art Skills.

Sporty Stars

Don't forget to sign your child up for after school clubs with Sporty Stars for this term.
Currently on offer are:

-Monday: Multi Sports for Years 1, 2 and 3

-Wednesday: Basketball for Years 2, 3 and 4 and now open to Years 5 and 6!

-Thursday: Cricket and rounders for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

-Friday: Football for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

To register your child for any of the above, click on this link <http://www.sportystars.co.uk/contact-book/> and navigate to the 'after school clubs' section.

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th May Key Stage 2 SATs week

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June Half-term

Monday 4th June Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th June First day of half-term

Friday 8th June Sports Day

Monday 11th June Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

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