

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimple Primary School

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Only four days to go—we can do this! This week we have had assemblies from the librarian at Ottery Library and Life Guards from Sidmouth. With the summer coming soon, it is important that children know how to act safely in the sea. The life guards were impressed by how much our pupils knew.

Although we all deserve a break, six weeks is a long time and children, like us, need some help to keep their brains ticking and not forget everything. Reading for pleasure is an excellent way to ensure children continue to develop their skills and Ottery Library are running their reading challenge again - Marvellous Makers. To keep the maths going, children in Year 1 to 6 can undertake the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge

Leaflets about all these things were sent home earlier in the week and there are a few spares in reception if they have not made it.

End of School Event

Year 6 would like to welcome everyone to their leavers party after school on Thursday at the cricket club.

A BBQ, bar and ice cream van will be available to purchase refreshments.

We have arranged inflatable fun! These will be available for everyone to use after 5pm (**year 6 only until 5pm** on inflatables). Parents/carers will need to be responsible for their own children on the inflatables.

Thank you to the PTA for funding this event.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

From party planners - Abi, Becky, Lauren and Steph

Parking

I have had a number of complaints from villagers/parents in the past few weeks about inconsiderate parking - please park in the Thirsty Farmer car park rather than blocking the road and roundabout. We want all our children and families to be safe as well as those people who live here too.

Gardening

We have had one wonderful volunteer for gardening this year and we have great plans for next year but we could really do with another adult. If you know of anyone who is interested please send them our way. Volunteers are subject to DBS checks.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



Over the last 12 months we have been working with senior leaders from the Moorsway Federation and supporting their school improvement journey. The federation comprises Cornwood C of E School, Shaugh Prior and The Erme Schools, all in or close to Ivybridge. This has been a very positive collaborative partnership and we have benefitted from opportunities to share and refine our curriculum and leadership experiences with them. Governors from both EVF and Moorsway have agreed to move to consultation on re-federating in the autumn so that we are a bigger and stronger group of schools. This will mean that we can continue to work to improve outcomes for all our children across ten schools. The local authority and Diocese of Exeter are in favour of formalising our collaboration and enabling us to maintain our autonomy in this way. Alongside this, we will be starting to work alongside leaders from the South Hams Federation, which is a group of village schools that are very similar to ours. This will enable us to meet our shared vision to move forward together and go from strength to strength through sharing professional development opportunities. We shared some training with the South Hams leaders earlier in the year and felt that this went very well and that our vision and values are very similar.

There are still a number of aspects of this collaboration to consider before any decisions are made and there will be opportunities for parents and other stakeholders to find out more about how we will work going forward, in the autumn term. Governors from both boards will make a decision in the light of the responses to consultation at the beginning of December. This is an exciting time for us as the federation grows and becomes stronger and we are looking forward to the new opportunities that collaboration will give us.

Are your pupils moving from primary school to secondary school?

Learn about Navigating Change now

Family Minds Partnership is a group of organisations who are working alongside each other to better improve mental health support for Children, Young People and their Families across Devon.

Drawing on the range of expertise within the partnership, we co-produced a resource on our website, Navigating Change, to help families and support children making the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

FAMILY MINDS PARTNERSHIP
parentalminds.org.uk/navigating-change/

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Navigating Change

Family Minds Partnership includes:
Babington (Dorset Family Resources)

SAFEGUARDING IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

If you are concerned about the safety of a child during the school holidays, or want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, you can contact Front Door (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub or MASH) by calling on 0345 155 1071. If a child is in immediate danger please call 999.

If you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being abused, or you are being abused yourself and live within Devon Local Authority boundaries, please contact us by calling Adult Social Care on 0345 1551 007 (Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm).

Outside of the hours above or on bank holidays call the Emergency Duty Service on 0345 6000 388. Alternatively, you can email: safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).

Dear Parents and Children,

July 2024

As many of you will be looking forward to spending some time on the beach over the school summer holidays, our Eco Committee would like you to try to make some time to do a beach litter pick.

It is estimated that by 2050 there could be more plastic in our oceans than fish and as an Eco School we would like to raise awareness and encourage our community to take direct action.

Go on a beach clean



www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

If you think you could help with this, we would love to know how you get on, so please upload any photos of your litter picking or keep a count of the number of pieces of litter you collect and let us know through Google classroom or by emailing the school.

Many thanks and happy holidays,

Whimble School Eco Committee

Whimble Flower and Craft Show

On Saturday Aug 10th the Hall will be transformed for the Village Flower and Craft Show. This began during World War II as a way of encouraging Whimbletons to produce more home grown food! And it has become a village tradition which has run every year since.

As you know many of the children are being encouraged to have a go this year within School. So why not come along and see how they did? There are other things they could have a go at from home too; and adults too!

Schedules and Entry Forms can be found in Whimble Stores. Every child who has a go will be awarded a special badge to thank them for their support. We'd love to see you on August 10th at 2.15pm.



Dates for your diary

July

- 22nd Rock Steady Concert 10.30am for invited parents only
25th Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents 1.30pm
25th Last day of term 3.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

5th September to 18th December 2024

Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd and 4th September, 29th November 2024, 6th January, 27th June 2025

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