### The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Welcome back to the final half-term of this current school year.

#### Your assistance is required

In order to maintain the safety and security of our pupils on site please can parents wait outside the school gates until they are opened by our caretaker at around 3.20pm. Often at this time of the year we are making the most of our outdoor space and the good weather so children are outside. Many thank for your cooperation.



The office is an especially busy place at this time of year. Please remember that any monies, especially cash, sent into school **MUST** be in a named, sealed envelope to ensure against any errors. Ideally, the name of the child, the amount in the envelope and what it is for, will all help the office as well. As you can imagine the office is handling a lot of money and forms at this time of year, multiply that by 148 children, it can be a mammoth task and we want to decrease the likelihood of any discrepancies.

#### **Class Photographs**

Class photos were emailed home yesterday. Please place your orders at the office with payment, cash or cheques made payable to Whimple Primary School. All orders to be received by Friday 14th June.

#### Sports Day

We are hoping to run our sports day on Friday 14th June at 10am at the cricket club - weather permitting.



#### Non-uniform day on Thursday 20th June

In exchange for not wearing uniform, the children are asked to bring in something for the teachers' tombola stall such as boxes of chocolate, unwanted Christmas gifts, toiletries, sweets, food items, etc.

#### Summer Consultations

The following dates have been allocated to meet with parents to discuss children's targets and provide assessment information for phonics screening (Year 1), and assessments in other year groups. Your child's books will also be available to look through.

Willow - Year 5 9<sup>th</sup> July; Year 6 15<sup>th</sup> July Beech - 15<sup>th</sup> July Oak - 9<sup>th</sup> July Ash - Year 1 9th July; Year 2 15th July Elm - 15<sup>th</sup> July (Reception and Year 1)

We will use our online booking system on the schools learning platform as in the autumn term. More details nearer the time.

#### Cinderella

The children in Year 5 will be performing an entertaining version of Cinderella to the school on Monday 17th June. They will then perform to parents and other family members on Wednesday 19th at 4pm.

#### Request from our School Librarians

Any pupil can use the school library during the week. Books can be borrowed at a maximum of two at a time. There is a wide range of really good books for all ages. Please encourage your child to read one or more books from the library this term. Thank you.

#### Parent Workshops

This terms workshops at Withycombe Primary includes dyslexia, anxiety, language support and dysgraphia, see full details on the school website.

https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/free\_workshops/378196

#### Charity Bike Ride

The charity bike ride, organised by our caretaker Billy Bloomfield, will take place on Saturday 20th July. Look out for the posters for more information.







#### Dear Parent/Carer

#### Protecting your child against mumps and measles

We are seeing an increase in the number of cases of mumps across Devon. More than half of the cases are in young people aged 15-24 years, with outbreaks seen at universities and cases reported in schools. If your child has not been vaccinated, we would recommend they receive two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine to ensure they are protected. It is easy to check if your child has had the vaccine by contacting your GP and asking if they have had two doses of MMR. If not, then you can arrange for your child to have their MMR vaccine at your GP surgery.

#### Mumps is very contagious

Mumps is a virus spread in the same way as colds and flu. Mumps is most known for painful swellings at the side of the face under the ears, giving a person with mumps a distinctive "hamster face" appearance. Other symptoms include a high temperature with joint pain and loss of appette. Swellings are not always present - mumps can sometimes have the same symptoms as other viruses such as glandular fever.

It is important that you contact your GP If you think your child may have mumps so that a diagnosis can be made and advice given.

If your child has mumps, you can help prevent it spreading by:

- washing hands regularly with scap
- using tissues when sneezing, binning them straight away and then washing your hands.
- avoiding going to school and attending social gatherings for at least 5 days after the swelling first develops (or other symptoms if swelling is not present)

#### Treatment for mumps

There is no specific treatment for mumps, but the infection should pass within 1 or 2 weeks. Treatment is used to relieve symptoms and includes:

- getting plenty of bed rest and drinking lots of water
- using painkillers, such as ibuprofen and paracetamol (as indicated on the patient information leaflet)
- applying a warm or cool compress to the swollen glands to help relieve pain

Whilst the symptoms of mumps are usually relatively mild in children, for unprotected adults they can be much more serious.

For more information or advice please contact Public Health England on 0300 303 8162 option 1 then option 1 quoting reference number 209209 or visit: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mumps/</a>.

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#### Summer Fayre Raffle Tickets

Tickets are £1 each and all profits go to Whimple Primary School. Some great prizes including entrance tickets for family days out, are being donated from local businesses.

To purchase a ticket please fill in the name and telephone number of the buyer in a box and collect their £1. Please return the completed (or part-completed) sheets and money to the school office by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** in labelled envelopes with total included.

One lucky child will have their name drawn prior to the day of the Fayre to receive a "Golden Ticket", entitling the winner to a free go at each stall/game, an ice-cream and a cake.

The remaining winning tickets will be drawn at the Fayre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 3:30pm.



## **Don't Forget**

- The final consultation for the village hall is on *Tuesday 11th June (6-9pm). Please* take the time to complete their short questionnaire to support the hall and school.
- To order your class photographs by Friday.

# **Dates for your diary**

Monday 10th June	Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 11th June	Consultation regarding the future of the village hall 6-9pm
Friday 14th June	Year 4 Sleepover
Wednesday 19th June	Year 5 Drama production 'Cinderella' 4-5pm
Thursday 20th June	Non-Uniform day for tombola prizes
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fair
Friday 21st June	Oak Class trip to Lyme Regis
Thursday 27th June	Crealy Visit - Year 6
Wednesday 3rd July	Beech + Willow Year 5 Class trip to Lyme Regis
Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th Ju	ıly Clyst Vale New Intake Days - Year 6
Thursday 4th July	Civic Award Presentation Ceremony at Uffculme School 6pm
Monday 8th July	Year 6 Residential Week
Tuesday 9th July	Consultations for Year 5, Year 1 and Oak class
Monday 15th July	'Body Image' information evening for parents
Monday 15th July	Consultations for Year 6, Year 2, Elm and Beech class
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term, 3.30pm finish.

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