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#### The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Well, the weather is still a topic of conversation, as inclement as it is, there can't be many places where the sun can be shining brightly and it is hailing!

#### World Book Day



Everyone did us proud again this year - the costumes were amazing and the children had a wonderful day. All children were given a  $\pounds 1$  book token which they should have brought home. We also had a wonderful selection of extreme reading photographs sent in to us (oh, to be that flexible!) and we hope to display them for all to see.

Thank you very much for supporting your children with both their costumes and photographs.



More World Book photographs in our March newsletter.

#### Funding for Schools

Please find attached alongside the Contact, a letter sent out by thousands of schools today regarding funding. Whilst we all appreciate the government doesn't have a bottomless pit of money, as tax payers we all contribute to that fund. Our children are our future. They are the next generation of employees and with constant coverage in the press about the shortage of dentists, doctors and nurses, chefs, tradesmen and teachers (just to name a few), we need to ensure we get it right. In order to do that we need a little more money per pupil, the extra £750 million sounds a lot but equates to less than £5 per pupil and with increasing costs - utilities, pension/NI contributions and general supplies, schools continue to struggle.



#### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for all children in Elm - appointments can be booked online from 7pm tonight. Please log in to the learning platform to book an appointment with Mrs Terrett to discuss your child's progress at this point in the year.



#### Hobby Horses

We are looking to borrow some hobby horses for our drama production - if you are willing to lend one please can you see either, Miss Clarke or Miss Norton.

#### Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 15th March, children can come to school dressed in red items to support Comic Relief. This is in exchange for a small donation. Max and Finlay will be raising awareness of Children in Care and Adoption (linked to Comic Relief supported charities) in Fridays assembly. There will also be a 'Design a Nose' competition.



#### Part-Time Teacher

We have just started the process to recruit a part-time teacher for Elm class starting in September, this will be to work as a job share with Mrs Terrett.



#### Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 29th March, Rebekah, Annie, Jemima and Isabella have asked for all children to come to school with 'Crazy-Hair' for the day. This is to raise awareness of their chosen charity which is Alzheimers and Marie Curie. You can style and colour your hair in any way you like for a small donation for their charities. (see posters around school)







to collect your eggs and there will be prizes on the day for the best!

### Don't Forget

• To come dressed in Red for Comic relief on Friday 15th March.

## Dates for your diary

Orchestra practise dates: 14th and 21st March.

w/c 11th March Science Week activities

Wednesday 13th March Dental Nurse visit - Year 3 and 4

Monday 25th March Elm Parent consultations 1pm onwards

Tuesday 26th March Ash and Beech Parent consultations 3.30pm/2.30pm onwards

Thursday 28th March Oak and Willow Parent consultations 1.30pm/3.30pm onwards

Monday 1st April M&M Theatre visit - Wizard of Oz

Tuesday 2nd April Year 6 Drama production - 4pm

Wednesday 3rd April Year 6 Drama production 6pm

Friday 5th April End of term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 23rd April Summer term starts

Monday 13th May KS2 SATS week

Monday 27th May Half-term holiday

Monday 3rd June Non-pupil day

Friday 7th June Sports day - morning only

Monday 8th July Year 6 Residential Week

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