

# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



## Whimple Primary School

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Although the week started very wet, it did thankfully brighten up as the week progressed. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a week on residential at Pixie's Holt, taking part in a variety of activities including mountain biking, weaselling and caving. All the staff that worked with the children this week commented on their good manners and enthusiasm. It was great to see them apply their skills in a very different environment. They all know how to keep their belongings tidy now as well! Thank you to Miss Clarke, Mr Brown and Mrs Wall for giving up their time to take them.

As we head into the final weeks of this school year, children are starting to get tired (and a little grumpy). We continue to help the children to make good choices and rub along together; your support with this is also greatly appreciated. The children still have a number of things to look forward to before the end of term.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the football if you can!

### PE Kits

Please can you ensure that children still have their PE kits in school as lessons will continue as usual.

### Returning Items

It is the time in the term where we need to have all of our trophies returned. Please can all those children who received trophies for most improved reader, writer and mathematician last term, bring them back to their class early next week.

It is also the time in the term where we start collating and checking what we have. If children have any star badges, books or any other property which belongs to school, please can that also be returned.

Over the next week or so, teachers will be handing out bits and pieces to bring home, so if you could also provide them with a carrier bag to fill, that would be great.



## Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



The voluntary role of governors is a challenging one and for the Chair and Vice Chair it takes as much time as a part time job. All our governors take an active part in challenging and supporting senior leaders as they seek to improve outcomes for all the children in our schools and beyond. This includes spending a considerable amount of time reading reports from the Heads and analysing what has been written and asking questions about their progress towards their school improvement aims, term by term. Governors also receive a substantial report from me three times a year and as well as reading it, ask questions about the strategic direction of the federation and its work.

As part of their role, governors write an impact report every year, which outlines what has taken place during the year at a strategic level. This year's report is attached to this week's newsletters, so please do take a minute or two to read it and find out more about what the governing board have been doing during the year. As we come to the end of a busy year for governors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie Enright [Chair], Sheryl Margesson [Vice Chair] and the other 12 governors on the board, for all their dedication and commitment to supporting me and the other senior leaders, without whom the federation would not be as effective or as resilient. Thank you all very much!

### PRAYER ROOM

Every half term, a group of parents meet to pray for the federation schools. The next prayer room will be on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am at Silverton Evangelical Church [School Road, Silverton EX5 4JH]. Please contact Andy Mathers [apmathers@gmail.com] for more information.



Next Bags 2 School Collection is on Wednesday 17th July.

# Dates for your diary

## July

15th	Ottery Library assembly
16th	Water/sea safety assembly
16th	Willow Class Forest School am only
17th	Oak Class School Trip
19th	EVF Cross Country Competition
22nd	Rock Steady Concert 10.30am for invited parents only
25th	Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents 1.30pm

## Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**15<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

**5<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

*Half term - 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024*

### SPRING TERM 2025

**7<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

*Half term - 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025*

### SUMMER TERM 2025

**22<sup>nd</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

*May Day holiday - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

*Half term - May 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

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

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