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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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You know Christmas is getting closer when the children have eaten their Christmas dinner and sung a few Carols in the church.

Christmas Dinner

What a fabulous sight we had on Wednesday when children adorned their Christmas jumpers and hats. Many hats were home made and it was obvious that children had spent some considerable time producing them. Judging by the staff and members of the School Council, was very difficult and consequently there were many tied votes. Results below:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Reception	Matilda Fenner	Maisie Knowles	Isla Roberts-Shorer/Eleanor Whitaker
Year 1	Ethan Parker	Rosie Stephenson	Robert Searle/Freddie Williams
Year 2	Zachary Swain	Lucie Best	Joshua Denton/Jake Woolston
Year 3	4-way tie: Buddy Brown/Peggy Jones/George Williams/Sophie Yendole		
Year 4	Owen Major	Imogen Woollam	Harley Cann/Henry Parker/Lottie Williams
Year 5	Bethan Burt-Jones	Tamsyn Terrett/Lizzie Yendole	
Year 6	Finlay Woollacott	Katie Jaggs	Daniel Baker/Joshua Jones/ Isabella Fry and Tilly Startup



Poppy Appeal

This year the school raised £125.97 towards this great charity. On behalf of The British Legion—thank you very much.



Carol Service

Didn't they do well - the Year 6 read with great clarity and pride, whilst the choir and recorders performed admirably. Well done! Thank you very much for your support, it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Musical Assemblies

Congratulations to all those involved in either of our recent music assemblies. Over 50 children participated, many for the first time. It's amazing to see how much improvement has been made in such a short space of time. The choir also sang beautifully to the patients in Rowan Ward at Ottery St Mary Hospital.



A Miracle in Town' - Tuesday at 4pm

Just to clarify arrangements for next Tuesday, Children in Ash and Elm Class do not need to be collected from school at 3.30pm. Teachers will keep them in class to change ready for the 4pm start in the hall.

At the end of the show, the class teachers will take all children back to their classes to change them out of their costumes so the costumes are here for the next performance. Please wait outside and as they become ready the teachers will hand them over.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Medical Support

With childhood illnesses on the increase due to the cold weather, doctors in Devon are reminding parents to download and consult the HANDi paediatric app. The free app, available to download onto any Apple or Android device, was launched specifically with children in mind and is loaded with expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/eys/stay-well-this-winter-consult-handi-this-winter/>

FoWS Christmas Raffle

Next week, with thanks to Becky Steadman, FOWS have a Christmas Hamper to raffle off.

The hamper has over £100 worth of festive fodder and wine. Katie W and I will be in the playground before and after school selling raffle tickets. Cost is £1 per raffle ticket. Raffle winner will be drawn and announced on Wednesday 19th December.

Good luck 🍀☐

Christmas Fair

For the Christmas fair we are still in need of your **donations**. We would like your unwanted books, toys games or other children's items that can be sold. Please bring them to the school office or give them to one of your class reps.

Also **volunteers** are still needed on the day. If you're free on Thursday December 20th, any time given is much appreciated, please let us know if you can help. Thank you!

Children will be taken up in their classes at the following times:

Willow 1.15pm Beech 1.40pm

Oak 2.05pm

Ash 2.30pm Elm 3.00pm

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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

SLEEPOVER



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm
If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency
- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off
- Knows not to hide from fire
- Knows how to raise the alarm
- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to
- Will tell you if they don't feel safe

If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying



CHECK THAT:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way: you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case ...

For further home fire safety information please see our website – www.dsfire.gov.uk/YourSafety

Don't Forget

- Christmas fair next Thursday
- Try and relax and have some down time to help to the bugs away.

Dates for your diary

December

Tuesday 18th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity 4pm
Wednesday 19th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity (2.15pm)
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 21st December	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2019/20:

AUTUMN TERM 2019

4th September to 20th December 2019

Half term - 21st to 25th October 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

7th January to 27th March 2020

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

14th April to 21st July 2020

May Day holiday - 4th May 2020

Half term - 25th May to 1st June 2020 (inclusive)

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 2nd and 3rd September, 6th December, 6th January, 1st June

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