

# NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2024



## Whimble Primary School

Issue 8

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You know it is a long half-term when you are writing issue 8 of the newsletter before the first break. We have all made it! Although it has been a long half-term and the weather has been very variable, we have managed to fit a lot in. The children are now really settled back into school and are working really hard to improve their knowledge and skills.

It was great to catch up with many of you across this week for parents evening, and hopefully you found these meetings really useful. For those who were unable to make it, teachers will catch up with you to sort another convenient time.

After half-term, we welcome two new staff members to the Whimble Team. Mrs Sophia Abraham, will be working in the office on Friday's, and Mrs Emma Rice will be joining our team of teaching assistants.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us over the break and with Halloween and bonfire events taking place, please keep yourselves safe. Have a good half-term.



### Children in Need

Our children, through their school councillors, have decided to dress up for the day on the 15th November for a small donation (link will be shared after half-term); this can be pyjamas, anything colourful, particularly spots or something sporty.

### PTA

Thank you to those parents who made the effort to attend the AGM last night. Mr Paterson has kindly agreed to continue as chair. Many items were discussed, including suggestions for possible fundraising events in the future. Please find the most recent PTA newsletter attached with this on the email.



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### After School Club

Multi-sports Club for KS2 will continue on a Monday after school 3.30 to 4.30pm. Please use the [link here](#) to sign up for the next half-term.

Choir will also continue on a Thursday after half-term, please use the [link here](#).



## Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

The school holidays are a great time for families and children to take some time away from their normal routines and daily activities. However, we know that for some families, the holidays can be a real strain and managing childcare and work can be a challenge that sometimes brings families to crisis point. Next week the federation schools will be closed but there are ways that you can get help, either for yourself, your family or another child. If you are concerned about the safety of a child in Devon 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](mailto:safeguardingadultseast-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) (Exeter, East and Mid Devon).

I hope you and your family have a great half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### YEAR 3 and 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT PAYMENTS

The Year 3 and 4 residential visit is planned for Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 and we will be going by train from Crediton to the YHA at Okehampton. Silverton, Thorverton and Whimble will be going for the first night and the other schools will be going on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May for one night. We are still finalising the activity plan for the two-year groups who are going and are waiting for confirmation of the cost. The visit is likely to cost around £110 for the two days, including activities, travel and accommodation. We appreciate that this is a significant outlay for parents so there will be a phased payment system set up on School Gateway for parents to start making payments of £20 each month towards the cost. We will confirm the price for the visit as soon as we can and let parents know.

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### Harvest Assembly

We held an assembly to celebrate harvest today. The children in Elm Class started us off by singing Big Red Combine Harvester and the choir led the Makaton version of Harvest Samba. It was a great way to end the half-term.



# Dates for your diary

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - Half-Term

## **November**

- Monday 4th Children return to school  
Tuesday 5th Flu Vaccinations — All Years  
Friday 15th Children in Need  
Wednesday 20th Individual School Photos  
Thursday 21st Meet the PTA—Thirsty Farmer 7pm  
Thursday 28th Bags2School Collection (PTA)  
Friday 29th Staff training day - school closed to pupils

## **December**

- Friday 6th Christmas Disco (PTA)  
Wednesday 11th KS1 Nativity 4pm Whimble Church  
Thursday 12th KS2 Carol Service 6pm Whimble Church  
Friday 13th Christmas Fair (PTA)  
Monday 16th EVF Carol Service, Crediton Church 6pm  
Wednesday 18th Christmas dinner

## **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): 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025*

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