

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Whimble Primary School

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It was lovely to see many of our new starters come into school yesterday, as all the children got to spend the morning in their new classes ready for September. As teachers, it always reminds us how far our children have developed in one year. Having a new set of four year olds is a bit like having a room of ants - they are smaller and are investigating everything around them!

One of the benefits of having mixed age classes, is that the dynamics of each class changes annually, and children's learning skills benefit from this. It is great to see older children in each class supporting others with routines.

Reports and Statutory Assessment Results

The following assessment information will be sent home with children in an envelope today:

Reception - annual report including Early Years Profile

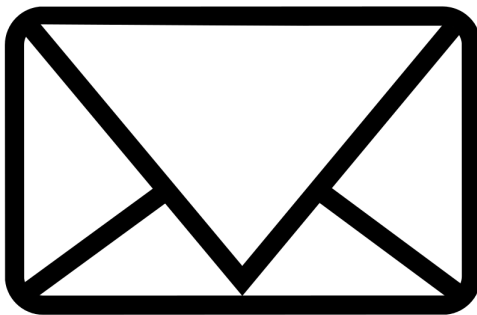
Year 1 - Phonics screening check results

Year 2 - SATs results, some will also have a phonic screening result if a retake was required (score under 32 in year 1)

Year 4 - multiplication tables check

Year 6 SATs results are due on Tuesday 11th and Mr Brown is taking appointments (via the Google Form that was emailed home recently) for parents on that evening.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the outcomes, please email the school office. These appointments are mainly likely to be on Tuesday 11th July.



Year 6 leavers party!

All are welcome to come and celebrate with the Year 6's at their leaving party! This is at the Cricket Club straight after school until 5pm on 21st July. The bar will be open and music playing! There will be a bouncy assault course (**open to all years after the first hour which is reserved for Year 6**) and a free BBQ for year 6 children only. An ice cream van is arriving at 4.30pm and all are welcome to take photos in the fun photo tent where you will find funny props to use! Please note children need to be supervised by parents. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Hynd or Amanda Denton.



Summer Fair - Saturday 15th July, 11am - 3pm

Please support this key event—class reps are still requiring the support of parents and their children to run stalls for a period of time.

The class reps and games stalls are as follows:

ELM: Ali Shorer & Helen Heriz-Smith

Tin can alley and Lego play stall

ASH: Catherine Evans-Martin

Wheel of fortune and Nerf gun shooting range

OAK: Polly Luscombe & Danielle Holmes

Lucky Dip and Fidget spinner challenge

BEECH: Katy Hill & Becky Steadman

Penalty kicks and Paper Aeroplane throw

WILLOW: Susan Pearce

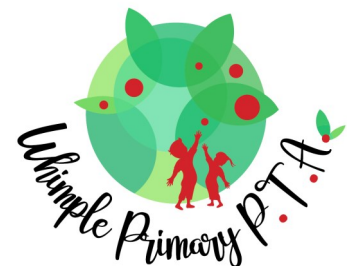
Bean bag throw, Keepie Uppies and Lego Launcher

We also need parent volunteers to help on the bar and ice cream stall, please email whimble.pta@gmail.com with any questions or if you can help.

The more help we have - the easier it is for all involved, so please sign up as soon as you can to help with planning this great event.

Refreshments

Please can we have donations of cakes, and biscuits for the refreshments area of the summer fair. Items can be delivered into school from Friday morning onwards.



Thank you to everyone who donated items today towards the tombolo - a great variety of items have appeared so should make for an interesting stall.

YOUNG COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL

RESTARTS ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER FROM 4.30pm TO 5.30pm IN TALATON PARISH HALL

The group meets regularly every Tuesday evening and is open to all interested young people in school years 4 to 9, irrespective of previous experience.

Young Community Theatre 4All is lead by Tom and Frances Samson both of whom are retired teachers. Tom trained in Drama and Theatre Arts at Dartington College of Arts in the 1970s. Both Tom and Frances have enhanced DBS clearance for working with young people.

Young Community Theatre 4All is the youth group that is linked to the adult group and it is hoped that in time young performers will ultimately want to join the adult group. The initial aim of the group is, however, to have fun and in the process develop self-confident and articulate young people through a range of Drama activities and performances.

During 2023/24 Young Community Theatre 4All will present their own theatrical performance (more details later) as well as joining forces with the adult group for an open-air performance of "Toad of Toad Hall".

There is a termly membership charge of £25 (to cover hall hire fees and basic production costs).

Further details can be obtained by emailing Tom Samson at communitytheatre4all@yahoo.co.uk

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Dates for your diary

July

Friday 14th July	Year 5 Sleepover
Saturday 15th July	Summer Fayre 11am to 3pm
Monday 17th July	Rock Steady Concert Parents 10.35am arrive for 10.40am start
Thursday 20th July	Summer Sounds Music Event (now in school)
Friday 21st July	Leavers Assembly Year 6 (afternoon, time approx. 2pm)

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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