

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimble Primary School

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Now we have finally had some sunshine there are a few important reminders for the children that you can all help with please.

1. Send your child in with a sunhat.
2. Sun cream should be applied at home, and some can be sent into school for children to apply themselves at lunchtime if required.
3. Water bottles should only contain water - not juice or fizzy drinks please.
4. Jumpers/cardigans - as these get taken off more frequently this term please make sure they are all clearly named so if misplaced they can be returned to their owner easily.

Congratulations

Bea and Emily in Year 6 are the first Year 6 children from Whimble to complete the Exmoor Challenge. Well done to them!

Charity Awareness

Next Friday, Mr Ramsdale is going to come into school to talk about his run and raise awareness of the tusk charity. Following on from this, he will set up under the shelter in the top playground at the end of the school day to publicly remove his beard in front of those who wish to watch.

We wish him good luck!

Ottery and Cranbrook Police

The police based at Ottery and Cranbrook are now producing a monthly newsletter they would like us to share with parents. The first edition introduces some key personnel as well as providing updates on key local issues. Please read the attached newsletter.

SHAVING OF A BEARDED MAN

“ In June I'm going to Kenya to run a half marathon with my brother. My mum grew up in Kenya and we never managed to get back there with her, so we're doing this in her memory.

To raise money I'm going to shave off my glorious beard after 18 years of not seeing my chin at Whimble Primary School on **Friday 17th May**.

Please donate using the QR code below and I'll hope to see you with a very cold face soon after.

ABOUT THE CHARITY

Tusk raises money for conservancy and community projects in the country, specifically around the Lewa conservancy area.

Scan to donate

Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



Next week, our Year 6s take their SATs tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and maths. There are quite a few papers across the week, including three maths tests, although they are quite spread out and the children have been well-prepared for the week and know what to expect. However, this is probably the first time that the children have taken formal tests like this and it is a lot to expect from ten- and eleven-year-olds. Whilst we absolutely encourage children to do their best, we also know that for some children this can be a difficult week and it is important to keep SATs in perspective. I hope that all the children in Year 6 navigate the week successfully and are able to give a good account of their learning. I wish them all well and look forward to seeing the results in July.

EXMOOR CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the teams who took part in the Exmoor Challenge last weekend. All the teams did really well to navigate their way around the course and to finish together at the end. This is a really great achievement and everyone who took part should be really pleased with their success. Many thanks to the parents who took their children to Dulverton so they could take part and to all the staff who made sure that the children returned safely.

PRAYER ROOM

The next Prayer Room will be held at Silverton Evangelical Church on Friday, 24th May at 9.30am. More details from Andy Mathers [email: apmathers@gmail.com]. New parents are welcome to join us.

Outdoor Learning

Oak Class enjoyed their outdoor learning day yesterday despite being a lot warmer than it has been recently. Staff were very complimentary with how they coped and participated in the activities throughout the day.



Dates for your diary

May

- 13th Elm Class trip to Drakes Farm
17th Willow Class Outdoor Learning Day
24th Elm Class Outdoor Learning Day

June

- 21st Sports Day (morning only at the Cricket Club)
26th EVF Year 6 transition day
28th Non-Pupil Day—staff training

Key assessment dates for 2024

- Year 6 SATs w/c 13th May
Phonics Screening (Year 1) w/c 10th June
Times Tables Check (Year 4) w/c 3rd June

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

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): 3rd June and 28th June 2024

Term dates for pupils - 2024/25:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

5th September to 18th December 2024

Half term - 28th to 1st November 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

7th January to 4th April 2025

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

22nd April to 25th July 2025

May Day holiday - 5th May 2025

Half term - May 26th to 30th May 2025

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

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