

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Snow stops, no starts play!

It's hard to believe that a week ago we were covered in a blanket of white snow. I would like to thank you all for reading your emails and acting on the advice given. Those children who were able to come in did enjoy the experience and sending them in with packed lunches really helped. The snow provided some fabulous hands-on experience. It is hard to talk about seasonal change when we don't experience it very much! Thursday provided lots of ideas for writing both stories and poems. It was also perfect for studying changes in materials linked to water.



Celebrating St David's Day in Elm (OK it was a day early!)

Since half-term the children in Elm have been learning about Wales and their patron saint David. Activities have included making daffodils and leeks, making the National costume and then dressing their own teddy bear. The finale was a presentation to their parents and included singing a song in Welsh. Thank you to Mrs Lindsey for her Welsh input.



World Music Workshop

Due to the snow last Friday our World Music Workshop was cancelled . We have re-scheduled it for Wednesday 28th March.

Shumba Drumming

Elm enjoyed their Shumba drumming session. It was amazing to hear such a variety of wildlife in the Victory Hall. Lions, elephants, monkeys and snakes were amongst the animals that were created using these drums.



Important things to remember:

Contact Information

Please remember if your personal circumstances have changed to come and inform the office of any changes to contact numbers and addresses, along with the order contacts should be phoned. If families require two copies of a child's report, please also inform the office as soon as possible.

Reading Information Evening

Please look out for the letter about the information evening next Wednesday and complete the return slip if you are attending so we can ensure we have the correct number of handouts.



The session will start at 5.45pm and will last approximately three quarters of an hour. Children are welcome to attend and we will supervise them in the library. Please also indicate the number and age of child/children on the return slip. (attached along with this email).

Monster Race

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up their children for this year's Monster Race at Escot Park.



Further details about the logistics of the day will come out to you early next week and the children will be given their t-shirt on Thursday. Thanks again to all the parents for volunteering to help, I will be in touch soon to all those who I would like to help. If you don't hear from me, please come along and show your support from the sidelines and please respect the fact that if parents start to take part without an invitation from me, this poses a safeguarding risk to all the children involved.

Tickets for Troy Story

Tickets for the production of 'Troy Story' will be available from the school office. Children involved in the performance are able to secure their tickets first by collecting on Thursday or Friday. Tickets will then be available to anyone else from Monday 19th March.



The tickets are free but we will ask for a donation on the night to help cover all our overheads, including the hall hire. All children will get to watch the dress rehearsal on the Tuesday.

Music Assembly

The musicians assembly will start at 2.30pm in the hall. Come and listen to the widest range of instruments we have ever had at Whimple School.





Hello we have a couple of fundraisers coming up (all money raised goes towards buying fab stuff for the school)

Please help if you can! But just as importantly please attend these lovely events xx

Easter Bingo Thursday 22nd March

Cakes, cakes and more cakes please!!!!

I'd really appreciate for lots of you to bake/buy cakes, can any donations please be left in the school office on the day or bring along with you on the night.

We're also after a couple more helpers on the evening, we'll be at the cricket club from 5.15 to lay table out etc. (Please let myself or Zoe Bickel know).

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 24th March

I'm after a couple more helpers to hide eggs, we meet at midday and normally takes around an hour, please let me know ASAP if you can.

Many thanks for your continued support, Katie Williams.



Dental Visit



A huge thank you to the dental nurse for coming to speak to Beech and Oak classes last week. We looked at how clean our teeth are and how we should clean them effectively. The disclosing tablets were great fun! Our tongues were very purple!

The children asked lots of questions and the dental nurse was surprised how much they knew already.



Don't forget

- China Day for Beech class is Monday 12th March.
- Book your place at our Reading Information Evening on Wednesday.
- Update your contact details if things have changed at home.
- Get your 'Troy' tickets from the office.

Dates for your diary

March

Monday 12th	Instrumentalists assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th	Reading Information evening for parents 5.45pm
Thursday 16th	Annual Reports go home (Year 1 to Year 6)
Monday 19th	Musical assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 20th	Parent consultations
Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance 5.45pm
Wednesday 28th	World Music Workshop - Key Stage 2
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Don't forget we break up at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holidays.

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World Book Day



On Thursday, all the children in the school (and staff) selected a character from one of the chosen authors to dress up as. The costumes were absolutely amazing and it was fabulous to see everyone so enthusiastic about books. Excerpts of a book from each author were read in a special assembly and the children all paraded around to show off their costumes and guess who everyone was. Lots of photos were taken (a small selection below, the rest will be on our next issue of *A Way with Words* at the end of this term).

Various activities took place throughout the rest of the day - Willow and Elm children even acted out Michael Rosen's 'Going on a Bear Hunt' which was lovely to watch.





A special mention for 'The Boys in the Dresses' who were brave enough to attend in their costumes and I think are now far more appreciative of women wearing heels and tight dresses!



David Walliams followed by Julia Donaldson and Enid Blyton were our favourite authors.

Thank you for your support with helping to sort costumes, they were great!

