

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### Monster Race

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Monster Race on Saturday morning. They braved the sub-zero temperatures and took on the obstacles with great teamwork and determination.

A big thank you to Miss Clarke and Mr Wakefield for giving up their free time to help and to all of the parent volunteers who came along.





## Musical Assembly

Well done to all those who participated yesterday in the assembly. Despite having no time to practice the order or format, the children still put on a good show. Many thanks to Mrs Emma Palmer and Mrs Rosemary Allen for their continued, time, patience and support.



## French Club

French Club will be re-starting after the Easter holidays! Every Friday from 3:45 - 4:30, starting Friday 20th April in Oak Class. Meet in the playground outside Elm class; learn vocabulary and phrases through play, rhyme and songs. All welcome from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

Cost: £4 per session.

## Exeter Children's Orchestra

ECO aims to give orchestra playing opportunity to all young people up to age 18. We meet at 10am in St. Leonard's primary school, Exeter every Saturday morning. We are funded by charitable donations and fundraising. The music we play is varied. We play pieces from musicals and film, popular tunes, and some classical. (as an example, last year we played the Harry Potter theme and Pirates of the Caribbean). All of the supervising adults have DBS background checks and all activities are risk assessed.



### Something for everyone – on Saturday mornings

The children rehearse in sections (strings, woodwind, percussion etc) with a tutor for an hour.

There is a break and a great tuckshop.

Then everyone comes together with a conductor to play pieces as a full orchestra for a further hour.

In addition to the main orchestra we have a junior orchestra where younger members or those who have just started an instrument can join in. They also play easier arrangements with the main orchestra.

At the other end of the ability spectrum is the Youth Orchestra where more advanced players can perform more complex pieces together.

*It's not all about practice. Each year we put on several concerts around the county*

**OPEN DAY**  
**St Leonard's School Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**April from 10am.**



### Am I good enough?

If you can read at least one musical scale and play it on your instrument, you will be just fine.

Plus – there are no scary auditions!

### Come and try.....

Come and meet us any Saturday morning at 10am (not school hols) at St. Leonard's School, St. Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ. Bring your instrument -you will have the chance to join in. We own a range of percussion instruments.

We are able to offer some free taster sessions, termly fees are £40 (discounts for junior orchestra, siblings and annual payment).

**Check out our website: [www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](http://www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk)**

*Please note -we do not provide instrument tuition. Children who attend are expected to be taking instrument lessons already. Our children love the Orchestra, find new friends and, you will be amazed at how progress with their instrument and grades are accelerated.*



## FAMILY VISION

### WHAT IS FAMILY VISION?

Family Vision is a group leadership course designed just for lone parents.

You will come together to support and encourage each other in this phase of family life.

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Each week you will meet as a group to explore a question designed to help you develop your leadership skills. There is also cake!

### KEY TOPICS

We will explore What leadership means as a parent, What your family values are, How to feel positive at home, Your family's goals and more!

### WHEN AND WHERE?

The course will be run at **St Martin's Primary School, Cranbrook.**

Thursday mornings 9-11.30am (however coffee will be available from 8.30am) for 10 weeks (except half term).

The first meeting will be **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### HAS THIS COURSE BEEN RUN BEFORE?

Yes, and previous parents have described it as being Empowering, Life altering, Inspirational, Amazing

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Please contact Caren (Family Advocate at St Martin's) 01404 515409 for an informal chat.



Lucie Best was the winning name drawn for the children's word search.

Many Thanks to all of you that came to the Easter Bingo last night, what a fabulous turnout! We made just over £190, which is a great total. Thanks to all the helpers, especially the organisers Zoe Bickel and Alice Walsh and of course Bingo Caller Tony Bickel.

### Easter Egg Hunt! Tomorrow at 2pm prompt

I would like to make you all aware that there has been a lot of pruning taking place in the orchards and there are lots of branches on the floor, please be careful.

(I would like to remind you that you will be taking part at your own risk and FoWS cannot be liable for any injuries that may occur).

Katie Williams



## Plastic Milk Bottle Lids

After the Easter holidays we will be starting a milk bottle top collection. A container for your tops will be in the entrance lobby. Currently, milk bottle tops usually get sent to landfill as they are too small to be processed by recycling centres.

We can now collect the tops (green, red and blue) and send them to a toy manufacturing company in Plymouth. This company then donates a small percentage of their profits to a Multiple Sclerosis charity. More information about this in due course... But please start collecting now.

# Dates for your diary

## March

Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance 5.45pm
Wednesday 28th	World Music Workshop - Key Stage 2
Wednesday 28th	Troy Story performance 5.45pm

**Don't forget we break up at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holidays.**

Monday 16th April	First day of summer term
Monday 14th May	Key Stage SATs week
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June	Half-term
Friday 8th June	Sports Day
Monday 11th June	Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

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