

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022

Whimble Primary School

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Lots of pieces of information this week, so please read all the way through. Seems like autumn has arrived now, so quick reminder for children to bring in their coats on all days.

After School Clubs

Thank you for completing the survey—if you haven't had the opportunity the link is below:

<https://forms.gle/ymeg7N1MMdDwgiH37>

Apologies for the error last week.

Parent Governor Role:

You will shortly see emails coming out about our parent governor vacancy, and how to apply if you are interested. A parent governor is a valuable role both for yourself and the school. Please read below a personal account from Mrs Butler.

"I have been a parent governor for two years, joining the Governing body because of an interest in the direction and vision of the school. I came to the role with no knowledge of the educational system apart from my own school experience which was many years ago! I am not involved in the day to day running and organisation of the school instead I work with the Governing body to ensure clarity in the school's plan for all children.

The school is entering an exciting time joining a managed partnership with the Exe Valley Federation. Now is a great time to join the Governing team and make a difference. Please contact me if you have any questions about the role on sbutler@whimbleprimary.co.uk.

Reading Books

We have started using our new reading books - Little Wandle Letters and Sounds with our children in Ash and Elm Class. These reading books are read in school three times and then sent home on a Wednesday. Books need to be returned to school the following Monday ready for the next group of children to have them. This set of books cost £3,000 and the PTA kindly helped to fund some of this. It is really important that books are returned in a good condition on Monday mornings. If books are not returned within a week we will have to charge for a replacement, current cost being £5.75. Please help us to keep our good book stock by returning books. Thank you for your co-operation.



PTA Update

After our newsletter item last week, the PTA now have a secretary, however, we are still looking for a Chair. If you can support the PTA in anyway, please contact: Alison Shorer Co-Chair 07971 512740 or email whimblepta@gmail.com

Parent Consultations

This term's parent consultations will take place in the last two weeks of this half term. The dates and times are below. Booking is via ESchools App, any issues please contact the office next week.

Elm Class:	Tuesday 18th 3.40pm - 5.45pm
	Thursday 20th 3.40pm - 5.15pm
Ash Class:	Tuesday 18th 2.20pm - 6.00pm
Oak Class:	Tuesday 11th 3.40pm - 5.40pm
	Tuesday 18th 3.40pm - 5.50pm
Beech Class:	Tuesday 18th 2.30pm - 6.00pm
Willow Class:	Tuesday 11th 3.30pm - 5.15pm
	Tuesday 18th 3.30pm - 5.15pm

Flu immunisations

Next Thursday the school nurse team will be visiting to administer Flu nasal sprays to all children who have consent in years R -6. It has been all over the news with concerns that this winter will be especially bad for Flu.

If you have yet to give consent, but wish to do so, please check emails from the school admin account with links to the booking portal.

The portal deadline has been extended until Midnight on Sunday 2nd October.

RATS Production

Youth Community Theatre 4All is open to all children in school years 4 to 9. The group meets on a Tuesday evening and the first meeting for the new academic year will be on Tuesday October 4th from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in Talaton Village Hall. If you require further information please email Tom Samson at communitytheatre4all@yahoo.co.uk
More information on the school website



https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/holiday_and_out_of_school_activities/332066

Current Vacancies

We are currently looking to appoint:

- Clerk to Governors
- Mealtime Assistant
- Teaching Assistant/Mealtime Assistant— deadline is Sunday 16th October
- Catering Assistant

Please look on the website for more details:

<https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/vacancies/620557>

All vacancies are subject to safer recruitment procedures.

Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 6th
Flu Immunisations

Monday 24th to Friday 29th Half Term

Monday 31st Staff training day (no pupils)

November

Tuesday 22nd Individual School Photographs

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

AUTUMN TERM 2022

5th September to 16th December 2022

Half term - 24th to 28th October 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

4th January to 31st March 2023

Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2024

17th April to 21st July 2023

May Day holiday - 1st May 2023

Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1st and 2nd September, 31st October 2022, 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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