

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### **Sustainability day**

A few weeks ago Mr Brown received an email from a teacher at Clyst Vale School who were organising a sustainable food day for Year 5 students. He was asked to choose 4 children to attend and represent Whimble School. Lily, Issy, Robin and Oliver were chosen to represent the school. The children really enjoyed their day. They came back and told everyone in the class what they had learned - we were all shocked to hear that some brands of tomato soup with a slice of bread contain the same amount of salt as a Big Mac from McDonald's! After the visit Mr Brown received this email.

*Dear Mr Brown*

*Thank you to your great students! They were fantastic ambassadors for Whimble Primary School. Here is photo for you.*

*Bridget Adie  
Teacher of Mathematics  
Key Stage 2-3 Transition Coordinator*



### **E-Safety**

It is the duty of parents and staff who work with children to ensure that all users of the "virtual" or digital world are safe and that the same standards of safe and acceptable behaviour that apply in school is also applied online. We need to recognise and guard against bullying, intimidation, discrimination and exploitation of vulnerable users amongst the online users we know, but more importantly from "stranger danger".

E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Whimble Primary School. At school we have security measures and safe working practices to help safeguard pupils from potential dangers or unsuitable material. In school children are taught how to stay safe and behave appropriately online. We educate children on what to do when they encounter danger and how best to deal with it. We will be more successful in keeping children safe online if we work together to ensure the E-Safety message is consistent. It is important that adults speak to their children about how they can keep safe, teach them how to behave appropriately online,

set rules and deal with bad behaviour. To help you do this we have created an e-safety/safeguarding area on the school website with information and helpful links. You will also find information about online games as we appreciate that it can be difficult to know which games/apps to choose. The link below gives advice to children and parents about games and apps and their suitability for specific ages. We hope that you find it useful. <https://www.common sense media.org/reviews/category/game>



## **Whimble Primary School's Great Whimble Bake-off in aid of Sports Relief Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

- Entries of either a single cake or a group of small cakes on a sporting theme.
- Mr Brown, Mr Green (Chair of Governors Finance and Resources) and the School Council will be this year's judges.
- Cakes will need to be in school in the morning as they will be judged at 10.00 am.
- Parents will be able to pop into the school library between 9.00 and 9.45 am to view the cakes which will be sold at the end of the day to raise money for Sports Relief.

In addition to the 'Bake-off' all children will take part in a sports event in the afternoon. We will be asking for a donation rather than sponsorship for this and details of the event will be with you soon.

### **Music assembly**

This term's music assembly takes place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. It will feature music groups but not individual performances (these will be in the summer term). All are welcome to come and watch and, knowing Emma, join in!

### **Reports and parent consultations**

School reports will be with you on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. They will include a letter which explains how the assessment and expectations in the new curriculum are implemented and to help you understand any new terms used in your child's report. Please make sure that you return the feedback sheet. Some, but not all, parents will receive an appointment time for a consultation with their child's teacher on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are offered one please confirm that you will be attending.



# ROCK SOLID, ESCOT IT'S ALMOST TIME!

in aid of Whimple Primary School

on Saturday 19th March 2016

Funds raised go towards a set of Learning Pads

Mr Brown (Yr5/6), Caroline Wall, Bill Large, Kelv Williams, Andy Hardy, Lorraine Tandy, Ali Large and Laura Parker will all be looking for your sponsorship and donations.

This event raised £1600 last year, let's see if we can beat that this year details of how to sponsor them can be found on the website.

Those who are not taking part but would like to offer support/encouragement on the day, can come and watch – they start at 10.00 am.

**Sam, Adam, Max and Joseph are doing the junior version of rock solid this year. They are not asking for sponsorship but we will be having a 'non-uniform' day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – the last day of term. Donations for this of 50p or more per child will be added to the sponsorship money.**



## **Easter Egg Hunt**

*prompt, Woodhayes Lane.*

*Saturday 12th March, 2 pm*

*We need volunteers to hide the eggs, from 12 noon on the day. Children are encouraged to make Easter baskets to collect their eggs in and a prize will be rewarded for best basket. If you are happy to help at this event please contact Katie Williams:*

*[katie.silkydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:katie.silkydesigns@gmail.com)*

## **Easter Bingo**

*Tuesday 22nd March, 6 pm, eyes down at 6.30 pm, Victory Hall.*

*We are looking for volunteers to help on the evening and we also need donations of raffle prizes and Easter eggs (to be left in the Office). There will also be a cake sale so please can you bake some yummy delights.*

*For more information please speak to Mandy Cosslett, or email her on [petercosslett@hotmail.com](mailto:petercosslett@hotmail.com)*

*Many thanks*

*Katie Williams x*

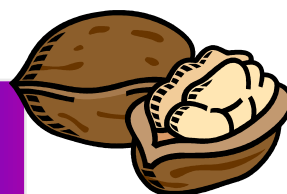


## **Tudor Battles**

Mr Brown and Mrs Killen would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came and helped the children to build their galleons. It wouldn't have been possible without you and your help and time was much appreciated. Pictures of the building and the final battle can be found on Mr Brown's class blog which can be accessed through the website.

Please note that school finishes at 1.30 pm  
on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

# In a Nutshell



- Bake a cake for Sports Relief
- Sponsor a team member for the Rock Solid Challenge
- Sign up to help at FoWS events
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## Dates for your diary

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby Match against Broadclyst Academy
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt 2.00 pm
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bake-off and Sports Relief event
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	ROCK SOLID at Escot 10 am start
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Music assembly 2.00 pm
March 23 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent consultations where requested
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day for FoWS – 50p donation per child
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	last day of term (school ends at 1.30 pm)
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter holidays
May	KS1 SATs
May 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
May 28 <sup>th</sup> – June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – reserve Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

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