

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



Whimple Primary School

Issue

14.06.24

It has been another busy week here in school. This half-term is always full of lots of events and activities taking place. All letters/forms have been sent out for the school trips so please send them back as promptly as you can. This helps with managing all the paperwork involved.

We have had quite high numbers of children without a lunch booking this week - sometimes due to absence we have been able to provide a meal but this is not always the case. Please check your bookings carefully.

Park Run

Thank you so much to everyone for coming to the Parkrun last weekend. It was great to see so many there! We helped beat the record for the number of children attending in one go (130) and that included at least 50 from our school. We have been blown away by the amount of sponsorship money raised and will give a total when we have had a chance to count it all up - thank you all so much for your support.

Don't forget, it is a weekly event that is free to attend, so we look forward to seeing some of you there in future weeks.



School Summer Fair

Today we received lots of items for the tombola at the school fair—thank you. The PTA are busy organising stalls, etc for next Saturday. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with your class reps. 'Many hands make light work', as they say. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us this year.

Sports Day

Don't forget sports day is being held on Friday 21st June at Whimple Cricket Club. All children are asked to come to school in their PE kits and bring coats, etc. They also require a packed lunch. Please see last weeks newsletter/email for more information.

Fair Play and Friendly Competition

Please find attached a guide with tips to support children in fair play and friendly competition. These skills are important for character development and embodies respect. The guide addresses potential challenges - like the pressure to win - and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe



The Exe Valley Federation's Strategic Plan [2021-26] has as one of its six main aims, 'Promoting Global Citizenship'. Within this overarching aim, the plan focuses on understanding the causes and impact of climate change and making schools sustainable. There is a very real challenge for all of us to address the environmental challenges ahead of us and to meet this with determination to change. Just before the election was announced, the Department of Education published guidance for schools on how children need to know about climate change through knowledge-rich education. They must also be given the hope that they can be agents of change, through hands-on activity and, as they progress, through guidance and programmes allowing them to pursue a green career pathway in their chosen field. The Diocese of Exeter has also produced some useful guidance on how schools can develop their Climate Action plans, which will work for church and community schools alike. Governors and senior leaders will be working on this in the autumn so that we meet the DfE's expectation that all schools will have leadership structures and Climate Action Plans in place by 2025 to deliver on their strategy for sustainability and climate action in education. If you would be interested in supporting this work, possibly by becoming an Associate Governor, please do contact me via your child's school office.



Summer Fayre!

12 – 3pm Sat 22 June

Contact us at: whimple.pta@gmail.com

Dear Parents,

This year's school Summer Fayre will be held in the school grounds – hopefully with as much of the activity in the outdoor spaces if weather permits!

Timing	Activity	Note
1200	Enter via the school gate to pay for your activity and food tokens and Tombola tickets.	If wet weather, a payment hub will be set up in the school library.
12-2.30pm	Activities ran by class teams	Such as: Pirate Hoopla, Beat the Goalie, Tin Can Alley, etc
12.30 – 2.30pm	BBQ stall in top playground	
2.30pm	Teachers Tombola Prize Draw	
3pm	Close	

We need some more parent volunteers to assist with this event, which is fun for both the children and parents. Please reach out to your class reps via the WhatsApp / Messenger groups if you can help by either:

- Helping to run a class activity stall (even if just for an hour) on the day.
- Baking a cake (nut free) for the cake sale.
- Donating a prize for the Tombola draw.

As ever, we need your help to run events to support our children. Your PTA is organised and ran by a small team of volunteers who each have their own full time jobs and families to support, so the bigger the team, the more we can do together!



Dates for your diary

June

- 20th Elm Class Forest School (pm only)
- 21st Sports Day (morning only at the Cricket Club)
- 22nd School Fair 12-3pm
- 26th EVF Year 6 transition day
- 27th Skills Builder Challenge Day
- 28th Non-Pupil Day - staff training

July

- 2nd Beech (+ Willow Year 5) School Trip
- 2nd School visits September Reception starters (appointments am only)
- 3rd School visits September Reception starters (appointments all day)
- 9th Ash Class School Trip
- 8th - 12th Year 6 Residential to Pixies Holt
- 17th Oak Class School Trip

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 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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