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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School.

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This is just a short edition to wrap up a few things at the end of term.
Enjoy the break and have a Happy Easter!

Clyst Vale Local Learning Community Concert

Over the past few weeks Livvy Carter and Thomas Mackay have been practicing together with children from other schools in our local learning community to combine and create an orchestra to play at the concert. The concert was held at The Corn Exchange in Exeter earlier this week. It was a lovely event with a selection of songs from various school choirs. Pieces played by the orchestra included Smoke on the Water and some great Samba drumming. Both children played extremely well and were a great credit to the school - well done!



Readathon ends

This event has finished. Please don't forget to bring your sponsorship in so we know how much we have raised for this great charity. (Sponsors can pay by cheque or cash, or pay online by www.readathon.org/sponsor.)



We should know our total by the next issue of 'Contact'.

Way with Words - Edition 2

Your child will have brought home the next booklet with a variety of writing inside (one copy per family). We hope you enjoy reading them with your children. It should also provide an insight into how children's handwriting and spelling develops alongside our marking policy. Enjoy!

Pirates of the Curry Bean

What an absolutely fabulous performance by the children in Willow class. Congratulations!
The whole school is talking about it.





If you would like to download a copy of the amateur video taken at one of the performances go to Willow Class Blog:

<https://mrbrownwhimple.wordpress.com/2017/03/31/video-pirates-of-the-curry-bean-part-1/>

Fantastic Fridays

Our Friday curriculum starts again on Friday 21st April with:

Year 4 participating in outdoor activities; children need to bring in wellies, trousers, a long-sleeved top and a waterproof (preferably coat and trousers) to change into prior to walking to the orchard. If children do not have the appropriate clothing they will be unable to participate as we need to ensure their safety.

Year 3 and 5 will be cooking and participating in Relax Kids. **Year 6** will be trying out their crafting skills; **Year 1** drama/music activities and **Year 2** games and first aid skills.

Please keep an eye on contact just in case of any changes - just occasionally something happens which prevents us from running all the activities. Any parents that are able to help

out can you please let me know so I can ensure each activity has sufficient adults. Many thanks.

Fairer Funding for Devon Schools

For many years Devon has been one of the lowest-funded education authorities in England. In 2016-17 this resulted in a shortfall of £290 per pupil when compared to the national average. Other schools are funded at much higher than the national average and who therefore receive considerably more.

Just before Christmas the DfE announced the Stage 2 Consultation of this promised national funding formula for schools. We had hoped that this announcement would bring about a readjustment in funding that would benefit Devon schools given our historic underfunding. Many schools, including many primaries along with our nearby secondary schools were shocked and dismayed to find out that the result of this is a decrease in funding, resulting in significantly reduced budgets affecting the education of all children. If you would like to support and help Devon Schools copy the link into your browser and sign the petition.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177952>



School Disco - Friday 31st March 5.30-7.30,
£2 per child, tickets available at the office.

If you would like to attend please get a volunteer ticket at the office, this is free but you will be required to help on the evening, if anyone is willing to help set up and decorate in the afternoon then please let me know.

Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March
Tuesday 18th April
Wednesday 24th May
Friday 16th June
Friday 23rd June

End of spring term – 1.30pm finish
Start of summer term
Class photographs
Sports Day
Sports Day reserve

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