

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

Issue 3-19

25.01.19

Governor Cup

The Governor Cup is a trophy presented termly to a pupil in school. Each teacher nominates up to three pupils from their class and then put their reasons forwards. Nominees are shortlisted and then a worthy winner is selected.

The process involves looking for someone who has made significant steps in their attitude in school, demonstrating our 6 Rs - Responsibility, Respect, Resourcefulness, Reasoning, Resilience and Reflection.

The winner for the autumn term is Tom. Congratulations Tom!



Policy Update

The staff and governors have recently updated the following policies:

Online Safety

Acceptable Use Policies for pupils, staff and volunteers

https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/online_safety_policies/298981

Sex and Relationships Education

<https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/policies/93239>

We continue to wait for the Government to decide on their recommendations for Sex and Relationships Education. When we receive this information we will fully consult with everyone, including parents and children and then update the policy accordingly.

Useful Information:

Transition Guidance

Babcock LDP Educational Psychology Service and Early Years Service have collaborated with Devon County Council to produce guidance and transition booklets for schools and settings to promote successful transitions across all phases of education.

Transitions are very important for children and young people and can be a challenging and anxiety-provoking time, particularly when the child or young person is vulnerable or has special educational needs and/or a disability that require understanding and support over the transition.

These guidance documents (bottom of page in Resources) aim to support parents/carers, staff and other professionals in ensuring high quality transition practice across Devon.

The booklets are designed to be shared with children, young people and parents/carers prior to transition, with the aim of supporting confidence around transitions and this includes practical guidance on factors to consider.

<https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/disadvantaged-vulnerable-learners/educational-psychology/resources/transition-guidance>



THG Thelma Hulbert Gallery
01404 45006
info@thelmahulbert.com
thelmahulbert.com

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Two Family drawing workshops with SWAc artist Jed Falby

<p>COMIC BOOK DRAWING WORKSHOP Sat 2 Feb, 11am to 12.30pm With SWAc artist Jed Falby. Create your very own comic book to take home. Booking essential, limited places. £8 per participant, suitable for ages 7 and up.</p>	<p>BIG MESSY DRAWING! Sat 2 Feb, drop in anytime between 2pm and 3.30pm The walls will be covered in paper so come and see what fun big expressive drawing can be! Donations welcome. Suitable for any age.</p>
--	---

**Theelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House,
Dowell St, Honiton, EX14 1LX**



Don't Forget

- PE kits need to be in school everyday. Many children are wearing them home from an after school club and then forgetting them for their PE lesson the following day.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30th January Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra visit

Wednesday 30th January Year 3 & 4 Multiskills CVCC

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February Half-term

w/c 11th March Science Week activities

w/c 25th March Parent consultations

Monday 1st April M&M Theatre visit - Wizard of Oz

w/c 1st April Year 6 Drama production—dates and times to be confirmed

Monday 13th May KS2 SATS week

Friday 7th June Provisional sports day date (to be confirmed)

Monday 8th July Year 6 Residential Week

Headteacher: Mrs. Carole Shilston

Telephone/fax: 01404 822584

Email: admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk

Website: www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk

Other Events and Activities:

STEM Returners programme with Babcock in Plymouth

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/12/20/babcock-seeks-stem-returners-join-career-programme-devonport/>

Easter programme from the Buckfast Abbey Education Department.

Threads of Easter (aimed at KS2 pupils but can be adapted for any age).

An unusual way to explore the Easter Story and the ideas which come from it.

This tour with a member of our Education Department takes pupils around the Abbey Church at Buckfast. As well as the physical journey around the building, the journey also takes the form of a thread which each pupil carries.

At each stop along their journey pupils hear the Easter Story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day and are encouraged to explore for themselves their own responses and experiences.

For each idea a bead is added to the thread of our journey making an attractive souvenir for each person to take away with them.

'Silence beads' are also added to the thread at appropriate points to encourage pupils to recognise those times when it is important to be quiet and still. (But don't worry, we know this doesn't always happen!)

Cost £2.90 per pupil which includes the tour and stained glass craft session. Each pupil gets their Easter Thread and stained glass decoration to take home.

The Donkey's Tale (aimed at KS1 pupils)

An interactive storytelling workshop led by a member of our Education Department which explores the events of Easter through the eyes of the donkey who carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

Pupils will receive their own cuddly donkey to help them interact with the story which starts with Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday and finishes with Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day.

Pupils hear a new side to the Easter Story as well as getting the opportunity to reflect on some of the ways that this powerful story might impact their lives.

Cost £3.60 per pupil which includes the storytelling and stained glass craft sessions. Each pupil gets a cuddly donkey (VERY cute – see photo on our website!) and stained glass decoration to take home.

Extraordinary Eggs (adaptable for all pupils)

Hunt giant Easter eggs which contain activities relating to Easter themes. £1.50 per pupil.

For more information on either of these programmes or to make a booking please call 01364 645517 or email education@buckfast.org.uk

This year our Easter programme will run from 4th March to the end of term. We will of course also still be offering our normal education menu all year. You can find out more about that by viewing our film for teachers which can be found at http://www.buckfast.org.uk/introduction_152.html