

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023



Whimble Primary School

Issue 7

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The year 6 children have had an interesting week out on their bikes, learning vital road skills to keep themselves safe. Generally the feedback was that they listened well and gained in confidence and skill level. Have a great half-term—let's hope the weather is like today!

Annual Apple Pick

The weather was kind to us and all the children have been involved in collecting apples today, a lovely way to end the half term.



School Dinners

Thank you for ordering your dinners - there may be a few niggles in the first few weeks but once it has settled down I am sure things will be a lot better.

Contact with School

If you need to contact your child's class teacher please leave a message at the office, either in person or by email/phone message and they will get back to you, when they can. Many of our teachers work part-time so are not available every day of the week. They are also not expected to work unreasonable hours and all have their own families and lives to sort too. We are all human and it is important that that I protect the mental health and well being of my staff.

If it is a more urgent matter, ask at the office at morning drop-off and we can usually get someone to talk with you.

All communication should be via the school office.



Federation News from Mr Jolliffe

Since 1992 Ofsted has been inspecting the quality of education in schools and over that time I have been involved in fifteen inspections. The inspection framework has changed significantly over the last thirty years and has gradually been refined and improved so that it is more useful to schools in driving improvement. The first inspection I was involved with lasted for a whole week and the report was over 100 pages long so I am glad that era is now over! Last week we had an inspection at Sandford and this week at Newton St Cyres and I am very grateful to all the parents who contributed to Parent View at their respective schools and helped the inspectors to gather your views about how you see the work of the schools. As part of a larger group of schools, the support that colleagues provided during both inspections was truly inspiring and very much appreciated, as was the support and involvement of governors, who were interviewed intensively on two successive Wednesday mornings! The outcome of the inspections is confidential until the report is published, which is usually about six weeks after the visit and we will share the reports with parents once the quality assurance process by Ofsted is completed.

Other Important Updates: Report Harmful Content

This button has been placed on our website and can be used to report any harmful content found online.

If you've experienced or witnessed harm online this site can help. Report Harmful Content can help you to report harmful content online by providing up to date information on community standards and direct links to the correct reporting facilities across multiple platforms.

Their aim is to empower anyone who has come across harmful content online to report it by providing up to date information on community standards and direct links to the correct reporting facilities across multiple platforms.

There are 8 types of online harm including threats, online abuse and impersonation. Please take a look there is a lot of useful information including how to report threats to commonly used social networking sites.

No One Should Suffer Harm Online

#RHCbutton
#lawfulbutawful

Download the Report Harmful Content Button and Keep People Safe From Online Harm

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Libraries
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Saturdays
9:00 - 10:00
Launching on
4th Nov

OTTERY LIBRARY
RELAXED SESSIONS

Making our library
accessible for
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All ages welcome.
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*To book, please ring: 01404 813838 or email:
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OTTERY LIBRARY
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Who are these sessions for?

Anyone worried about coming to the library, whether due to autism, ADHD, anxiety... All ages are welcome to attend these sessions and you can book for yourself or your family group

Do I have to give a reason when booking my session?

No

What will happen when I visit?

It will be just like a normal visit to the library but you will have the library to yourself/your group & staff can make any necessary/reasonable adjustments for you e.g. dim the lighting, keep the noise levels low etc

How long will I have?

You will have 25 minutes to use the library facilities. If you feel you need longer, please discuss with a staff member when booking.

How do I book?

Please either ring us on: 01404 813838 during library opening hours or email us: ottery.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

I'm worried about what to expect, can you help?

We have produced a Visual Guide to Ottery Library which we are happy to email to you prior to your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!



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Dates for your diary

October

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th - Half Term

Monday 30th Vision Screening - Reception only

November

Friday 3rd November Year 5 Sleepover

Tuesday 21st Individual photographs

December

Monday 11th Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 13th Christmas Dinner

Term dates for pupils - 2023/24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

6th September to 15th December 2023

Half term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

4th January to 28th March 2024

Half term - 12th to 16th February 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

15th April to 25th July 2024

May Day holiday - 6th May 2024

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2024

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 4th and 5th September, 3rd January, 3rd June and 28th June 2024

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