

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Event Date: Fri 23 June 3.45-6.45pm**  
(Whitleigh Primary School – 01752 706383)

**If you go into the woods today you're in for a big...6ft white rabbit welcoming the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary outdoor extravaganza...**

**Hundreds of parents and children will be celebrating half a century of Whitleigh Primary School with a cake as big as a basketball court.**

And that's just one of the many spectacles lined up for the Creative Arts Performance Festival being held to mark the special birthday. Many of the participants will be dressed to impress and Whitleigh Primary's headteacher won't be the only one hopping around in bunny costume...

Project organiser, Wendy Trevarthen will have her furry ears at the ready too. She says:

**"I must have bought every pair of bunny ears in Plymouth! But this *Into the Woods* event is so much fun because it allows children to celebrate in different ways by allowing them to dress up and perform in the great outdoors and get healthy at the same time. We really wanted to use creative arts in the woodland area between Southway and Whitleigh to bring families together in a unique way."**

Ian Smith from the Southway Mature Arts Group (SMART) says:

**"The arts are such a wonderful way to bring communities together. Our Southway group is actually the longest running arts group in Plymouth and we're really excited about passing on our experience to the Whitleigh community so we can work together in the future to do more exciting joint projects."**

The free *Into the Woods* event was made possible by a £5000 grant from Awards For All. It's a partnership project between Whitleigh Campus, the Woodland Trust, Plymouth Music Zone, Space for Sport and Arts, the SMART group and the Southway Skiffle Group.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress open the event with a giant dancing cake and balloons at 3.45pm...

**For further information or interviews please contact Debbie Geraghty on 0787 579 9882 or Head of Whitleigh Campus, John Butcher, on 01752 706383**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS: Please note this is a fair weather event.**

- The event will kick off at the MUGA(Multi Use Games Area) in front of the entrance to Whiteleigh Primary School at 3.45pm on Fri 23rd June
- Among the activities will include performances, sculpture, African drumming workshops with Plymouth Music Zone, Skiffle music, bouncy castle, breakdancing, facepainting, woodland walks etc

### **BACKGROUND BUMPH**

- **Plymouth Music Zone** is part of a network of Youth Music Action Zones set up in areas of social and economic need by national charity Youth Music, providing music-making activities to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity. It is also one of 4 Space for Sport and Arts facilities in the city.
- **Whiteleigh Primary School is one of four Spaces for Sport and Arts facilities in Plymouth built to encourage the community to do more sport and art activities.**
- **Space for Sport and Arts** began as a £130m capital programme which set out to fund new or modernise existing facilities for sport and art in primary schools. It targeted schools in areas of multiple deprivation to provide greater opportunities for both pupils and the wider community.



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