

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### Rocket Man...

Over the past two weeks, Willow Class have been working hard to create their very own space rockets! Inspired by their science topic this term and the recent Falcon Heavy launch, they researched the key components and then created their own. These were also useful when writing diary entries about a mission to a new planet... Pandora.



### Reading Lists



All children in Year 2 and above have been provided with a suggested book list to encourage and develop a wider breadth of reading. This has been enthusiastically received by all of the children and there has been much discussion between them about books, which is great. There are a number of challenges included on the lists to again extend their learning whilst earning some bonus points for their team. Winter is a wonderful time to encourage reading and it can provide a lot of pleasure and of course it can be done independently, although do feel free to read and share the books with your children.

Some of the challenges:

- ⇒ Read your parents or teachers favourite childhood book.
- ⇒ Learn a favourite paragraph or poem by heart.
- ⇒ Read a book someone else has recommended.





thank you!

### Book Fair

A huge thank you for your support with the book fair. We took over £700 which means you have earned us 25% commission equating to £175! This has been used to supplement our guided reading book stock and widen our book stock both in the library and our new book lists.

### Advance Notice

Sports Day has been provisionally booked for Friday 8th June with Friday 15th June as a reserve. The event, like last year, will be the morning only and held at the Cricket Club.



### A Personal Message

When I started at Whimble in 1999 I never imagined that I would become a future head of the school. I was a lot younger then and never thought I would be anything other than a dedicated class teacher. I came onto teaching as a second career, partly through my pleasure of working with children and I needed something to keep me interested and involved some challenge. (Teaching definitely ticks both boxes!)

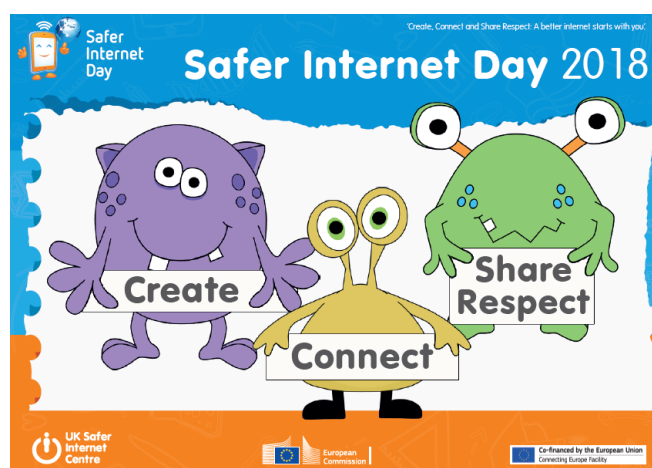
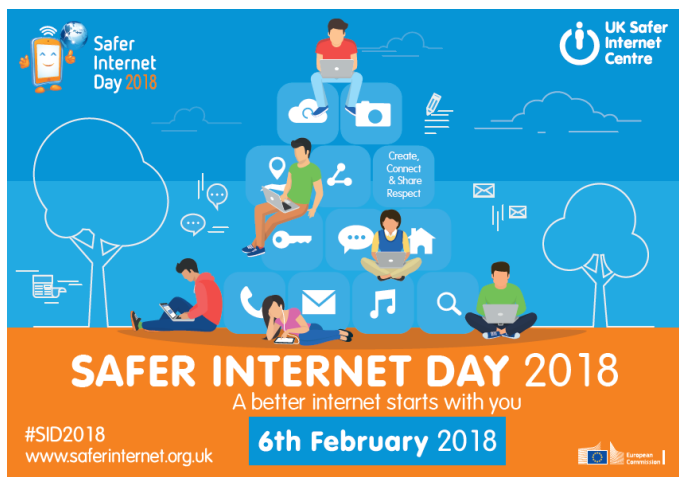
Even when I decided to undertake my heads training, I did not honestly believe I would ever use it, partly because Whimble was my second home, and why would I want to leave a lovely place and such great people.

When asked to cover for our previous head, I took on the role knowing it was in the best interest of the staff and pupils of the school and believing it was a temporary position. However, as time went on and things progressed I found myself mainly enjoying the role, despite the very steep learning curve and all the challenges thrown at me. So, I am immensely proud that I have now been offered the position permanently, which I have accepted.

Thank you for all your lovely messages, it's heart-warming and I look forward to the future, working with everyone and continuing to promote the best interests of the children in our care.

Mrs Carole Shilston

## Safer Internet Day



All children across the school were involved in an assembly relating to keeping safe online. The main theme was about how we should treat each other online with respect like we would in person. For more information please go to:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>



### 500 words writing competition

Please encourage your child to write a story we can submit to this great competition. You have until 21st February. There will be some time in school the first few days back but obviously this is limited.

## Fantastic Friday

The next block of activities will start on Friday 23rd February and are as follows:

Year 1 - Art skills

Year 2 - Relax kids, life skills and board games

Year 3 - Forest Schools (so children need waterproofs, wellies and warm clothing)

Year 4 - Relax Kids and Life skills

Year 5 and 6 - Drama

## Reminders:

### PE Kits

Children need to have their full P.E. kit in school everyday. Please include jogging bottoms to cater for cold weather conditions.

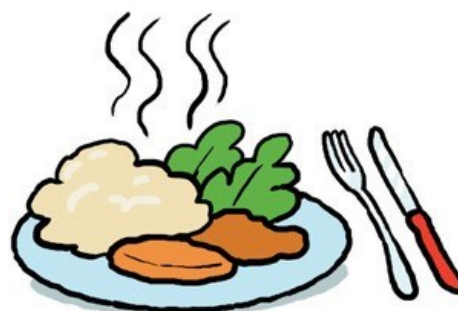


### Waterproofs

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day, (or even better leave one in school). We try to get the children out in the fresh air as much as possible so coats are essential and they need to be warm and waterproof.

### School Dinners

Orders for children in Key Stage 2 (year 3 upwards) will be placed based on the completed meal forms handed in at the office. If your child is absent for the day, the lunch order will be removed. The school office must be informed of any other changes (before 9.15am) otherwise a school dinner will be ordered and you will be charged accordingly.



We are trying this format as we have regularly had children not putting in their order as part of the class register and then we have to try and accommodate them at lunch. This has not been easy when it involves 3 or 4 children.

Thank you to those who completed the recent school meal questionnaire. This will be passed on to Devon Norse, our school meal provider.

Have a lovely half-term.





### 'Find Your Friends' Wordsearch

Every child has been given a copy of the wordsearch today to complete over the half-term. If your child wants to enter to win a £5 cash prize then complete your entry and return it to the school office with a 50p entry fee. Closing date Friday 23rd February - so get searching!

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd March                      Family Bingo at the cricket club (More info to follow)

Saturday 24th March 2pm              Easter Egg Hunt (More info to follow)

### Half-Term and Extra-Curricular Activities

Do not forget to pick up your tickets from the village store for this fantastic Panto.

There is a brilliant cast including five ex pupils from Whimple School that your kids will know and love.

We really appreciate your support and don't forget there us a prize for the best dressed pirate (kids only but if the parents want to don an eye patch they are more than welcome).



# Don't forget

## World Book Day

Use half-term to think about your costume for 1st March. The following authors have been selected as a theme for the day: David Walliams, Julia Donaldson, Enid Blyton, Jeff Kinney, Michael Morpugo and Eamonn Riley.

# Dates for your diary

## February

Friday 9th	Reception reports home
Friday 9th	Oak cake sale (after school)
Monday 12th	Half-term
Week commencing 19th February	Reception parent consultations (date tbc)
Tuesday 20th	Synagogue Visit - Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 26th	Dental checks - Year 3 and Year 4

## March

Thursday 1st	Open evening to view books and displays
Friday 2nd	Vision screening - Reception
Friday 2nd	World Music Workshop- Key Stage 2
Tuesday 6th	Shumba Arts - Key Stage 1
Wednesday 7th	SATs information evening—Year 6 parents
Wednesday 14th	Reading Information evening for parents
Friday 16th	Annual Reports go home (Year 1 to Year 6)
Tuesday 20th March	Parent consultations
Tuesday 27th	Troy Story performance
Wednesday 28th	Troy Story performance

**Don't forget we break up at 1.30pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holidays.**

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