

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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It is unfortunate that I have to start this edition with a few moans, many of which are aimed at a small number of parents who are spoiling things for the rest of the parent community. Please read carefully and alter your habits to ensure our growing school community, including the wider community, can rub along together.

### **Parking (again)**

With the warmer and better weather here there really is no excuse not to walk, at least some of the way to school. A number of parents are continuing to use the Village Hall car park and abandoning their vehicle in dangerous positions, along with parking on the zig zag lines outside the school gates.

We want to encourage walking to everyone, as a good way to start the day, both physically and mentally. It essential we keep both children and their parents safe whilst doing so. If you have to drive into the village, please park in the village car park (turn beside shop and follow signs), the Thirsty Farmer car park or along Station Road to ensure that coming to school is not only a pleasant, but safe experience for all.

If things do not improve I will have no choice but to contact the local police to come and monitor the situation, or to name and shame repeat offenders.

### **Morning Drop Off**

Children benefit from having a few minutes in school prior to the bell, (just as you do when going to work), in order to sort themselves out and be settled ready to start the day. If you are one of our regular rushers in the morning please try and alter your morning routine by just five minutes - see what a difference it makes to both yourself and your child, calmer and more relaxed for everyone.

The other extreme, is those who drop off too early. School is only responsible for children from 8.50a.m. when members of staff are out on duty. Children can be dropped off earlier **ONLY** in exceptional circumstances where a prior arrangement has been made with the class teacher. Otherwise we **CANNOT** ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Any movement into the school between 9.10a.m. and 3.30p.m. **MUST** be via the blue main gates. A number of parents have been using the top gate and because of this it has been broken. Again, this is so we can ensure the safety of your children.

## Football Fun

On Saturday, three children in Year 4, Guy, Elan and Owen, had the opportunity to play football at Home Park, the home ground of Plymouth Argyle. Despite being in awe of their surroundings they played some great football and had a fantastic experience.



## Something of Interest for Beech Class

This is information about an event linked to their history topic you may wish to consider.

Roundhouse big wild sleep out.

Saturday 23rd June 11am till 11 am next day.

A big wild sleep out adventure at Aylesbeare Common. Join the wardens and help with the final construction of the Iron Age round house. Help with wattling and daubing the walls and mixing traditional material. Bring wellies or try bare footed!

Booking required.

More information: [roundhouse-bigwildsleepout.eventbrite.co.uk](http://roundhouse-bigwildsleepout.eventbrite.co.uk)

01395 233655 or 01392 432691

## Ground Preparation and Wild Flower Sowing

The children in Year 5 very kindly helped to move and level a significant amount of soil ready for the Reception children to sow some wild seeds. We hope to grow a variety of wild flowers to support the children in plant identification which is part of the science curriculum.



## Thank you

Many thanks to those parents who helped to set up and serve our Year 6 children their SATs breakfast this week. It's amazing how much food they managed to eat in such a short space of time!

## 'Mental and Physical Health Week'

Next Friday, Friday 25th May, parents are invited to come into school from 2.30pm and share what the children have been involved in as part of our Mental and Physical Health Week.

There will be a range of activities to get involved in, including measuring what you drink, smoothie tasting and some physical tasks. There will be badges, postcards and other items the children will have made arranged in the hall.

As part of improving and celebrating good mental health we encourage you to come in and participate with your child/children and share your thoughts and feelings. **In order to manage this safely, we request that you go to your child's class and speak to the class teacher to let them know you have collected your child.** Feel free to circulate in the hall and the two top playgrounds and then return your child/children to their class by 3.15pm so children can sort themselves ready to go home.

### Celebrating the Apple Blossom

The children of Key Stage 2 celebrated the May apple blossom by participating in some maypole and country dancing at the orchard. After our wassailing the trees are in full bloom and we hope to have a good harvest in the autumn.



**What a great performance!**

After four weeks of putting together their play the children performed their version of 'What made the Tiddalik laugh', and wasn't it great. Well done!



# Dates for your diary

## May

Monday 21st - Friday 25th Mental and Physical Health Week

Friday 25th Mental Health Day—open afternoon for parents

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June Half-term

## June

Monday 4th June Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th June First day of half-term

Thursday 7th June Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Killerton

Friday 8th June Sports Day

Monday 11th June Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)

Tuesday 12th June Beech class trip to Killerton

Wednesday 13th June Ash and Elm trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park

Thursday 14th June Year 4 and Year 5 - watching play at Killerton

Friday 15th June Year 4 sleepover

Saturday 23rd June Summer Fair

Tuesday 26th June Oak class trip to Paignton Zoo

Friday 29th June Year 6 trip to Crealy

## July

Monday 2nd July Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 3rd July Year 6 Life Skills

Tuesday 3rd July Arts Project Launch at Killerton 5.30pm

Wednesday 4th - 6th Clyst Vale transition days

Thursday 5th July Transition morning

Monday 9th - 13th Kings School transition week

Thursday 26th July Leavers Assembly and party

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