

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well, what a scorcher!

The children have had a great week in school and the majority have now had their school trips, which is fabulous. With one week to go, we continue to be mindful of the risks of Covid and really appreciate your continued support with this.

The weather looks like it will continue to be hot next week so please continue to send in sunhats and suncream. (At least it is good washing weather for those returning from residential!)



### **Covid Update**

You may be aware from the media that from Monday, schools are no longer responsible for track and trace and the NHS Test and Trace will contact people direct. However, we all still continue to have to follow isolation procedures alongside the usual cleaning, ventilation and distancing protocol. For the last week we request you continue to wear masks at the start and end of the school day.

Parents and pupils are still required to report all positive tests LFD and PCR to schools as they have been. Please read the attached letter for more details.

### **Summer Reading Challenge and How It Works**

Early this week the children were introduced to the Silly Squad to encourage them to read books over the summer. They are encouraged to read one book at week whilst not at school.

### **How the Summer Reading Challenge works**

Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks can all be used to complete the Challenge. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Children can sign up for free at a participating library during the summer holidays.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>

## Holiday Support Activities

Thrive has produced a set of activities to support children of all ages. See the website link below for more details:

[https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/holiday\\_and\\_out\\_of\\_school\\_activities/332066](https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/holiday_and_out_of_school_activities/332066)

# Don't Forget

- Ash Class and Year 3 trip - wear school uniform with sensible shoes, wear sunhat and apply suncream (this can also be brought with them for further application) and they can have sunglasses.

# Dates for your diary

Monday 19th July

Ash and Year 3 school trip

Friday 23rd July

Leaver assembly - invite only

Friday 23rd July

Last day of term 3.30pm finish

Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

**8<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

*Half term - 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

### SPRING TERM 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Half term - 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

### SUMMER TERM 2022

**25<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*May Day holiday - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022*

*Half term - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (inclusive)*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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