

The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Well, believe it or not, it is the end of the first half-term and every child was in school today - well done! Both the children and staff are ready for a well earned rest. The children have coped really well with all the changes in school but now need to recharge their batteries.

Thank you to all those who attended parent consultations; hopefully this 'provided the opportunity to discuss future learning and targets for your child whilst also being able to sort any issues that have arisen so far this term.

Enjoy searching for all the scarecrows around the village.



Online Learning

As part of the new statutory requirements for the self-isolation of pupils or a potential lockdown, schools must ensure children (if well) are able to continue their learning at home. There is an expectation on parents to support their children with their learning at home. Schools have to detail the amount and content of home learning provided. This includes all learning not just that online, for example, reading books, spelling practice and other activities for which a computer is not required.

Throughout initial lockdown in June, we did this using our ESchools Learning Platform as we had immediate access to this and it was already linked to all pupils. Since September, we have been gradually moving across to using Google and have spent the last few weeks setting it up. Parents of children in Key Stage 2 should have received a document (at parent consultations this week) called 'Home Learning at Whimple Primary School - Using Google Classroom'. This document should provide all the necessary information required to help set your child up so if the need arises home learning can be accessed.

We plan to extend this to the children in Ash and Elm Classes next half term and hopefully be up and running in the new year.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find the most recent newsletter produced by SCOMIS attached to this email - there are lots of useful tips and information to support you.

Don't Forget

• To book a space for your child with Sporty Stars (see last weeks Contact for more details)

Monday	Beech Class Club	<u>Click here to book</u>
Wednesday	Oak Class Club	<u>Click here to book</u>
Thursday	Ash Class Club	<u>Click here to book</u>
Friday	Willow Class Club	<u>Click here to book</u>

• To have a lovely half term.

Dates for your diary

October

Friday 23rd October

Non-pupil day (staff only) Week commencing Monday 26th October Half term holiday

November

Monday 2nd November - first day of term

December

Friday 4th Flu immunisations for children

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