

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

Issue 2- 21

17.09.21

It's been another great week in school and our new children are all settling in well. Thank you for your continued support with wearing face masks and social distancing. We know there are a number of adults and children with Covid in the locality and this all helps to reduce the risks.

Covid Reminder

Although schools are no longer responsible for track and trace we are still involved in a monitoring and supporting role when required. We still need to be informed about potential cases through Lateral Flow Tests and then the outcomes of the PCR test. Unless children are ill, or have been contacted via Track and Trace, they need to be in school.

It is really important that if children are ill, for whatever reason, they are kept away from school. If a child has been sick they must not return for 48 hours after the sickness.

The Spotty Book, (see link below), is also a really useful document about lots of other childhood conditions that we may have become unfamiliar with in the past year or so.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/09/spotty-book-2019-.pdf>

Flu Vaccinations

"Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team, Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone: 0300 247 0082

e: VCL.immunisations@nhs.net

w: www.virgincare.co.uk

Fantastic Friday

For the next two weeks, Friday 24th September and Friday 1st October, the children in Key Stage 1 (year 1 and Year 2) will be participating in the following:

Year 2 - Forest School - children will need wellies, long trousers and long-sleeved top to change into (named please)

Year 1 - craft and cookery

Drama Academy

Helen O'Grady Drama classes for children are returning to Whimble in the Scout Hut. The academy focuses on building self-esteem, confidence and creativity through fun drama activities. We work a lot on speech: with fun phrases and linked actions to boost creativity. We also develop spatial awareness skills through movement which leads into mime and improvisation. All of these skills support children's everyday lives in the classroom, on the playground and in their home environment. Please see attached flyer.

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 18th October

Friday 19th November

Tuesday 23rd November

Parent Consultations

Flu Vaccinations

Individual Photographs

Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

AUTUMN TERM 2021

8th September to 17th December 2021

Half term - 25th to 29th October 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

5th January to 8th April 2022

Half term - 21st to 25th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2022

25th April to 26th July 2022

May Day holiday - 2nd May 2022

Half term - Monday 30th May to Tuesday 7th June 2022 (inclusive)

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

Headteacher: Mrs. Carole Shilston

Telephone/fax: 01404 822584

Email: admin@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk

Website: www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk