

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well, we have made it! I wish you all a lovely Easter and let's hope the weather is kind to us.

### **Changes to Collection Arrangements**

In light of restrictions being lifted, after Easter the **school day will end at 3.30pm** for all children.

Parents of children in Ash Class and Elm Class need to collect their children from the lower playground. Parents will be allowed in the main gates at 3.25pm. Those collecting our younger children can make their way to the KS1 playground. We ask that parents collecting from Elm wait opposite their class, against the main building and those collecting from Ash wait nearer to the grass side. Please make sure you keep younger siblings with you and not play under the shelter or the equipment; once your child has been handed over, please also keep them with you.



Parents will also be able to leave via the bottom if they need to walk towards Grove Road/church side of Whimble, avoiding the busy road. This departure access route is also available to adults and children from other classes too to save walking on the unpaved road.

### **Break Time Snacks and Packed Lunches**

Children should be provided with one healthy snack to eat during their morning break. Many of our younger children are bringing in multiple snacks and then not wanting to eat their cooked lunch which is wasteful.

We also encourage children to have a well-balanced lunch box - again we are noticing some lunch boxes with lots of high sugar processed foods and limited variety.

### **Statutory Assessments Tests (SATs) and Formal Assessments**

Statutory assessments for reporting progress in key areas of the National Curriculum return next term. These come in various forms depending on the year group and cover reading and maths in Year 2 and Year 6, with the older children also being assessed in spelling and grammar. Writing is assessed using a framework.

As a school, we try to make these as low key as possible and often refer to them as quizzes to reduce any potential anxiety. Please help us to support your children by doing the same.

Other formal assessments include the introduction of the Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 and the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1.

There is nothing to worry about - this is why we ask children to practise little and often with key skills like spellings and number facts, at home and at school, as this aids recall.

All children in the relevant year groups will be assessed and parents will receive notification of the results when they become available.

For more information regarding the new Tables Check, please read the attached leaflet with this newsletter.

# Dates for your diary

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday 25th April                   | First day of summer term             |
| Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May | Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)            |
| Week commencing 6th June            | Phonics Screening (Year 1)           |
|                                     | Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4) |

Monday 11th to Friday 15th July Year 5 and Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

**Current Job Vacancies** - for more information see Latest News on the school website  
Full time teaching assistant  
Clerk to Governors

## Term Dates 2021-2022

### 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 - 30<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

## Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

*Half term - 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

### SPRING TERM 2023

**4<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

*Half term - 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

### SUMMER TERM 2024

**17<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

*May Day holiday - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023*

*Half term - 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

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