

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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What a week - more rain in two days than the last two months!

Generally, the children have been pleased to be able to mix with a wider group of children at lunchtime outside, however, we appreciate some have found this more challenging than others. As the lockdown restrictions slowly lift, we are experiencing a variety of behaviours amongst our children, both good and bad. We understand this is a struggle in many schools around the country and not unexpected considering the experiences we have all gone through in the past 12 months. We will continue to support all the children with their social skills via a range of activities. Throughout this week, mental health has been discussed and children encouraged to be kind to both adults and children. They have been reminded to talk to their class teacher as soon as possible if issues arise so things can be dealt with promptly. We would be grateful if you can support us with reinforcing this at home.

### Parent Consultations

All consultations will take place in the hall up until 3.30pm where they will then move to your child's class with the exception of Miss Dunsford who will be in Apple. Please follow the signs from the top playground.

There is still time to make a booking if you haven't already.

Please note you need to log into ESchools with your parent user and password, NOT your child's.

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### Stamp Competition - Last Chance

Our children have the great opportunity of

entering this competition if they wish too. Templates are available from school and entries will need to be submitted by Thursday 20th May 2021. All entrants will receive a certificate. For more details and rules for entry please look at the website:

[https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm\\_i=40SI,1A0OG,2WW0U4,4M108,1](https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm_i=40SI,1A0OG,2WW0U4,4M108,1)

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

The week started with an assembly, where we looked at how we can support not only our own mental health but that of others. Simple things like smiling, asking how someone is, or offering to undertake a simple task to help were all discussed.

As adults we can also support our children (and each other) by thinking about how we ask some common simple questions?

For example - how do you greet your child when collecting them from school:  
Was everything alright today? or How was your day? What was the best bit?

Think about how you feel when you are asked that. Children (and adults) often feel pressurised to answer a closed question, i.e. yes or no, whereas a more open question is more likely to provoke a more thoughtful answer.

Independence is important, children are likely to have a more positive attitude if they can do things for themselves. As it's said, "Success is it's own reward". That may be as simple as putting their own coat on, cutting up their own food or remembering to learn their spellings - children need to feel a real sense of achievement when they have succeeded in doing something new. This helps to develop good mental health.

# **Dates for your diary**

### **May 2021**

Monday 17th May	Parent consultations for Elm and Ash Class
Tuesday 18th May	Parent consultations for Beech and Willow Class
Wednesday 19th May	Parent consultations for Elm Class
Thursday 20th May	Parent consultations for Ash, Oak and Willow Class
<b>Half term 31st May to 4th June</b>	
<b>Non pupil day Monday 7th June</b>	

### **June 2021**

Tuesday 8th June	Devon Waste Workshops Willow and Beech Classes
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### **July 2021**

<b>Friday 2nd July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
Week commencing 12th July	Year 6 residential
<b>Saturday 17th July</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term

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