

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### What a lovely way to end the week!

The children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes. There was great selection from *The Snail and The Whale*, *The Highway Rat* to the *BFG* and *Gangsta Granny*. Many of the costumes were home made, so thank you for supporting your children with this. The children will be bringing home their book vouchers today.

### Why do we do it?

To promote the love of reading. The impact of being a good reader impacts on all areas of life. It has even been proven that those who read more will earn between 10 and 20% more as adults.

### What are we doing?

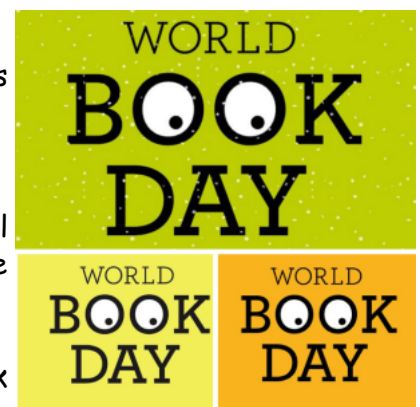
The school councillors have also decided to run some other activities over the coming half term linked to encouraging reading.

Produce your favourite book cover - closing date 30th March

Any media can be used, be creative, - paint, collage or just draw. All children will receive something for taking part, and there will be some small prizes.

Write a book review to share:

These will be kept in the library to help others with their book selection, alongside being shared in our assemblies.



### Discussing the News with Children

The current conflict in Ukraine could be causing some children to feel anxious and unsettled. So it is essential that children are being effectively supported during these times. The resources on the website below have been selected by the Devon Educational Psychology Service as offering key advice for parents, carers and school staff supporting children in understanding the current situation in Ukraine.

[https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/latest-news/discussing-the-news-with-children?fbclid=IwAR1nOWtw\\_yUS49TfBuJMfeHb2\\_bzdzJcNGi2AAG-EK3W8qxoP9OgiVSJa3o](https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/latest-news/discussing-the-news-with-children?fbclid=IwAR1nOWtw_yUS49TfBuJMfeHb2_bzdzJcNGi2AAG-EK3W8qxoP9OgiVSJa3o)

### For information

The Fire Safety Talks for Ash, Oak, Beech and Willow Classes have been postponed. A new date will be arranged soon.

## School Uniform and PE Kits

As a school, we believe the wearing of the correct school uniform is part of understanding our routines and boundaries, which has been shown to benefit emotional health and wellbeing. The wearing of school uniform is statutory as children, like adults, prefer to know what is acceptable and this helps to make them feel secure.

Please ensure your children have their PE kits in school each day, as all children are expected to change for PE. This is not just for hygiene purposes but also to support children in being independent in dressing/undressing, an important social skill which also includes doing their own shoes and laces if they have them.

This is all available on the school website in the school prospectus:

[https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/our\\_school/93200](https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/our_school/93200)

Girls: Grey or Black skirt, trousers or pinafore (winter)  
Blue & White checked dress (summer)  
White shirt or polo shirt  
Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo  
White socks  
Sensible black outdoor shoes (winter) or sandals (summer)

Boys: Grey or Black trousers (winter) or shorts (summer)  
White shirt or polo shirt  
Blue sweatshirt or jumper with school logo  
Grey or black socks  
Sensible black outdoor shoes (this can include black trainers)

PE Girls & Boys: Plain blue or black shorts  
(in a named PE bag) Yellow T-Shirt (with school logo optional)  
Trainers  
Plain Blue or Black track suit

For swimming children will need a swimsuit and a swimming cap, a towel and a bag to keep them in.

School T-shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans are available, together with back-packs, from the School Office.

All items of clothing should be clearly named for easy identification if mislaid.

### Reminder:

Jewellery, make-up, temporary tattoos and nail varnish are not permitted with the exception of a watch and small stud ear-rings, which must be removed or covered for P.E.. Long hair must also be tied up.

Umbrellas are also not permitted in school for safety reasons.

## Elm Class

This half term our topic in Elm class is 'Castles'. We will be exploring castles, the people who lived and worked in them and the monarchy. We would be very grateful if anyone is able to donate any role play costumes and resources that link to this topic. In particular, we are in need of any dressing up costumes/props for kings, queens and knights!

A reminder - Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their school bag in case of any accidents, including spare pants and socks! Recently a few children have been in need of a change of clothes but as our own supplies are limited, it is best if your child has their own spare set in school every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Corwood and Mrs Orchard

## Whimble Music Festival 2022



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm  
in Whimble Church

This will be a free event for primary school aged children,  
celebrating playing and listening to live music after the restrictions of the pandemic

Each child is invited to play a piece lasting up to 2 minutes.

Entries for solo pieces, duets and groups are welcome.

Entries can be for playing music on an instrument or singing.

Each entry will receive a certificate and feedback about their performance.

There will be prizes in each category.

Please register by emailing [whimblemusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:whimblemusicfestival@gmail.com) for the form to be emailed  
or by scanning this QR code to complete the registration form



Peggy Jones (year 6) Festival Organiser



Fancy getting your paws on £2,500 worth of LEGO® bricks for your school, plus a video call with TV Presenter and BBC Radio 1 DJ, Melvin Odoom and a LEGO® Play Agent?

Here's your chance to go wild and win...

This Red Nose Day, we've teamed up with the LEGO® Group to challenge pupils to create a habitat for their favourite animal-themed Red Nose.

You can use LEGO® bricks or paper and pencils or paint for your designs. **Check out the Noses**, then use our **fun fact sheets** and **videos** to spark your pupils' imaginations

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Take a photo of your Red Nose habitat (you can send up to three entries per school)

2 Entries will be judged on creativity, fun and understanding of animal habitats. If you win, we'll be in touch on Friday 22 April. Take a look at the full **terms and conditions**. <https://www.comicrelief.com/terms-of-use#schools-competition-terms-and-conditions-anchor>

Competition will be fierce, so get going on your totally roarsome creations today!

Have fun and good luck,

Michelle and the Red Nose Day schools team

**Please send any pictures to [admin@whimbleprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@whimbleprimary.co.uk) by Thursday 31st March. We will then judge the habitats and choose 3 to send in.**

### Comic Relief - Friday 19th March 2022

You can tell we haven't been able to have many theme/dressing up days much lately. The children, knowing my love of Mr Men and Little Miss books, thought it would be a lovely comical idea to dress up as one of these characters for Comic Relief. Due to the nature of these characters there are relatively simple as they all have a colour theme and usually some accessories, like shoes/boots, hats or carrying or wearing something.

Donations for Comic Relief can be made via School Comms using the link below or sending in money to the school office.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6070>



# Dates for your diary

Friday 18th March  
Friday 25th March  
Thursday 31st March  
Week commencing 28th March  
Week commencing 4th April  
Friday 8th April

Comic Relief  
Bag 2 School (PTA)  
Deadline for comic relief Lego Habitat entries to school  
Children's school report sent home  
Parent consultations  
Last day of term (Finish 1.30pm)



**Sweet Stall 3.30pm TODAY**

## BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



### Whimple Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***

*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

**Friday 25 March 2022 by 9am**



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