

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well done everyone - you have survived week one. Hopefully, you have all managed to find some routines that suit all members of your family. It is difficult to know what day of the week it is but do try to make the weekends different, although I appreciate that it is tricky with the current restrictions imposed upon us.

We hope you all enjoy your Easter break, and we of course will be in contact after the break with more news and information. Remember if you need us, we are still contactable by email, and each class has their own page on eschools.



We have had a few children in this week to support key workers. It is vital this service is only used if essential, as we all want to stay safe too.

I have been sending a daily message with a little joke to help put a smile on your face. Many of your children have shared a joke back too (see page 3). Don't forget to use the messaging system appropriately and keep yourself safe online. We also continue to support all of our families - don't be surprised to receive a phone call in the next couple of weeks if we haven't had virtual contact from your children.

On a serious note, if there are any families who are struggling financially due to a significant change in circumstances, e.g. you may have lost your job or be self-employed with no income, please email the school and I will contact you to see how we can support you. This may only be needed short term whilst government systems are being put into place but, please do ask. I do not want anyone to suffer unnecessarily.

As I receive general information regarding support for families I will place it on the parent tab of the school website.

<https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/parents/266488>

## Libraries are closed but you can still borrow books

Although all libraries are now temporarily closed, that doesn't mean that you can't enjoy a good book! The Devon Libraries Digital Library lets you stream loads of free eBooks, eAudioBooks, eMagazines and much more.

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/catalogue>

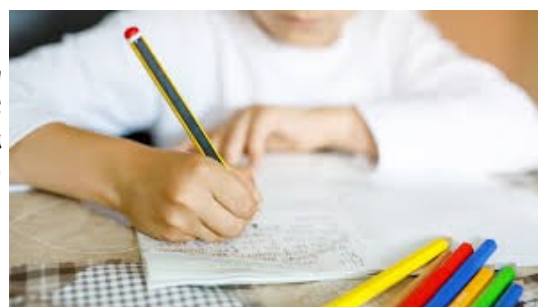


## Job Vacancy

Just to let you know we have a current job vacancy for a School Administrator for 17.5 hours per week. Full details and application form are available under Latest News on the website. We are not losing either Mrs Rowe or Mrs Mitchell, rather Mrs Mitchell will be changing working arrangements going forward. Obviously with all the uncertainty we don't know when all of this will be actioned, but applications need to be emailed in by midday on Tuesday 14th April.

## Whimpe 500 Word Story Writing Competition

Richard and Julia Green are launching a short story writing competition in line with BBC Radio 2 500 words. This initiative is a response to the current situation and a challenge for both young and not so young alike to keep creative juices flowing!



There will be three categories:

**Category A - Under 10 (on 01/09/2020)**

**Category B - Under 14 (on 01/09/2020)**

**Category C - Over 14 (on 01/09/2020) - including adult entries**

Learning pack and judging criteria can be found on the BBC 500 Word 2020 website. This will particularly provide brilliant resources for younger entrants.

There will be an impartial judging panel (already booked).

**Closing Date:** Thursday 30th April 2020

**Email entries** (in pdf form) stating Name and Category to: [jrgreen729@gmail.com](mailto:jrgreen729@gmail.com)

Any further questions ring Julia on 07779139251 or Richard 07546029667

It is hoped to collate all entries at some stage and publish a book - possibly to raise money for the Village Hall Charity.

Finally....there will be prizes in each Category ..... we are open to donations!

Be prepared the next page will make your giggle!



### Some shared jokes

What do you call a deer that can't see?	No idea!
What did one fungi say to the other when he was moving out?	Sorry, there wasn't mushroom.
What does blue paint smell like?	Red paint!!
How do you make a baby spaceman go to sleep?	You rock it!
Why did the elf put his sleeping bag in the fire?	Because he wanted to sleep like a log!
What do you call a dog on a BBQ?	A hot dog!
Why did the toilet roll, roll down the hill?	Because it wanted to get to the bottom!
A farmer in the field with his cows counted 196 cows but when he rounded them all up, he had 200!!	
What's brown and sticky?	A stick.
What's a pirates favourite shop?	Arrgos
What happened when the frog crashed his car?	It got toad away.
What do you call a deer with no eyes?	No EYE deer! (Idea)
What do you call a deer with no eyes or no legs?	Still no idea!
What do you get when you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?	A woolly jumper.
What has a face and two hands, but no legs or arms?	A clock.
Why can't Elsa hold a balloon?	Because she'll let it go!
What do you call a no teethed shark?	A gummy shark.
Why isn't Mother's day really mother's day?	Because it is always on a Son day.
How does a squid go into battle?	Well armed!
What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?	Phillipe Phillope!
What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?	The same middle name.
What do you get if you cross a pig with a dinosaur?	Jurassic pork!
Which circus performers can see in the dark?	The acro-bats!
How do celebrities stay cool?	They have many fans.
What kind of bagel can fly?	A plain bagel.
Why did the teddy say 'no dessert'?	He was stuffed.
What does a spy do when he gets a cold?	He goes undercover..
What's a cats favourite colour?	Purrrrple
What do elves learn at school?	The elf-a-bet.
What time do I go to the dentist?	Tooth-hurty!
Why is England the wettest country?	Because the queen has reigned there for years.

# Don't forget

- To ensure as parents, you also look after yourselves - try to give yourself some 'me time' too.
- If you think one of our families are struggling in anyway do let me know and I will endeavour to support them.
- To keep in touch.
- Don't forget to put your clocks forward on Saturday night!



Remember  
to take care of  
yourself.  
Sometimes you  
get so busy  
taking care of  
others that you  
forget that you  
are important  
too.

I Love Myself Do You?

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