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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Congratulations you have made it to half-term - I find it hard to believe we are heading into June already. Time is a particularly strange concept at the moment. It is the holiday and we do not expect your children to be completing their usual tasks on the learning platform. However, due to these unusual circumstances, teachers have posted a few ideas of different things your children may wish to try over the week.

Thank you to those children and families that contributed to gifts for the staff, alongside the growing number of colourful pebbles outside of school, they have been gratefully received. Everyone likes to be thanked for what they do once in a while. School is shut completely for half-term and Monday 1st June is a non-pupil day so just staff will be in preparing, ready for some of the children's return.



Following on from my letter last week, parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 should have received further information to help them decide whether to send their child back to school after half term. We will continue to offer places for our keyworkers if their child are not in the returning year groups.

To ensure a smooth transition with new systems and procedures we are going to stagger return days as follows:

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 1

Thursday 4th June - Reception

Monday 8th June - Year 6

The expectation is for children in the above year groups to attend full-time.

We are not expecting our children to socially distance (DfE guidelines) however, we are putting in a range of procedures to minimise the risks as much as possible. Lots of handwashing will also be involved.

More specific details will be sent out to parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and keyworkers on Monday 1st June to ensure everyone coming into school knows the new expected regime and procedures, including the start and end time of the school day for each group.

Hopefully, we will be able to see all of our children at some point before the summer holidays.

As we are now allowed to go out more please be aware of the following:

#BeTickAware

If you're thinking of going further afield for your daily exercise, walking on the moors and in woodland, you need to #BeTickAware.

Ticks are blood-sucking members of the spider family that can transmit bacteria and cause infections such as Lyme Disease, which can be serious if not treated.

Tick activity increases in Spring which is when the risk of tick bites is highest. You can prevent tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, avoiding dense vegetation, using insect repellent and performing regular checks.

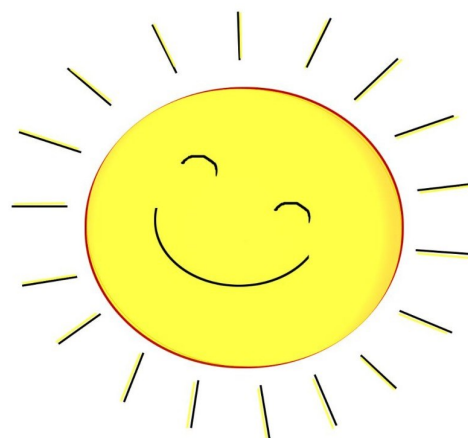
If you do get bitten, remove ticks with fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool, grip the head as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards. You need to remove the tick quickly and correctly to reduce any potential risk of infection.

Each year, thousands of schools participate in the Sun Ready Schools programme, which has provided over half a million children across the UK with tips on how to stay safe in the sun.

Due to the closure of many schools in the UK, children are now spending more time in their gardens or outdoor space. That's why we're making sure this important sun safety message still reaches young people by **providing parents and teachers, access to our Sun Ready Schools resources.**

Our resources are curriculum-linked and include activities such as **creating posters** and using the **Soltan Sun Ready Challenge app** so children can have fun whilst embedding sun safe habits that last a lifetime.

<https://soltansunready.com/for-families>



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