

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2023

Whimble Primary School

Issue 2

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What a week! For some reason we have had a high number of incidents of poor behaviour across the school this week. From speaking/answering back to adults inappropriately, hurting others and making poor decisions about their behaviour in class and outside in the playground. I do not think the recent weather has helped, and we have talked to the children about what behaviours we expect to see in school.

Many of you may well be experiencing this at home too, so we all need to work together to support and encourage the children to make better decisions. If anything significant has happened with specific individuals you will have been notified; I am talking here about general behaviours that disrupt the learning of others.

Few Reminders:

Toys

Please can you help to remind children that they should not be bringing their own toys into school. The toys can bring all sorts of issues and complications. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Swimming Stars on Monday

Swimming will start for the children in Beech, including Year 4 in Oak on Monday 16th January, children need to bring their swimming kits.

School Day

School starts at 9am, so ideally we need children in class slightly before in order to be organised and ready. I know at this point of the year there are challenges, dark mornings being one of them, but some children are now arriving until well after 9am. Children not in school by 9.10am are marked as an unauthorised absence. I also appreciate there are a number of roadworks/accidents happening that also hopefully, as we all get back in routine this can be improved upon.

Strep A infections

Just to keep you informed, we have had one confirmed case of Strep A in the school this week. There are some links below to useful information on Strep A infections and what to look out for, when to keep your child off school, and how long you should keep them off school for different infections.

The general advice is to keep children off if they are unwell and have a high temperature.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

[How long should you keep your child off school - checklist poster \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/784444/How-long-should-you-keep-your-child-off-school-checklist-poster-text-version.pdf)

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/07/strep-a-and-scarlet-fever-what-are-they-and-what-are-the-symptoms-information-for-parents-schools-colleges-and-early-years-providers/?utm_source=13%20January%202023%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Dates for your diary

January 2023

Monday 16th

Swimming Beech Class and Year 4 Oak Class

Friday 20th

Forest School - Beech Class

February

Monday 13th to Friday 17th

Half term

March

Friday 31st March

Last day of term

Assessment arrangements for summer 2023

Month of May

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May

Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 5th June

Multiplication tables check (Year 4)

Week commencing 12th June

Phonics Screening Check (Year 1/Year 2)

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

SPRING TERM 2023

4th January to 31st March 2023

Half term - 13th to 17th February 2023

SUMMER TERM 2024

17th April to 21st July 2023

May Day holiday - 1st May 2023

Extra May Bank Holiday 8th May 2023

Half term - 29th May to 2nd June 2023

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd January, 30th June 2023

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