

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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I would like to thank the children in Year 6 for all their hard work and effort this week, when undertaking their SATs - even as adults, we had forgotten how exhausting it is, so well done everybody! Thanks also to the parents of these children for your support, and finally to Mr Brown and all the staff whom have helped to support (and feed!) these children over the past few months.

### Curriculum Newsletters

Please find the Curriculum newsletters on the class pages on the website as well as attached to this email. The newsletters provide an overview of what your child will be learning about as well as details regarding specifics like homework and PE days. Your support with your child's learning is invaluable as there is only so much time in the school day and as little as 10 minutes reading a day along with 10 minutes of times table or spelling practice daily can make a huge difference to your child's learning and recall.

### Open PTA Meeting

Thursday 19th May at 7pm at the school—please join us in the library by coming through the double doors



### Class Photographs

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday morning - don't forget to look your best!

### Online Safety

Vodafone have released a new edition of Digital Parenting. This is a great magazine with loads of advice and support for parents of children of all ages. Take a look:

See the website: Safeguarding: Online Safety Tips

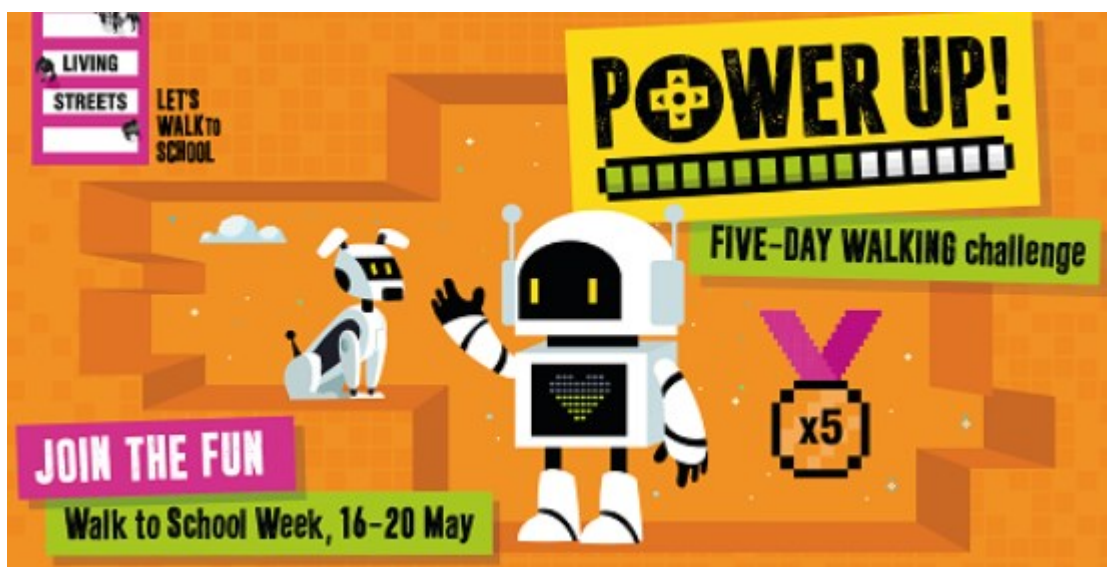
[https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/online\\_safety\\_tips\\_/186422](https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/online_safety_tips_/186422)

### May is also Child Abuse Awareness Month

There is also a link to a short video about raising awareness from the child's aspect of domestic abuse. Please take 5 minutes to watch this thought provoking clip to understand the impact adult behaviours can have on children in the home.

[https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/domestic\\_violence\\_support/535389](https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/domestic_violence_support/535389)

## Walk to School Week!



We hope you have been enjoying the warm weather recently; it certainly feels like summer is on its way! To continue to support the physical and mental wellbeing of the young people in our school, we would like to invite you to take part in Walk To School Week, next week.

So between Monday the 16th of May and Friday the 20th of May, we would like to invite you to try and walk to school with your child, **at least twice across the week to earn your child a badge to wear on their school jumper.**

So how far do you need to walk? To earn the badge, simply **walk further than you normally do.** So if you park in the Thirsty Farmer car park, why not cross the road and walk up to the train station and down the path to school that way? Or park sensibly in Slewtown Crescent and walk along the pavements to school? How far that actually is, is completely up to you.

Here are some important things to note:

- The safety and wellbeing of your child is your responsibility until they have been handed over to an adult at the school gates from 8.50am.
- Please be respectful of the village community and only park in a safe and considerate manner.
- Your child's teacher will keep a record of who has walked to school, and badges will be given on Friday.
- If your child walks to school by themselves already, they should continue to do so as normal, and this counts towards the award of their badge.

Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you being active next week!



## Teacher Training

*“Training to teach as a mother of young twins has been challenging but equally as rewarding (and advantageous as the skills required for both jobs often overlap!). Exeter Consortium have really supported me in managing my workload to fit around family life, as well as the unpredictable situations that come with the job of being a parent.”*

***Mikaela, current trainee at Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance***

Have you ever thought of training to become a **Primary School Teacher**? We work with [Exeter Consortium Schools Alliance](#) who deliver a high-quality school-based route into teaching. For more information please read on... We are proud to work with Exeter Consortium, a not-for-profit organisation which, alongside delivering professional development courses for schools, also provides routes into teaching. Their School Direct courses allow prospective teachers to learn through experience within two primary schools over a year, whilst also studying to gain a PGCE delivered by Bath Spa University, recognised as Outstanding in ITT. To provide teacher training, Exeter Consortium also partners with [South West Teacher Training](#), one of the largest SCITTs in the Southwest. SWTT was judged to be good in all areas by Ofsted in May 2021, under a tough new framework. Exeter Consortium partners with over 70 schools throughout Devon to deliver two routes into teaching. Here are the main benefits of training in this way:

- You will become a teacher in 10 months!

- The programmes are carefully planned so that the content is manageable – even for career changers with little school experience

- Learn first-hand from being immersed in school life working alongside an experienced mentor – you will be part of the team from day 1

- Attend training sessions delivered by senior leaders and experienced current practitioners from local schools – building a network of support

- Choice of two primary programmes, including one (3-7) with placements only in EYFS and KS1

- Exeter Consortium will work hard to place you in schools which suit your needs and will consider aspects such as childcare commitments

- Excellent employment prospects within fantastic schools like ours!

As a school who is keen to support the next cohort of dedicated, well-prepared teachers, we regularly host trainees. If you have ever thought about training to be a teacher, and would like to find out more about doing so via Exeter Consortium's supportive and personalised routes, you can find out more at <https://www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach.html> or contact [ITT@exeterconsortium.com](mailto:ITT@exeterconsortium.com).

# Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th May Oak swimming session (further dates: 25th May, 8th, 15th and 22nd June)

Tuesday 17th May

Class photos

Thursday 19th May

Elm Class Trip

Thursday 19th May

PTA Open Meeting at School 7pm start

Week commencing 6th June

Phonics Screening (Year 1)

Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)

Monday 11th to Friday 15th July Year 5 and Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

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