

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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At last a little bit of sunshine - a lovely welcome change to wind and rain.

### **Health and Safety Updates**

At present the current position regarding COVID 19 (coronavirus) is for schools to continue to stay open and to keep things running as normally as possible. This includes keeping children in school, to continue their education and to ensure parents, families and carers can continue to work and carry out their normal activities. We are receiving daily updates and if there are any advice changes we will keep you informed.

Both children and staff were very calm and sensible in our 'Tiger in the Playground' and Fire Alarm practices this week. We will continue to have these practices termly and they will be used to review our policies and procedures.

### **News from the Governors**

The Board of Governors has been made aware of the increasing pressure on the school office made by parents phoning in as well as dropping off forgotten lunches or kits. This takes time away from other critical tasks. Please could we ask parents to look up information where possible rather than phoning the school and to keep PE kits in school as much as you can. Also as a reminder, there is a box available in the reception area where forms can be dropped off to save you waiting to hand them in in person. Thank you so much for all the wonderful assistance that parents provide to the school and we remain very grateful for all of your support.

### **'Gold' - Year 6 Drama Performance**

The performance times for our drama production have been set, they are:

Tuesday 24th March at 5.30pm and Wednesday 25th March at 5.00pm

Children will get to watch the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon but anyone is welcome to come and watch the evening performance (ticketed entry)

Tickets are free and will be available for families of year 6 children first and then from Wednesday 18th they will be available to anyone else who would like to come and support them. The performance will be about one hour long.



A big thank you to everyone who continues to support FOWS.

This term they have helped to fund the following activities:

Space Dome KS2 - supporting science

Recycling Workshops Oak, Ash and Elm Classes - also supporting science

Beech and Willow trip to Otterton - supporting geography topic

Year 5 and 6 trip to the synagogue - supporting Religious Education.

All these activities would not place without the additional funding from FOWS - all of our children benefit so please come along and support them to run all their fabulous events.

### New After School Club

Sarah Batten is starting a new after school club here at Whimple School after the Easter break.

The club will run from 3.30 until 5.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time.

The cost will be £5 for the first hour or £9 for the whole session.

If you would like to get more information please email

[whimpleafterschoolclub@gmail.com](mailto:whimpleafterschoolclub@gmail.com)



## Safeguarding Support for Parents

The Children's Society have produced a slang dictionary to support parents, carers and professionals to better understand the language young people may be using and support them to safeguard young people.

They have also produced an Emoji dictionary. Emojis are becoming an increasingly common method of communication for everybody. Emojis are simple to understand, quick to type and can get the tone of the message across. Just as understanding the language that young people use can be important for safeguarding them, we think it is also useful to understand how emojis can be used. If we have a better understanding of their meaning, we can foster better connections with children and young people, and identify any potential risks.

Please go to our website for the downloadable documents.

[https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/keeping\\_children\\_safe\\_at\\_home/423123](https://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/keeping_children_safe_at_home/423123)

Next term FOWS are also paying for all these workshops.

Please put the date in your diary.



**CAP UK will be running  
three-hour workshops  
with each class soon....  
Come and meet us!**

- ✓ Find out about our work
- ✓ Get top tips...
- ✓ how you can help keep your children safe in the modern world
- ✓ how to help them to grow into strong, confident people.



Our workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, they are lively and fun. Come and see what we do to teach children knowledge and strategies to deal with some of the more difficult aspects of growing up. We'll discuss keeping safe around bullies, the internet, strangers and known adults and answer any questions you may have. *(Parent workshop content is not suitable for children)*

Our Parents' Information session is your chance to see what we do, your chance to have your say, your chance to get advice, information and resources. Come along!

**Where:** Whimple Primary School

**When:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Book your place with your school office staff**

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# Don't forget

- Year 6 SATs Information evening on Tuesday 17th
- To see your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss their report and no appointment was given.
- To come and watch 'Gold'

## Dates for your diary

### March

Monday 16th March	Elm Parent consultations
Tuesday 17th March	Ash and Beech Parent consultations
Tuesday 17th March	Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.45pm Willow
Wednesday 18th March	Oak Parent consultations
Thursday 19th March	Willow Parent consultations
Thursday 19th March	Year 5 and 6 trip to Exeter Synagogue
Friday 20th March	Willow Parent consultations
Tuesday 24th March	Drama production - Year 6 5.30pm
Wednesday 25th March	Drama production - Year 6 5.00pm
Friday 27th March	End of term - 1.30pm finish

### April

Wednesday 15th April	FOWS Meeting Thirsty Farmer at 7pm
Thursday 23rd April	CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm

### May

KS1 SATs throughout the month of May	
Week commencing 11th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing 8th June	Phonics screening/times tables testing
Thursday 2nd July	Civic Award Presentation Evening
Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt	

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