

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Oh, it has been so nice to see, both children and parents faces in the flesh this week! There has been a lot of noise around school and teachers have been actively encouraging children to socialise and chatter. The children have returned so positively, so thank you for your support. Hopefully, as parents, you have been able to have a bit of the opposite - complete quiet and calm.

### Mothers Day Competition

There was a large number of entrants and the judges found it really challenging to pick two winners, so well done to everyone.

Key Stage 2 winner: Dulcie

Key Stage 1 winner: Lucia

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums and grandmas.



### English Speaking Board Certificates

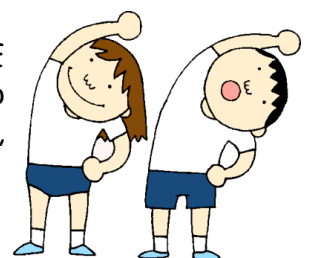
Congratulations to Martha, Lottie, Robert, Freddie, William, Marco, Matilda, Ava, Isla and Ava.

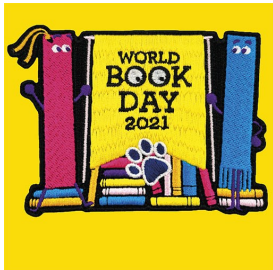
Back in December they had to spend a morning in the hall in front of an assessor - they had to learn a poem off by heart, read part of a book and talk about a subject/hobby of their choice. Despite all their nerves, they all passed.

Many thanks to Mrs Shorer for supporting these children.

### PE Kits

Please can you make sure children have suitable trainers to wear for their PE sessions in school. We are currently adding in some extra sessions to help support children's return to school and their mental and physical health, suitable footwear will ensure children do not injure their feet.





### Keep Reading

All children will have had books changed and many will be bringing home library books too. Please remind your children to bring in their books bags, particularly the younger children, so books can be changed regularly.

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of them becoming good at reading - this has been researched.

#### Kids read more when we Turn On The Subtitles.

We wanted to let you know how this brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills. Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail. [www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents)

### Comic Relief - Friday 19th March

We are asking all our families to help support us in raising funds for Comic Relief this year. As none of us have been able to get our hair cut, we are going to hold a 'Crazy Hair Day'. Alongside this we ask that children wear something that will make someone else 'smile'. We all definitely need some laughter in our lives at present and it has been an absolute joy to hear children outside playing and giggling with their friends. Laughter helps to strengthen our immune system as it increases our production of antibodies and cells which fight off disease.



Some of you may be aware of the 'Red Nose and Spoon Race' on the One Show. Maybe you could try this on your walk to school next Friday and get someone to sponsor you?

Donations can be either brought in on the day or be made payable via the School Comms payment system from Tuesday.



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### Home fire safety advice for families

Simple tips to reduce your risk of fire at home:

- Never run washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers when out, or at night.
- Electricals - turn off, switch off and/or unplug electrical things not being used.
- Charging devices - use the correct charger for things such as phones, laptops and e-cigarettes. Charge on a hard surface only. Switch off once fully charged.
- Candles – always put out candles and tealights before you leave the room. Ideally use battery-powered ones.
- Never leave matches or lighters lying around; put them where children can't reach.
- Check you have working smoke alarms on each level of your house. Test them regularly, at least once a month.

### Fire service home fire safety visits to families

All households with children under 18 are eligible for free fire safety advice over the phone or in your home. During a home safety visit, a friendly fire safety adviser from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service will come into your home to chat about what you can do to keep safe from fire. Call 0800 05 02 999 or visit [www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety) for fire safety advice or to book a home safety visit.

## Easter Sport Activities

Sporty Stars are pleased to announce that we will be running a holiday camp this Easter at St Johns School, Sidmouth.

The holiday camp is available to all children aged 4 - 12 in the surrounding area.

Sporty Stars feel as well as being a great benefit to your parents as a source of childcare, that this camp could be of vital importance to the children, considering the year we have had.

Their holiday camp offers children the chance to interact with new people, become more active during the school holidays, increase confidence, as well as a chance to try a range of wonderful activities such as swimming, archery, zorbing and glow in the dark sports.

# SportyStars MULTI ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

## St John's School, Sidmouth

Sporty Stars are bringing our popular and award winning holiday camp to Sidmouth this Easter. Available to all children in the surrounding area, our holiday camp offers one of the most diverse and active childcare solutions in East Devon.

Children can expect a range of activities, ensuring there is something for every age and interest. These activities include Sports, Swimming, Nerf Wars, Bouncy Castle, Glow in the Dark Sports, Archery, Forest School, Zorbing, Science Experiments, Movies, Lego Building, Spy School and more.

Ages: 4 - 12

Dates: 6th April - 15th April

Price: £35 Day / £150 Week

Phone: 07514983066

Email: [info@sportystars.co.uk](mailto:info@sportystars.co.uk)

More Info / Book Online:

[Sportystars.co.uk/sidmouth-camp](https://sportystars.co.uk/sidmouth-camp)



# Dates for your diary

## March 2021

Friday 19th March Comic Relief - crazy hair and funny clothes for a donation  
Sunday 21st March Final day to email address to PTA for "Bee Positive" Whimble Walk Map

## April 2021

Thursday 1st April World Book Day for Whimble  
Thursday 1st April last day of spring term  
Friday 2nd April to Sunday 18th April PTA Bee Positive Whimble Walk

## Term dates 2020/2021

### SUMMER TERM 2021

**19<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

*May Day holiday - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

*Half term - 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

## Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

**8<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

*Half term - 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

### SPRING TERM 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Half term - 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

### SUMMER TERM 2022

**25<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*May Day holiday - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022*

*Half term - 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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