

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Welcome to the final edition of *Contact* for this school year - may I wish you all a good holiday, enjoy the precious time you have with your children and try to relax.

### **New Payment and Dinner Ordering System**

Please ensure you register onto the system before September as this will be the way to order school dinners and make any payments. If you have no access to a computer, please contact the school office. An app is available to which makes the process even easier.

### **School Uniform** (for those purchasing over the holiday)

- Girls:** Grey or Black skirt, trousers or pinafore (winter)  
Blue & White checked dress (summer)  
White shirt or polo shirt  
Blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper with school logo  
White socks  
Sensible black outdoor shoes (winter) or sandals (summer)
- Boys:** Grey or Black trousers (winter) or shorts (summer)  
White shirt or polo shirt  
Blue sweatshirt or jumper with school logo  
Grey or black socks  
Sensible black outdoor shoes

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| PE Girls & Boys:    | Plain blue or black shorts                 |
| (in a named PE bag) | Yellow T-Shirt (with school logo optional) |
| (KS2 only)          | Trainers                                   |
|                     | Plain Blue or Black track suit             |

For Swimming you will need a swimsuit and a swimming cap, a towel and a bag to keep them in.

School T-shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts are available, together with back-packs, from the School Office.

All items of clothing should be clearly named for easy identification if mislaid.

Jewellery, make-up, temporary tattoos and nail varnish are not permitted with the exception of a watch and small stud ear-rings which must be removed or covered for P.E.. Long hair must also be tied up.

## Department for Education launches "Hungry Little Minds"

**We know that the early years are crucial for a child's development, and what happens at home plays a vital role.**

Improving early communication, language and literacy development is a key priority for the government and a cornerstone of a country that works for everyone.

Children with poor vocabulary skills at age five may be up to twice as likely to be unemployed in their 30s.

Find more information on the link below with a whole range of activities to help your child.

[https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/parental\\_and\\_family\\_support/378229](https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/parental_and_family_support/378229)

There is also a new website to support online safety:

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

## Parent Surveys

Thank you to all those who completed the forms this year.

*According to the results we continue to be good at:*

Providing a safe environment and teaching children how to keep safe and live healthily.

Ensuring most children enjoy school, work hard and make good progress.

Providing a curriculum provided which is broad, balanced and enriched with a variety of activities.

*We have got better at:*

Informing you about your child's progress and helping you to support your child by providing more specific information thought targets and more regular contact with you.

*We will continue to:*

Use and develop the school learning platform to provide a range of information, including photographs.

*Things to explore and find out more about:*

To continue to investigate alternatives for after school clubs for all age children, with the need to ensure they are financially viable.

To look into the homework (home learning) given—we will look at and review what is given and provide clearer guidance for parents at information evenings for each class so we can explain are rationale and make our expectations clear.

Alternatives for how we teach Personal, Social and Health Education (P.S.H.E.), Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural curriculum (SMSC) and Sex and Relationships Education (S.R.E) and how we include parents in what is being taught.

## Clubs for next term

Find below the information for the ones we are aware of at present and the information we have been given.

## Sporty Stars

The links are now open to book your child in to after school clubs for the autumn term.

<http://www.sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs/>

Monday: Street and Disco Dance (with a specialist dance teacher) for Years 1 - 4

Tuesday: an invitation only club with details to follow in the autumn term

Wednesday: Athletics for Years 1 - 6

Thursday: Dodgeball for Years 3 - 6

Friday: Football for Years 1 - 6

## Tiger Karate

Martial Arts exclusively for children aged up to 14 years old. This club will only continue if he can have 10 children so please contact him direct if you are interested.

Help your child gain the confidence to exceed in life!

Improve your fitness

Learn self defence

Improve flexibility

Improve focus

Discipline

Team work

Improve self-confidence

Regular gradings

Anti-bullying

And most of all have fun!

This club runs after school on a Friday until 4.45pm and has spaces for next term. If you are interested or have any further questions contact:

Gurmure (chief instructor) on 07748992776

or e-mail: [tigerstylesportskarate@yahoo.com](mailto:tigerstylesportskarate@yahoo.com) or visit [www.tigerstylesportskarate.co.uk](http://www.tigerstylesportskarate.co.uk).

## Music Activities

Choir will continue to run after school on Tuesday with Mrs Palmer.

Guitars for Key Stage 2 will be after school on Mondays followed by a singing club. For more details contact Ruth Tooze direct [ruthtoze-music@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthtoze-music@hotmail.com).

All contact details are also available on the website:

[https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/clubs\\_activities/93206](https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/clubs_activities/93206)

# TRY BMX FOR FREE!!



THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST  
11AM - 2PM

PLEASE WEAR LONG  
SLEEVES TROUSERS  
AND TRAINERS

FREE BIKE & HELMET HIRE

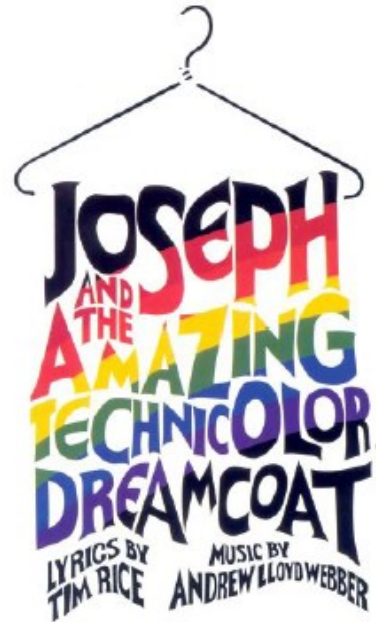


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## Community Theatre 4All

Announce an "Introductory 'Junior Cast Workshop'" for their next production



In St Mary's Church Whimple on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm to 4.00pm

An introductory Music and Drama Workshop that is open to all interested young people who will be in school years 3 to 8 in September 2019. Parents are welcome to come along with their children, or to leave them to work with Emma Palmer and Tom Samson for the first 90 minutes. All parents are requested to be present from 3.30pm when all the rehearsal and performance commitments will be fully explained. Performances will be given in early February 2020.

Any pre-workshop enquiries to Tom Samson on 07979 876211

The Creative Team for this project will be Choreographer: Emily Thomhill;  
Musical Director: Emma Palmer; Stage Director: Tom Samson.

## Pooches at the Priory

Exeter's newest FREE  
Fun Dog Show and  
Family Day at historic  
St Katherine's Priory



All proceeds to Forever Hounds Trust

All breed dog show  
Classes for all

Barbecue  
Coffee  
Cake

Live music

Face painting

Craft stalls

Trade stands

Demonstrations

Lots more great  
stuff to do



Sunday  
11 August  
11am-4pm  
Save the  
date

Outside pitches and inside tables  
available from:  
paul.lentle@foreverhoundstrust.org

# Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd July

Last day of term, 3.30pm finish.

Term dates for pupils - 2019/20:

**AUTUMN TERM 2019**

**4th September to 20th December 2019 (1.30pm finish)**

*Half term - 21st to 25th October 2019*

**SPRING TERM 2020**

**7th January to 27th March 2020 (1.30pm finish)**

*Half term - 17th to 21st February 2020*

**SUMMER TERM 2020**

**14th April to 21st July 2020**

*May Day holiday - 8th May 2020 (this reflects the change made by the Government)*

*Half term - 25th May to 1st June 2020 (inclusive)*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 2nd and 3rd September, 2019 6th December 2019 , 6th January 2020 ,1st June 2020*

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