

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### **Introducing Our Mealtime Assistants**

We have many Mealtime Assistants who help support our children at lunchtime, both in the hall having lunch and in the playground promoting positive play activities.



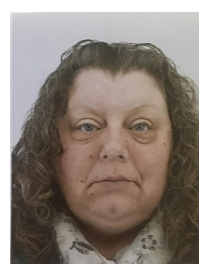
Mrs T Cornish



Mrs L Earnshaw



Mrs H Jaggs



Mrs C Stone



Mrs R Stephenson



Miss v Godden



Miss S Northcott

### **A Message From Our School Governors**

'Governors were very concerned to learn of several recent occasions when staff have been subjected to intimidation and threatening behaviour by some parents and carers. Such behaviour is unacceptable both in terms of the impact upon the person being bullied and as a damaging example to our children of how others should be respected and treated. Governors fully support school staff in following up such incidents to ensure they are not repeated.'

## Website and Learning Platform

Both our website and learning platform are hosted by ESchools. The school website is available to everyone whereas our Learning Platform is only accessible to defined users set up with a username and password.



The Learning Platform is where we plan to communicate things specifically for parents, including photographs, as this is a secure site. You will also be able to book parents consultations here to save time and paperwork.

### *What happens next?*

In order to set things up ready for parent consultations in a few weeks time we need at least one parent (but ideally both) to login to the Learning Platform where you will then be asked to reset your password by Friday 5th October.

### *How do I know my username and current password?*

A letter for each parent on the system was given out in an envelope to the oldest child on Monday.

## Parents Evening

These are now to be booked online via our learning platform. Times are available from 1.25pm to 6.15pm and will be open for booking from 7pm tonight until the day before the consultations.

Look along the top tabs to find one called 'parents evening'. Choose the relevant class consultation and then look for your child's name to book a time.

## Curriculum Newsletters

Each class has their curriculum newsletter now available on their class page on the school website:

[https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/classes\\_and\\_curriculum/93203](https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/classes_and_curriculum/93203)

These also includes information on homework.

## Annual Apple Pick

This year our apple pick will be on Friday 19th October - children will be able to wear their old clothes to school that day (just like the clothes for Forest School - trousers, long-sleeved top; bring along gloves and a bag or bucket).

The more we pick, the more money we raise to help fund items across the school - last year we raised over £100 and there weren't that many apples. You will be able to join us too - more details next week.

### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

After half-term we will be getting involved in packing shoe boxes for children less fortunate than ourselves. We will be asking for donations to fill the boxes so thought we would give you an idea of the types of things to start collecting:

- Pens, pencils, crayons, stamp and ink pads
- Writing pads or notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste, wrapped soap, combs, hairbrushes
- Gloves, scarves, hair accessories
- Empty shoe boxes!

More details will be provided in a leaflet and if you are interested you can log onto:

<https://samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### **Private Fostering.**

*Are you looking after someone else's child? Is your child living with another family?*

*If the answer to either question is yes, and the arrangement is for 28 days or more, this is known as Private Fostering. If a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after by someone who is not a close relative, then by law Devon County Council need to be informed. When notified, we will work with the child, parents and private foster carers to ensure the best possible arrangements are in place for the child.*

*To tell us about a private fostering arrangement or if you are unsure if your situation is private fostering, please contact 0345 155 1071 or email: [privatefostering@devon.gov.uk](mailto:privatefostering@devon.gov.uk).*

# Don't Forget

- To read and return all the paperwork sent home last week (if you haven't already).
- To log into the Learning Platform and change your password and then book your child's consultation slot.

## Dates for your diary

### October

Wednesday 10th October	Beech Class visit to Heritage Centre
Wednesday 10th October	Year 5 meal with parents 4.30pm
Wednesday 10th October	FOWS AGM
Monday 15th October	Bikeability Week for Year 6
Monday 15th October	Ash and Elm Class consultations
Tuesday 16th October	Beech Class consultations
Wednesday 17th October	Oak and Willow Class consultations
Wednesday 17th October	Apple Pressing
Friday 19th October	Apple Picking at The Orchard

Half term: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

### November

Friday 2nd November	Halloween Disco
Saturday 10th November	Craft Fair

### December

Thursday 13th December	Carol Service at Church
Tuesday 18th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity 4pm
Wednesday 19th December	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 21st December	Last day of term - 1.30pm finish

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