

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Well, we have now had the longest day this year. School continues to be busy - Key Stage 2 children are off to Taunton to watch the cricket on Monday and school trip letters have been sent out. Please return permission and medical forms to the school office.

### Parents Survey 2022

After over two years of significant disruption due to Covid, we are keen to reintroduce our annual survey for parents. The pandemic and the effect of Covid on schools and families has had a significant impact on the way that we have had to work and it has been a challenge to navigate through this together. As we move towards more 'normal' times, your views will help us to ensure that we are all working together on the same priorities, so your help in completing this online questionnaire is very much appreciated. If there is any questions that that don't apply, or you have no direct experience of, please either select 'don't know' or 'not applicable'.

Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQxCz6YoX2HxjIHE1hDOTZcP7oPt1PrVht0eGbz67AgrQZIA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQxCz6YoX2HxjIHE1hDOTZcP7oPt1PrVht0eGbz67AgrQZIA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you have more than one child at school it would help us if you filled in a separate questionnaire for each one. Paper copies are also available from the school office. Thank you for you time, we really value your feedback. Could all the surveys be submitted before end of the day on Thursday 30th June.

### Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Friday 1st July at Whimble Cricket Club. Parents are welcome to attend to watch their child from 10am - please read the accompanying letter for more information regarding the format and timing of the morning.

All children are asked to come to school in their PE kits and bring coats, etc. They also require a packed lunch. (more details in the letter)

### Staffing Update

As some of you will be aware there are a number of teaching staff changes for September.

Miss Dunsford will be returning from her maternity to teach in Oak Class, so Miss Chalmers will be leaving us to move onto another school. Mrs Orchard will also be moving on to pastures new, whilst Miss Norton will be reducing her hours to work part-time. Consequently, we have two new part-time teachers joining our team here in September; Mrs Handley will join Miss Corwood to teach Elm Class and Miss Sharratt will join Miss Norton to teach Ash Class. Now we have a full compliment of teachers, I can start planning class lists for September and these will be sent out next week.

### **Summer Fayre - Staff Tombola**

The tombola is always a popular stall at the fayre. We hope to run it in the usual format, with a tombola for children and one for adults. It's time to give you some advance warning to look in cupboards to discover unwanted items such as toiletries, unused gifts, sweets, chocolates, etc. In exchange for not wearing uniform for one day, the children are asked to bring in one item for the stall. This will be week commencing 18th July - the exact date to be confirmed nearer the time.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

Originally, we had planned to hold some parent information sessions linked to English and maths. For a variety of reasons, these have not happened and it is felt that at this point in the school year (and with the sun shining), it would make more sense and be more preferable for parents, to do these sessions in September. We will then be introducing a number of new formats to support and promote learning. Each class will also hold an information session to explain expectations for the year with an opportunity to ask any specific questions related to school.

## **Dates for your diary**

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| Monday 27th June                | Key Stage 2 trip to watch cricket             |
| Wednesday 29th June             | Oak swimming session                          |
| Friday 1st July                 | Sports Day 10am to 1pm                        |
| Tuesday 5th July                | Oak Class trip                                |
| Tuesday 5th July                | Beech Class Trip                              |
| Friday 8th July                 | PTA Sweet Sale - playground                   |
| Monday 11th to Friday 15th July | Year 5 and Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt |
| Monday 11th July                | Ash Class trip                                |
| Saturday 23rd July              | School Summer Fayre                           |

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