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The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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Another week has flown by and all of our children have enjoyed their apple picking session over the orchard. Beech Class have started to make our scarecrows ready for the festival at half-term. Our new PTA committee have been working hard and have started clearing and planting around the school. It has been lovely to have some positive things to talk about and do. School continues to have no cases of Covid-19 at this time but we are aware that some of our families are having to isolate through other contacts so it is important to continue to follow the guidelines.

After School Sports Provision

We are delighted to be able to offer some extra-curricular activities, with Sporty Stars, starting after half term. This will be different to in previous years, to ensure that all activities are in line with Covid regulations and so that the sessions match the logistics currently in place in school. Here is how the sessions will run:

Monday	Beech Class Club	Click here to book
Wednesday	Oak Class Club	Click here to book
Thursday	Ash Class Club	Click here to book
Friday	Willow Class Club	Click here to book

Each class bubble have been allocated a day per week, where they will take part in a multi-activity club. The group will take some ownership of the content and games covered and Sporty Stars will be managing the resources and equipment used each week. This will be sanitised and quarantined appropriately. Your child will not change for the club and where possible, all sessions will run outside in the playground. If weather is particularly inclement, the children will be taken into their usual classroom; no sessions will run in the hall.

The clubs will run from 3.30pm - 4.45pm and all children will need to be collected using the one way system, as per normal pick up, (unless you wish your child to walk home and have signed the relevant paperwork—although with the clocks changing soon remember evenings will be darker).

We are working hard to ensure that all children have access to high quality sporting provision to promote physical activity; please feel free to ask if you have any questions and we appreciate you following the usual pick up guidelines to keep everyone safe.



Lunch boxes and Snacks

Please remember that nus and nut products cannot be included in packed lunches or given as snacks, this includes Nutella spread and some snack bars. We have a number of children across the school that have nut allergies.

Stars

Due to the number of stars going astray and not being returned we are requesting that the child donates £1 to cover the cost of a replacement.



Website Alert

I received an email concerning a website called 'Omegle' which is causing concern amongst police. Part of this concern is because children as young as Year 5 are being targeted.

The site 'Omegle' is a Cam Chat site that is aimed at adults 18+ and promotes itself as a site where you can chat to random strangers. In reality adults seem to go there to interact with strangers in a sexual way.

Parent Consultations Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October

All consultations will be held following Covid guidelines. Masks can be worn if parents wish to.

The afternoon appointments will be held in the village hall until 3.15pm. Please wait outside the main doors and wait for your child's class teacher to come and collect you. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entry. If your allocated time is after 3pm please be mindful of other parents coming to collect their children from school whilst waiting in the car park to enter the hall.

Meeting times after the end of the school day will be held in school, rooms as detailed below. We ask that you arrive just before your allotted time and sanitise your hands. Please wait in the playground in the area where you collect your children - you are welcome to sit on the benches whilst you wait. The teacher you are meeting will come and collect you.

Appointment slots are for 10 minutes. If a longer discussion is required, you may be asked to make another appointment at a mutually agreeable time.

Flu Immunisations - for information.

Our children are booked to have their flu immunisation on Friday 4th December. You will be contacted directly for consent prior to this.

Dates for your diary



October

Week commencing 19th October

Parent consultations

Friday 23rd October

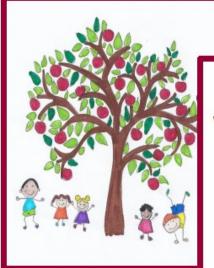
Non-pupil day (staff only) Week commencing Monday 26th October Half term holiday

November

Monday 2nd November - first day of term

December

Friday 4th Flu immunisations for children



Whimple after school club at Whimple primary school

We have spaces on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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