

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Please be Patient

After our first full week the children are beginning to settle into their new routines but please help to give them time to do this. We know as adults after a holiday it can be unsettling, and for our children (six weeks is a long time for them), it can take a little longer. We try to help by gradually building up our timetables and routines whilst reminding them what is expected from them.

Parent Information Sessions

As you aware, children thrive best when supported at both home and school. In order to help ensure we are all 'singing from the same sheet' we are holding brief information sessions for parents to provide updates on how to support your child at home, including reading and spelling support, home learning expectations and other specifics related to their year group/class. These sessions will also give parents the opportunity to ask the teachers any questions and should only last 15 - 20 minutes, with the exception of Elm Class which will be approximately 40 minutes.

Children can be taken to the library during this time.

Monday 16th September	Beech Class	3.45pm
Wednesday 18th September	Oak Class	3.45pm
Thursday 19th September	Ash Class	3.45pm
Tuesday 24th September	Willow Class	3.45pm
Thursday 26th September	Elm Class	3.45pm (letter to follow)

School Meals

Universal Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - this is a government led scheme wanting to provide children with a cooked meal.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium have to be applied for and has set criteria. If you think you may qualify for this see the website:

https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/free_school_meals_and_admissions/387513

These children have other entitlements which we provide.

Regardless of what type of meal your child has, universal or free or paid, they all must be selected and ordered online at School Comms.

If you have any problems logging on or do not have access for whatever reason, please contact the school office.

Data Collection Sheets

Your child will come home with their data collection sheet in a named envelope next Friday. Please read through and check the information carefully, make any alterations if needed, sign and return as soon as possible. This helps to ensure that the information we hold is accurate.

There will also be other paperwork included - these will be listed next week.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

PE Kits

School uniform includes PE kits so please ensure children in Key Stage 2 have a PE kit in school (Oak, Beech and Willow Class)

PE Girls & Boys:	Plain blue or black shorts
(in a named PE bag)	Yellow T-Shirt (with school logo optional)
	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 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.

Secondary School Places

All children in Year 6 should have brought home a letter regarding applying for their secondary school place, the portal link is:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?fbclid=IwAR1dHErFbZRjjJLxJKxuez9rCpzTJ0B8va7W0aib6sAqcY-RgnKjgc9Stg

After School Club - 'Singing Musical Theatre'

This is a group that could run on Mondays from 4.30 to 5.15pm. The charge would be £4.00 per child. Children would need to be collected from school at 3.30pm and return later if not attending another club prior to this one.

Opportunities will include:

- Vocal coaching
- Following the new 'singing for musical theatre syllabus with ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music).
- Opportunity to take grades examinations with ABRSM if the children wish.
- Acting out songs, choreography.
- Free choice of additional songs, for fun.
- prop and costume design

This group will be open to all students.

Please contact Ruth Toze direct for more information and registering an interest

ruthtoze-music@hotmail.com

Food Allergies and Intolerances

Due to increasing number of children with allergies we are unable to give out any food items provided by parents to give to other children on their behalf, e.g. cakes, sweets and biscuits.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Nasal flu vaccination - Electronic consent

As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary aged children. This will take place in October and the consent needs to be completed electronically.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes on Sunday 29th September, prior to the session in school. This link is secure, please carefully select your child's school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

If your child is medically vulnerable, early clinics will be available please contact the team to book in on 0300 247 0082.

If you have any difficulties or queries with this process please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082.

Parent Workshop

Apps for Autism Workshop running on Friday 1 November at Colyton Caterpillars, Colyton (£20pp, parents / carers FREE).

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eycs/apps-for-autism-workshop-1-november-2019/>

Emergency Contact Number

112 is an alternative number to 999 for emergency calls and because it's internationally recognised it can be more effective from a mobile phone.

Also register your phone with the emergency services if you are in a signal blackspot or in an emergency where speaking is an issue, because you may still be able to text **BUT THE PHONE MUST BE REGISTERED.**

The screenshot shows a mobile phone interface with a red header and white text. The status bar at the top shows 'iPad', signal strength, and battery level at 54%. The main content is titled 'What is emergencySMS?' and 'How do I use emergencySMS?'. It explains that emergency SMS is a service for people with hearing loss or difficulty with speech, and that it can be used to register a phone for emergency services. It also provides instructions on how to use the service, including what to do in an emergency and what happens next. The footer shows the URL 'northyorkshire.police.uk' and the text 'Emergency SMS text service - North Yorkshire Police | North Yorkshire Police'.

What is emergencySMS?

If you cannot make voice calls, you can now **contact the 999 emergency services by SMS text** from your mobile phone. Emergency SMS is part of the standard 999 service which has been designed specifically for people with hearing loss or difficulty with speech.

Since September 2009, the emergencySMS service has successfully handled hundreds of real emergency calls. Thanks to this service criminals have been arrested, lives have been saved and babies have been born safely.

What is an emergency?

Please do not send test or non-emergency texts – only use emergencySMS for real emergencies.

For example, if:

- someone's life is at risk
- a crime is happening now
- someone is injured or threatened
- there is a fire or people are trapped
- you need an ambulance urgently
- someone is in trouble on the cliffs, on the shoreline or is missing at sea.

This service works throughout the UK on all mobile networks, it cannot be used from abroad.

How do I use emergencySMS?

Register

You will only be able to use this service if you have registered with emergencySMS first.

Register now: don't wait for an emergency.

To register, **text 'register' to 999**. You will get a reply – then follow the instructions you are sent.

In an emergency

> **Text 999**

We need to know:

> **Who?**
Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue or Coastguard.

> **What?**
Briefly, what is the problem.

> **Where?**
Exactly where the problem is happening – give the name of the road, house number, postcode or nearby landmark, if possible.

What happens next?

The emergency service will either ask for more information or will tell you that help is on the way.

Don't assume that your message has been received until the emergency service sends a message back.

It will usually take about two minutes before you get a reply. If you don't get a reply within three minutes, please try again or find other ways of getting help.

northyorkshire.police.uk

Emergency SMS text service - North Yorkshire Police | North Yorkshire Police

Dates for your diary

September

Friday 13th September	Fantastic Friday starts	
Monday 16th September	Guitars start	
Monday 16th September	Beech Class Parent Information Session	3.45pm
Tuesday 17th September	Choir starts	
Wednesday 18th September	Oak Class Parent Information Session	3.45pm
Thursday 19th September	Ash Class Parent Information Session	3.45pm
Tuesday 24th September	Willow Class Parent Information Session	3.45pm
Thursday 26th September	Elm Class Parent Information Session	3.45pm
Thursday 26th September	FOWS meeting 7pm	

October Flu immunisations

Half term 21st to 25th October 2019

November

Friday 1st November FOWS Halloween Disco

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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