

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Happy New Year! Welcome back.

### Closing Date for Primary Places

Wednesday 15th January is the closing date to apply for a September primary place. Please remind anyone who has a child who will be five between September 2020 and August 2021. Use link below to apply online

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

### Fantastic Friday

This half-term Fantastic Friday will be held on Fridays, 17th, 24th 31st January and 7th February and the activities are as follows:

Activity	Year Group	Equipment required
Forest School	Year 3	Wellies, long sleeved top and trousers, waterproof coat, gloves.
Crafting - quilting project	Year 4	none
Creative Arts - music and drama	Year 5	none
Mindfulness and Art Skills	Year 6	none
Sporty Stars and Computing Skills	Year 1 and 2	P.E. Kit (which should be in school)

## Activity Passports

At Whimble Primary we have always prided ourselves on our broad and balanced curriculum.

Last year, for the first time, our Year 6 children partook in the Devon and Torbay Civic Award which involved a variety of activities throughout the year. All the children achieved the award which was presented at a special evening involving children and parents from a number of schools.

The activities involved, demonstrated and reinforced the value of having a wide range of hobbies and interests.

There are a number of activity type ideas around including one from the DfE and National Trust.

The development of hobbies and skills links brilliantly with our school vision and values, especially our 6Rs - Responsibility, Respect, Resourcefulness, Reasoning, Reflection, and Resilience. We have developed a passport for each year group with activities chosen to strengthen their values through the 6Rs. The activities can be done at school and at home throughout the school year.

We hope you will help encourage and support your child along the way. Initially, the paper passports will be kept in school but an electronic version is available on the learning tab of the website and then find the relevant class page.

<https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/learning/93203>

## Withycombe Parent Workshops

Workshops this term include: Autism and sensory needs, challenging behaviours, self esteem and remembering powers.

Look on the website for more information—parent tab, free workshops.

## School Dinners

Please remember to log onto School Comms and book your child's meal whether paid or unpaid. We will always assume Option 1 unless booked.

On Thursday 16th January there is a change to the usual menu as this is our census day. Our funding for Universal Free School Meals (ie our free meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) is calculated from the number of meals taken on that day.

The more children having a school meal on that day means we are given more money in our budget. This helps us considerably as our meals, paid or otherwise, cost us more than we are given per unit due to other costs of providing the meals, e.g transport. We already use school fund money to compensate for the difference, so the smaller this gap is, the better.



### Welcome Lunch Menu

Thursday 16th January

Smiley Sausages

or

Quorn Smiley Sausages

with

Potato Wedges

Pasta Salad

Buddy Baked Beans

Chocolate Biscuits

Milk Drink



# Dates for your diary

## January

Tuesday 14th January      Microsoft Maker Event, Exeter - Year 6 Girls

## February

Tuesday 4th February      Multi skills at Clyst Vale - Oak Class

Monday 17th February      Half term holiday

## March

Week commencing 9th March      Annual reports Year 1 to Year 6

Week commencing 16th March      Parent consultations

Tuesday 24th March      Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)

Wednesday 25th March      Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)

Thursday 26th March      Oral Hygiene Workshop - Year 3 and 4

Friday 27th March      End of term - 1.30pm finish

Week commencing 11th May      Key Stage 2 SATs

Week commencing 8th June      Phonics screening/times tables testing

Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July      Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

## Term dates for pupils - 2020/21:

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

**7<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

*Half term - 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

### SPRING TERM 2021

**5<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

*Half term - 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

### SUMMER TERM 2021

**19<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

*May Day holiday - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

*Half term - 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

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