

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Hopefully, you all had a good half term and have benefitted from the recent weather, although I appreciate hayfever sufferers are having a tough time at present.

It has been a challenging week with many issues with our internet connection and speed. If you need to promptly inform us of something important, for example, a change to the adult collecting or an impending appointment, we would always recommend you phone the office rather than email.

Staff have been busy organising school trips and these will all take place in July. All venues chosen are closed to the general public on the dates selected to help to continue to ensure we all stay well. The PTA are kindly helping to subsidise the cost of the coaches and letters with more details will be sent home shortly. A SOE3 form also needs completing and returning before we can take your child on any trip and these will be enclosed with the letters.

Important reminders:

- The morning drop off now runs with amazing fluency so we will return to the traditional pre-Covid drop off time of **8.50am**. No responsibility can be taken for children arriving at school before 8.50 am and children should not be left unaccompanied in the playground before this time. Please queue if necessary, rather than all crowd in the playground to help reduce contacts. We need to ensure an adult is available in class before we send children in and occasionally a problem has arisen to prevent this.
- Collection time will continue to be 3.20pm for KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2.
- Hats and sun cream - now the weather is improving please apply sun cream to your child before coming into school and provide a sun hat. Children can bring in sun cream in their bags (labelled) to apply themselves at lunchtime if required. Now children are removing their jumpers more, please ensure they are named - they end up all over the place!



Dogs Outside the School Gates

Please be considerate of others and refrain from standing around the school gates with your dogs - regardless of their shape or size, we have a number of children that are scared of them and we do not want any issues children and vehicles.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Following such a challenging year for everyone, we are desperately keen to offer a full sports day programme to all the children across our school this term. We do hope that you understand that the safety of everyone in our school community is our number one concern. With some uncertainty with the easing of restrictions later this month, flexibility in our plans is key and so with this in mind, the decision has been taken to hold our sports day just for the children without any parents or other spectators present. This is to ensure we can continue to keep everyone safe whilst helping us to hopefully continue with other key events, like transition and school trips.

Annual Reports

Your child's annual report will be sent home later this half term. One copy is usually sent home to the family's first named contact. If you require another copy, for whatever reason, please email the office with the child's full name, who requires the second copy and where to send it. (This can be via email).



Snacks

All children can have one mid-morning snack for playtime - this should be a healthy snack whenever possible.

Sweets and any items that may contain nuts are **NOT** permitted for snack or in lunchboxes due to a number of children having specific allergies.

PE Kits

For a number of reasons, including the changes to the Early Years curriculum, we have decided that all children will require a PE kit from September, regardless of which class they are in.

Our PE Kit is as follows

PE Girls & Boys:	Plain blue or black shorts
(in a named PE bag)	Yellow T-Shirt (with school logo optional)
	Trainers (Velcro ones for children who are unable to tie their own laces)
	Plain Blue or Black track suit

PE T-shirts are available from the school office; we are currently awaiting a delivery of new stock. Please place an order and pay via the School Comms app where possible.

Summer Raffle

We have registered for the Parent Kind Big PTA Summer Raffle. There are some pretty impressive prizes and of course it all helps raise funds for our lovely school. Please feel free to share this far and wide, the more tickets sold the better! Follow the link to go directly to our very own raffle page

😊 www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/whimple-primary-pta-ex5



The poster for the Parentkind Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021 features a blue background with a green field at the bottom. It includes a logo for Whimple Primary PTA, a ticket graphic, and flip-flop icons. The text promotes winning up to £5,000 with 12 chances to win from a £3 ticket. A 'BUY TICKETS' button is at the bottom.

Parentkind

THE BIG PTA SUMMER RAFFLE 2021

That summer feeling is on its way

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- Help boost PTA fundraising
- Tickets cost just £3
- 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

12 CHANCES TO WIN

HELP RAISE FUNDS

BUY TICKETS

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Raffle 2021 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 11th July 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

Dates for your diary

June 2021

Tuesday 22nd June

PTA General Meeting 7pm for 7.30pm Venue tbc

July 2021

Friday 2nd July

Sports Day - children only

Week commencing 12th July

Year 6 residential

Monday 12th July

Elm School Trip

Friday 16th July

Year 4 and 5 School Trip

Saturday 17th July

Summer Fair

Monday 19th July

Ash and Year 3 school trip

Monday 19th July

Musical performance for KS2

Friday 23rd July

Last day of term 3.30pm finish

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