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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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It seems unusual (but lovely), to be starting a new term and having all the children here. Hopefully, this will be the case for the whole term. We are taking this opportunity to re-establish routines and expectations across the school. Hopefully, in a few weeks time we may be able to have some shared playtimes and start to replace some of the things we have been unable to do for what seems so long.

Reminders

School uniform needs to be worn as follows:

Girls:

Grey or Black skirt, trousers, shorts or pinafore
or Blue & White checked dress

White shirt or polo shirt

Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo

Sensible outdoor shoes or sandals *

*Please make sure shoes fit well and are suitable for running around the playground in.

PE Girls & Boys:

(in a named PE bag)

Plain blue or black shorts or Plain Blue or Black track suit

Yellow T-Shirt (with school logo optional)

Trainers

Boys:

Grey or Black trousers or shorts

White shirt or polo shirt

Blue sweatshirt or jumper with school logo

Sensible outdoor shoes *

PE kits must be in school for children to change into.

As the weather warms up and children take off more layers we have already got a pile of unnamed items. Please take the time this weekend to label your children's clothes, then at least we can return them to their rightful owner.

Sunhats and sun cream - in order to protect you children from the sun, please provide them with a sunhat and apply sun cream. Children can apply their own sun cream at lunchtime if required.

School T-shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans are available from the School Office.

Booking school meals - we are now back to a rotating menu so please make sure you look at the choices and make your booking online. All meals need to be booked by 12pm on the day before, as lists are provided to the teachers for the next day.

All school books including spelling books need to be brought into school. We continue to request that non essential items are not brought into school at present.

Health and Safety concern – magnet toys

You may already be aware of a recent “playground craze” toy consisting of very small, powerful round magnets. They are brightly coloured, look like sweets, are traded on the playground and easily hidden.

These have caused severe injuries to children when swallowed, deliberately, or more commonly accidentally, when doing tricks that involve putting some of them in the mouth with more on the outside of the cheek. A recent incident in the County left a child in hospital. There are numerous newspaper reports of children undergoing significant abdominal surgery to have the magnets removed to avoid serious damage being done because they clump together around internal tissue causing tears.



Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps



For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

Our children have the great opportunity of entering this competition if they wish too. Templates are available from school and entries will need to be submitted by Thursday 20th May 2021. All entrants will receive a certificate. For more details and rules for entry please look at the website:

https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm_i=40SI,1A0OG,2WW0U4,4M1O8,1

Summer Term

We are very hopeful that we may be able to reinstate some of the usual summer events like our summer fair, sports day and school trips. Fingers crossed. More information soon.

Parent Consultations

There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they are getting on and what you can support with. These will be held week commencing 17th May, more details next week.

Campaign to Raise Awareness of Self-Generated Sexual Abuse Materials

In the last year, ["self-generated" child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

Get Tested to Help Keep Devon Safe

As we move to the next stage of Covid-19 restrictions easing, every adult in Devon is now being encouraged to take a quick, lateral flow test for coronavirus at least twice a week to help stop the virus spreading.

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms but can pass it on. Regular testing helps identify those who are likely to have the virus, unknowingly and is essential to help stop the virus spreading and to protect one another.

Getting a rapid test is fast and convenient providing a result within the hour. Anyone over 18 can now access these tests in Devon, including:

- being tested at one of our many [mobile rapid testing sites](#)
- collecting home test kits from any of our [mobile rapid testing sites](#)
- collecting home test kits from [NHS testing locations and pharmacies that are part of the Pharmacy Collect Scheme](#)
- having [home test kits from the NHS delivered to your home](#)

People with symptoms -new and continuous cough, high temperature, or change to their usual sense of taste or smell- should still immediately self-isolate and arrange a [PCR test via the NHS](#).

Test and Trace Support Payments

If you or a child needs to self-isolate, you might be able to get a Test and Trace Support payments of £500 if either:

- you have been told to self-isolate because of coronavirus (COVID-19) and you cannot work from home
- you're the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate and you need to take time off to look after them

You must be employed or self-employed to get the payment. Further details and eligibility can be found [here](#).

Applications for the support payment is made via the local council
[Test & Trace Support Payment - East Devon](#)

Dates for your diary



April 2021

Monday 26th April Beech Class CAP UK workshops
Tuesday 27th April Oak Class CAP UK workshops
Wednesday 28th April Willow Class CAP UK workshops

May 2021

Week commencing 18th May Parent consultations

July 2021

Week commencing 12th July Year 6 residential

Term dates 2020/2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

19th April to 23rd July 2021

May Day holiday - 3rd May 2021

Half term - 31st May to 4th June 2021

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 7th June 2021

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