

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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A massive thank you to all those families that have given school staff Christmas cards and gifts over the past few weeks - the sugary treats have certainly helped to keep us going and we will still have plenty to maintain energy levels in January. Our new year diets will have to begin in February!

I would also like to thank all those parents involved in anyway to help provide the class Christmas parties. They were very well received.

Over the past few weeks children have been busy learning songs, poems and parts to produce 'a very different, (but lovely) Christmas show'. We held a special assembly today to share them all. I know I am biased, but I think they are absolutely fantastic.

Parents will be sent a link to access these heart-warming videos to enjoy.

We ask that you respect our request to only watch the videos via the link and not share them on any social media sites.

My final thank you, goes to all the staff at school. They have worked tirelessly in the last term to ensure all pupils have been safe in school whilst improving their knowledge and skills and developing their resilience to learning and challenges. I am very proud of all we have achieved here this term.

Although Christmas maybe very different this year, I hope you all have a pleasant and enjoyable time and continue to stay safe. See you in 2021.

### Contact tracing

If any child develops symptoms and then tests positive on or before 22nd December - please email me direct on [cshilston@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:cshilston@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk). I will then work out the possible close contacts to that child and contact parents direct. As nearly all of our children have been in all week and well, I think it is unlikely that this will happen, but just in case.

### Santa Run

The children in Beech and Willow completed circuits at the MUGA yesterday to help raise awareness and money for ELF Exeter Leukaemia Fund. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause.



## **Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents**

Please find attached to this email the most recent newsletter about keeping children safe online which includes lots of information on how to manage settings on devices and where to find out more on particular sites and games.

Over the past week, we have overheard some conversations regarding YouTube and a few videos that have not sounded suitable for the age of child discussing them. Whilst we appreciate there is a lot of good content available, there is an awful lot more than is very unsuitable and not age appropriate for primary aged children. Please help keep your children safe by monitoring their viewing, particular if you have older siblings in the household. The advice is to have open conversations about their viewing rather than stating what can and can't be watched as children will often work out how to do so without your knowledge. Parents and educators are not expected to know everything about what is available, as let's be honest, that would be impossible, however open conversations and ensuring children know how to report content they are uncomfortable with is vital.

There is a wealth of supportive information on the school website (under parent tab).

# Dates for your diary

## **January**

Tuesday 5th January

Children return to school

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