

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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So May has arrived, where did April go! The forecast for the bank holiday looks dry but not as warm as Easter - we can't have it all.

### Student Teachers

We welcome two student teachers into school this term. Ms Jasmin Watson joins the team in Ash Class and Ms Emma Lowe joins the team in Beech Class.

### Learning Community Football

On Wednesday after school, a group of year 5 and 6 children were taken to Clyst Vale to play football. Children were split into two teams, one with players who play outside of school and one team of less experienced players.

Games were played against teams from other schools in our learning community including Clyst St Mary, Stoke Canon, Silverton, and Broadclyst. Both teams played with great enthusiasm and respect for their opposition, they even won a couple of games too. Well done for all those who took part, you are a credit to our school. Also, thank you to those parents who helped to transport children or came along to support.



## **Star Amnesty**

We started the year with over 40 stars and now we are down to 10 so today we didn't have enough to give out to those who had earned them. Please look at home and return any you find to the school office. Thank you.

## **Choir**

Emma Palmer has run a choir at Whimble Primary School for many years. Despite having more pupils than ever before our choir numbers are dwindling. There are numerous benefits to singing and it is great fun, so if your child hasn't ever had a go, give it a try.

Children from Year 2 upwards are welcome to join the choir and the cost is £12.50/term. For more details contact Mrs Emma Palmer at [empalmusic@gmail.com](mailto:empalmusic@gmail.com)

## **Benefits of Children Singing - Aids Brain Development**

- Children singing causes the brain to perform multiple tasks at once. This helps to develop the memory. From remembering lyrics to remembering a cue to start singing, the brain learns to be able to handle more tasks that it is required to perform simultaneously.
- Children singing encourages deep breathing, getting more oxygen to the brain.
- Children singing gets the endorphins flowing in the brain. This causes the body to feel good and increases the brains activity.
- It helps a child learn to concentrate on a task.

## **Benefits of Children Singing - Aids Language Development**

- It gives self confidence and helps aid a child in wanting to communicate with others
- It helps to strengthen the lips and tongue through exercise, which is then stored through muscle memory
- It helps a child speak more clearly and helps to teach them a greater variety of vocabulary
- It helps a child learn how to keep rhythm and learn how to rhyme words
- Children learn the importance of listening in order to learn their favorite songs. They learn how to enjoy listening to things and how to think about things while they listen.
- Being part of a group or choir can give children a feeling of belonging and can help them make friends.

## 10 Outdoor Safety Tips for Parents to Share with Their Kids

Remember how amazing summer was as a kid? School ended and you a few hours each evening to explore the wondrous outdoors. But do you also remember how much trouble you got yourself into?

For the most part, getting into trouble is a natural part of childhood. Unfortunately for parents, times have changed and there are more things to be concerned about than ever before.

That's why it's important to stress the importance of safety with your kids, especially while they're outdoors.

Before you let your children enjoy the summer evenings, sit down and talk about these safety tips for their next adventure.



**1 Establish safe play areas.** Let your kids know the street is not a safe area to be, even if their toy or ball goes there. The younger the child is, it's best to limit their play area to the front or backyard at first, and expanding as the child gets older.

**2 Never speak to strangers.** No matter how friendly someone seems, children should never speak to or go anywhere with a stranger. If a stranger approaches them, they should run away or head inside.

**3 Never wander off alone.** Remind younger children to always stay within range of supervision. Older kids hanging out with friends should stay with the group.

**4 Be aware of the environment and surroundings.** Common play areas like a field and playground can hold hidden safety hazards, so it's important to examine these areas *before* playing in them. Keep an eye out for sharp objects, broken glass and other dangers.

**5 Be mindful of the weather.** Kids should not play outside on days with forecasted thunderstorms. Even sunny days can experience rapid, unexpected weather change. If the weather does change drastically, children should return home or seek shelter - not under a tree.

**6 Remember to hydrate.** It's almost guaranteed that children playing outdoors are going to sweat profusely. Teach them about the dangers of dehydration and the importance of replenishing with water, and not sugary drinks.

**7 Always wear sunscreen.** It's more important than ever to **protect your skin** from the sun and applying sunscreen is one of the easiest ways to do so. Remember that sunscreen needs to be reapplied often, especially if you're at the beach or pool, or if you're sweating.

**8 Wear the proper clothing and equipment for the sport or activity.** Thin-layered, long-sleeved clothing is ideal for outdoor activities. It allows for breathability while still protecting against the sun, bugs, scratches and more. When going for a bike ride, always wear a helmet.

**9 Apply bug spray, if necessary.** For older, adventurous kids who are hiking through the woods, bug spray is a necessity. Ticks carry harmful diseases, such as Lyme disease. After spending a day in the outdoors, always check for ticks.

**10 Never consume anything you find outdoors.** Children are naturally curious and they might come across berries, plants or mushrooms while outdoors. Let them know that despite what they might have seen on TV, it's not safe to eat anything they find in the wild.

We hope you and your children have safe and wonderful summer evenings!



**School Summer Fair 22nd June 2019**

**We need your help!**

The summer fair is the biggest fund raiser of the year, and it's an event that the children really enjoy. In order for it to run successfully we need lots and lots of help. In the upcoming weeks we will be sending out volunteer lists in the children's school bags, please please can you all try to put your name down for at least one of the areas, (it won't be for the whole day) and return to the school office asap.

Many Thanks

The FoWS Committee



## eSchools Learning Platform

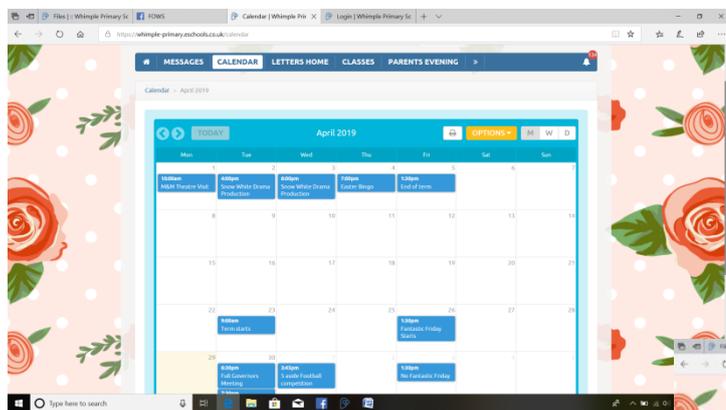


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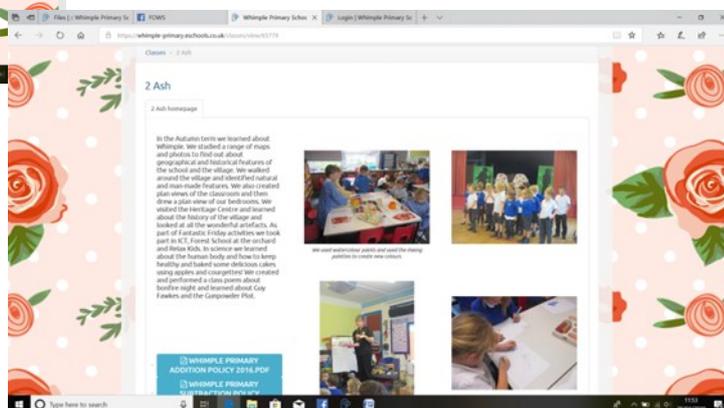
You can access it from the main school website by clicking the login button at the top, or you can download the free app. If you have forgotten your login details please speak to the office.

<https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/home/92067>



The calendar had lots of info on it in case you forget the dates of events.

You can see what your children have been learning on the class pages.



Present	98.9%
Authorised	1.1%
Unauthorised	0.0%

Last updated: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

You can also view your children attendance, although it is not always quite correct. You can find more information on the eSchool support pages.

"Although you can see your child's attendance in eschools, please be aware that this is not in current time. The system only backs up periodically, and may be a few days behind."

Take a look at the parents tab on the website - there is a wealth of information like external parent support, including medical, clubs details and school dinners.

[https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/external\\_parent\\_support/282118](https://whimple-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/external_parent_support/282118)

# Don't Forget

- Fantastic Friday is back next week.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th May	Learning Community Fun Run KS2 Clyst Vale Community College
Monday 13th May	KS2 SATS week
Monday 27th May	Half-term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Non-pupil day
Friday 7th June	Sports day - morning only
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fair
Thursday 27th June	Crealy Visit - Year 6
Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th July	New Intake Days - Year 6
Thursday 4th July	Civic Award Awards Presentation Ceremony at Uffculme School (evening)
Monday 8th July	Year 6 Residential Week
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term, 3.30pm finish.

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