

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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This newsletter contains lots of important information and reminders, so please take the time to read through it.

Curriculum Newsletters

Each class curriculum has been emailed out but are also available on the website - click on class tab.

https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/learning_to_learn/120449

Please take the time to read them as the newsletters include ideas on how to support at home and information about what homework is expected. Your support is crucial in helping your child's progress.



Recent accident involving a school child

Many of you may well be aware that a child in Key Stage One was knocked off his bike earlier in the week. Luckily, there were no major injuries and all those involved were ok. This was only due to two main things:

- ◇ The child on the bike was wearing a suitable safety cycling helmet - the child only had minor injuries from the strap and hitting his chin on the ground, his head was protected.
- ◇ The driver of the car was driving at a slow speed at the time.

Whilst we encourage children to walk or cycle to school rather than being driven due to the many health benefits, children on bikes or scooters should wear a helmet to protect them. Children in year 6 take a bike ability course in order to ensure they are safe on the roads. Younger children must be supervised and should therefore be within a very short distance of the accompanying adult, as if you are walking with them.



Can I also take this opportunity to remind all of you as drivers of cars around the village, to take care and respect the speed limit in place. If it wasn't for the low speed of the driver, this newsletter could be telling a different story. The child could have been yours - we all want to keep all children safe.

Withycombe Parent Workshops

These workshops are REALLY GOOD.

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.

https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/free_workshops/378196

End of School Day Pick Up

If your child is being picked up from school at the end of the day by another adult, whether that is a relative or another parent, please ensure you inform either the class teacher or the school office. We want to ensure all children get home safely.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

After School Provision

There is a possibility of starting an after school club where the children will be able to do a range of activities, e.g. reading, arts and crafts, cookery, completing homework and games.

A questionnaire to determine demand has been produced - as with all clubs it has to be sustainable and allow the person running it to take an income from it.

The questionnaire will be sent out via email (a paper copy can be collected from the office area) or can be completed on Survey Monkey via the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WFPVCZS>

We have had some feedback regarding Sporty Stars Football on a Friday which we have passed on to them.

School Meals - Help Required

We are getting more and more children that are uncertain whether they are having school dinner or packed lunch and this is creating issues with ordering.

Our meal numbers have to be submitted to the kitchen by 9.45a.m. at the latest—changes cannot be made after this.

We need parents to order meals preferably a week in advance and if there are any changes, for whatever reason, email the office being clear what the change is.

If a child is unsure and they have checked and not found a lunch we will order a meal and you will be charged (unless it is a universal meal).



Dates for your diary

January

Tuesday 21st January Space Lab visit for Key Stage 2

Tuesday 28th January FOWS meeting 7pm

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

7th September to 18th December 2020

Half term - 26th to 30th October 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

5th January to 1st April 2021

Half term - 15th to 19th February 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): 3rd and 4th September, 23rd October 2020, 4th January, 7th June 2021

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