

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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### Parent Consultations

All bookings via the schools learning platform, you can access the login from the school website. <https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website>

Any issues call in the office.

### Parking Outside School



Where possible we encourage our families to walk to school as a way of promoting healthy lifestyles. To help with drop off and collection the landlord of the Thirsty Farmer has kindly offered the use of his car park and there are also free spaces by the train station and in the free village car park (off the square - turn by the shop/church).

The yellow **zig-zag lines outside school** indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The village hall car park is also for users of the hall and surgery, not for parents at the start and end of the day.

### Smoking

Please remember that the whole of the school site is a no smoking area and we request that anyone choosing to smoke does so away from the gates into school so others do not have to walk 'through' those smoking.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters - it will help us all to keep our young children healthy and safe from harm.



### Dogs

Dogs and puppies are not permitted to walk or be carried onto the school premises. Please also refrain from leaving dogs around the school gates as we have a number of children that find walking by dogs challenging. Please ensure any dog mess is cleared up.

### Headlice

We have been informed of a few cases across the school so please take the time to check your child's hair over the weekend.

## Children's Contribution to Sidmouth Science Week

Beech and Oak class have carried out some artwork to support Sidmouth Science week's Emergency Services themed event, 5th to 13th October. The children's work will be displayed in Kennaway House (Coburg Road, EX10 8NG) from the 10th-12th October. There are a wide range of activities on over this time - further information can be found at <https://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org/festival>

## Children's Contribution to Killerton

Year 6 have been involved in a quilting project with Killerton. Their work will be displayed as part of the Apple Festival on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. There may also be an opportunity to go across after school on the Friday but I haven't been given the details yet. I will get them emailed out if I receive them.

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 11th October

The year 6 children are holding a coffee afternoon from 2pm in the village hall to raise funds for MacMillan. Parents are welcome to contribute cakes and raffle prizes as well as coming along to participate in refreshments.



Hello parents/carers

Hopefully by now, you will have heard that Whimble is having its very own Bonfire Night event this year. It is being organised by the Cricket Club, and is rumoured to be the largest firework display in our area.

We have been invited (very kindly) to use it as a fundraising opportunity for FoWS, so I will be looking for volunteers on the evening (Sat 2nd Nov) for half hour slots to sell some pre-bought goods (sweets and flashy things).

We will also be running a raffle in which the winner will be responsible for starting the whole firework display (by a plunger, not matches!), raffle tickets have been emailed from the school already.)

We are really lucky to have this event in our lovely village, and I hope to see you all there xxx Katie Williams



Halloween tickets for children and volunteers will be available from the school office **from Friday 4th October**.

Tickets will be on sale in the school office from Friday 4th October for the Whimble Primary School Halloween Disco (Whimble School children only) on Friday 01 November 2019, 5.30-7.30, Victory Hall, £2 per child.



### Stars - please return

It is a pleasure for us to give out stars, but we need them to come back if we can continue our tradition. The people who are giving in their stars are low in numbers as people are losing and forgetting about them. Stars cost money and we want to spend that money on the resources to help with the education of your child/children. Please search for them even if your child hasn't received one recently.

# Dates for your diary

## September

Friday 11th October	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm
Monday 14th - Friday 18th	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 14th October	Elm and Ash Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th October	Beech Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th October	Elm, Oak and Willow Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th October	Flu immunisations
Friday 18th October	School Annual Apple Picking (parents will be welcome to join us throughout the day—more details next week)

**Half term** 21st to 25th October 2019

## November

Friday 1st November	FOWS Halloween Disco
Saturday 9th November	FOWS Craft Fair

## December

Friday 6th December	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December	KS2 Carol Service 5.45pm
Friday 13th December	FOWS Christmas Fair
Friday 20th December	Last day 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

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