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The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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It has been great to be back amongst the children this week and hasn't it been lovely to see some sunshine at last!

School Dinners - help us

Please log onto School Comms and book your child's dinners.

Having to complete the process myself this morning - to organise and order the dinners has made me appreciate even more, how many steps are involved this end. Sometimes, children are not sure if they are having a dinner or what their option is. We then have to ensure those meals match those booked (and paid for if required) and then send an order to the kitchen with other details regarding sittings etc. This all has to be completed by 9.45am, which is why late orders when a packed lunch is forgotten is challenging.

The number of steps involved can cause many points of error so please sit with your child and order their meals in advance (even if that is the weekend or night before). If you are having issues with the system please contact the office. Discussing options would also help us to reduce the amount of waste we are having from our younger children when they don't like the option selected for them.



Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Elm Class Request

As part of our topic this half term the children are going to be making houses from recycled materials, if you have any small/medium cardboard boxes and toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes please send them in with your child in before Friday 21st January. (Boxes need to be easily carried by the children, nothing too large please!).

School Wassail

The weather was very favourable for our school wassail this morning. With the support of Mrs Palmer and Jim Causley, children in Willow and Beech experienced and learned all about this very local tradition.

Supporting with maths experiences

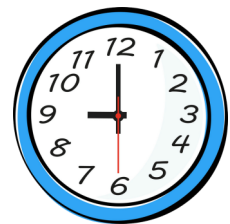
Being involved in some maths training this week has made me realise how many learning experiences have been changed or removed due to the use of new systems and technology. This is particularly the case for maths. How often do we go shopping now and see prices clearly displayed, or pay with coins?

Here are some simple suggestions to help support your child's learning. It could be a game for the whole family.

Pick a number (this will depend on the age of your child)

Can they relate that to:

1. an objects weight
2. the amount something holds - its capacity
3. time on a clock - digital and analogue
4. the real price of things



For example:

5kg - Bag of potatoes or an ironing board;

5g - weigh out in sugar or flour to see what it looks like

5ml - teaspoon or small syringe;

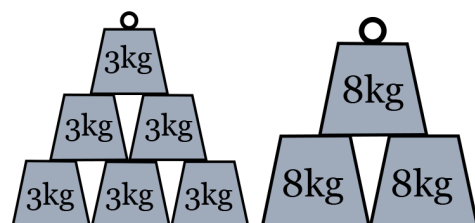
500ml - measure water in a jug, look at the ml on drinks cans/bottles

5 o'clock or 5:00

£5 - that could buy a board game;

£5000 - a second hand car.

All these experiences enable children to put things into a real context which is what learning maths is all about.



Don't Forget

- All Year 4 children as well as Year 5 in Beech need their swimming kits on Monday
- Still time to sign up for Covid Immunity Testing

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th January Beech Class Swimming lessons start
Monday 24th January Covid Immunity Testing (for those who have signed up)
Wednesday 26th January Flu Immunisations

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February Half Term

SPRING TERM 2022

5th January to 8th April 2022
Half term - 21st to 25th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2022

25th April to 26th July 2022
May Day holiday - 2nd May 2022
Half term - Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022 (inclusive)

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 7th June 2022

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