

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimple Primary School

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After the initial joy of all children returning to school, it has been a challenging week across the whole school. General tiredness is a key factor and none of us can really understand why, we just know everyone is. For both children returning and those that have been in there has been a lot of change to cope with over the past 12 months and whilst we have all adapted as needed and required of us, I think we are all just exhausted. Whilst we appreciated there would be challenges on a full return to school, I don't think as a school staff we realised what a mammoth task that would be.

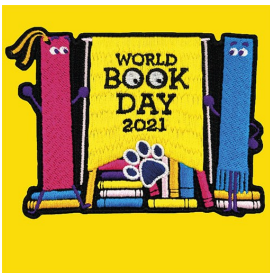
We have consciously spent a lot of time in the past three weeks focussing on physical and mental wellbeing and gradually introducing the more academic aspects of school. Sessions have been made shorter to develop children's concentration and resilience as well as providing more brain breaks. It is a known fact that children are unable to learn effectively unless they are emotionally in a receptive state.

Despite everything that may be going on our continued message across the school community is that we expect everyone to respect each other, whether adult or child. We should all be polite to each other regardless of how we feel, and no one deserves to be treated in the wrong way. We have also spent a lot of time talking about being honest and owning up when you have done things wrong.

We would like your support in taking the time to talk through the range of emotions your child may well be feeling at present but also reminding them how to respect both people and property.

*Good manners  
will open  
doors that  
the best  
education  
cannot.*

Clarence Thomas



### Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to those who have already sent in photos to celebrate reading in unique and strange places or positions. Children can still either submit them on their Google Classroom, the Whimple Primary Classroom or email the school office at [admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### Lost Property

Weather permitting, any lost property will be spread out on tables in the playground after school on Wednesday and on Thursday at 1.30pm. Any items left will be placed in a clothing bank.

## Key Stage 2 Workshops

Last April, CAP UK, were due to deliver a selection of workshops to staff, parents and children across the school. They are now able to provide the workshops for Key Stage 2 children and staff. Key Stage 1 will not have their workshops at present as CAP UK are having to work through a backlog of schools and they have decided to prioritise the older children. These workshops will take place the week commencing 26th April. Due to current restrictions the parent workshop planned for just after Easter cannot be held in the usual format. Please find attached a letter with more information and links to the CAP UK website which will explain some of the content of the workshops.



# Dates for your diary

## April 2021

- Thursday 1st April World Book Day for Whimple
- Thursday 1st April **last day of spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm.**
- Friday 2nd April to Sunday 18th April PTA Bee Positive Whimple Walk
- Monday 19th April start of summer term
- Monday 26th April Oak Class CAP UK workshops
- Tuesday 27th April Beech Class CAP UK workshops
- Wednesday 28th April Willow Class CAP UK workshops

## Term dates 2020/2021

### SUMMER TERM 2021

**19<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

*May Day holiday - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

*Half term - 31<sup>st</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

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