

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Another busy week has flown by - two classes have been on trips and had a great time whilst continuing their learning. Our Year 6 children have received their SATs results and have been assessed for their Torbay and Devon Civic Award - we are all really proud of all their achievements, both personal and academic.

### Notice

Due to the number of staff out next week, it is likely we will **only be** opening the main blue gates in the morning, (with the exception of Monday).



The forecast for next week is really hot again - please make sure children bring in sun hats to wear and apply sun cream before coming into school.

**Watch out, watch out - there continues to be a wide range of bugs about!**

I think this school year will be known as 'the year of diseases' in the future, We seem to get through one thing and then another pops up!

Chicken pox is making its way through our younger children at the moment.

What are the symptoms? Chickenpox usually begins with the onset of a slight fever, feeling generally unwell for a couple of days before the spots appear.

What is the exclusion period for chickenpox? Individuals should be kept away from school for at least five days from onset of rash AND until all lesions have crusted over.

For more information, see the website: Parents tab - Medical Support - The Spotty Book

[https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/medical\\_support/314294](https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/medical_support/314294)



## **School Uniform**

We expect our families to support our uniform guidelines for the following reasons:

- To promote pride in the school.
- To give children an identity related to belonging to the school.
- To present the best image of the school to visitors and the wider community.
- To help parents avoid conflict over dress and reduce cost.

**Since the return to school after Covid we have been flexible in our approach to our uniform policy. From September we ask that all our children/families follow the following:**

### **Uniform**

- Grey or black trousers, dress or skirt (no jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms please).
- White polo shirt
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- In the summer, blue and white gingham dresses and black or grey shorts may be worn.
- Black footwear without logos.
- Black, grey or white socks or tights.

### **PE**

- Plain blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Yellow T-Shirt with school logo
- Trainers
- For swimming children will need a swimsuit, a towel and a bag to keep them in.

### **Optional**

- School bag with logo

Please ensure that all clothes are named. If items are lost, please check the lost property box. Unnamed and unclaimed clothing will be washed and then recycled at the end of each term.

**Our logoed uniform is available from the school office.** Second-hand uniform is available through the PTFA at various events throughout the year.

**No jewellery other than wristwatches and plain stud earrings are allowed but, these must be removed or covered for P.E. We prefer hair accessories to be in school colours. Long hair must also be tied up. Make-up, temporary tattoos and nail varnish are not permitted.**

If there are any concerns about uniform costs, please contact the office.

## Reception Parents

Parents that are coming to join their children in Elm Class for the 'Stay and Play' session on Wednesday 13th July will need to sign in at the school office on arrival where you will be provided with a visitor badge.

## Parents Meetings

Most parents have already made appointments, for those who haven't appointments are now available on ESchools for parent consultations. Teachers will use this opportunity to feedback information on you child's progress and what the next steps to work on are.

The dates are:

Elm Class: Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July

Ash Class: Tuesday 12th July

Oak Class: Tuesday 19th July

Beech Class: Tuesday 19th July

Willow Class: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July

## **School Summer Fayre 23rd July 11am-2pm**

We look forward to seeing you all at our summer fayre on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 11-2pm – bring family and friends and come enjoy a great day out!

### **Donations needed please!**

We are looking for these items pre-loved and in good condition:

- **School uniform** and **children's fancy dress**
- **Toys** - (primary aged, no younger please)
- **Books**
- **Teddys**

We also need loans of gazebos to shelter stalls and bunting and other suitable decorations for the day.

We will also need **cake** donations on the day for the cream tea stall.

If you haven't yet **volunteered** and can help, even just for 30mins please get in touch.

[whimple.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimple.pta@gmail.com)

Please bring any donations to the **school office from 11th July until 21st July** (there will be labelled boxes on the table just opposite the first door). If you have any questions about donations or a large amount to bring please contact the summer fayre committee on [whimple.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimple.pta@gmail.com)

### **Get your hair cut ready for summer...**

We are also delighted to confirm one of our parents, has very kindly offered to run a **hairdressing stall** at the fayre to raise money for the school. She is a very experienced hairdresser with fantastic reviews (see Shear Genius, Torquay) and is offering a hugely discounted rate of £10 per haircut for us. Please do contact **Jane on 07841 393190** if you'd like to book in advance – spaces will go quickly!

If you have other suggestions for the fayre do get in touch otherwise we look forward to seeing you there!



# Dates for your diary

Friday 8th July	PTA Sweet Sale - playground
Monday 11th to Friday 15th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt
Monday 11th July	Ash Class trip
Tuesday 12th July	Elm and Ash Parents Meetings
Wednesday 13th July	Reception 'Stay and Play' 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th July	Elm Parents Meetings
Monday 18th July	Willow Parents Meetings
Tuesday 19th July	Oak, Beech and Willow Parents Meeting
Wednesday 20th July	Non-uniform day for school fayre tombola prizes
Saturday 23rd July	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 26th July	Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents - 1.45pm
Tuesday 26th July	End of term - 3.30pm

Term dates for pupils - 2022/23:

## **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

**5<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

*Half term - 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

## **SPRING TERM 2023**

**4<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

*Half term - 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023*

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

**17<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

*May Day holiday - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023*

*Half term - 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

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