

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

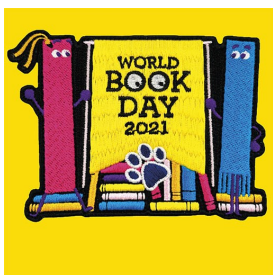
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Well, what a way to end the week! So many unique hairstyles and designs, with a whole range of colours - I knew you would all come up trumps. Thank you for supporting your children with this - we have raised over £150 for Comic Relief.



### Extreme Reading Challenge



Alongside supporting our children to read and celebrating World Book Day in a couple of weeks, we have challenged the children to keep reading and take photographs of themselves reading in unique and strange places or positions. We appreciate that there are limitations at present, however, I am sure with their creative minds children will come up with some unusual positions in their house or garden. Children can either submit them on their Google Classroom, the Whimble Primary Classroom or email the school office at [admin@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### School Meals

Don't forget to order your child's school dinners please. We are finding we are having to add a lot of children in each day at the moment as their meals have not been pre-ordered. Ideally please order by Thursday for the following week as that helps with preparations for Monday morning.

### Lost Property

We seem to have a growing collection of clothing being left at school - at present it is in the cupboard by the school office. In the final week of term we will place it all outside under the shelter for parents to look through.

## We're taking part in Let's Count!

We're delighted to be taking part in Let's Count!, the exciting, award-winning schools programme that helps children learn about the census and why it matters to everyone.



### What is Census 2021?

The next census is taking place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in our local area. By taking part in the census, you will make sure that your voice is heard, to help build a better future for your children and our local community.

You will receive a letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after. You can visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) to find more information on how to fill in your census questionnaire.

### What is Let's Count!?

The ONS and resources centre, iChild, developed Let's Count! to teach children about the census in a fun way. The children have been investigating a range of things including size of households and people's occupations.

**Don't forget to complete your census on Sunday online at:**

[https://census.gov.uk/?dm\\_i=40SI,19IFH,2WWOU4,4K1YM,1](https://census.gov.uk/?dm_i=40SI,19IFH,2WWOU4,4K1YM,1)

### Households and Bubbles of Pupils Can Get Rapid Flow Tests

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other.

The following people in England will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing made available to them:

- secondary school pupils and college students
- staff of primary and secondary schools, nurseries and colleges
- households, childcare and support bubbles of nursery children, primary and secondary-age pupils and college students
- households, childcare and support bubbles of staff of nurseries, primary and secondary schools, and colleges

Children of primary school age or younger will not be asked to test at this time.

**For more information and how to access tests follow the link:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

# Dates for your diary

## March 2021

Sunday 21st March Final day to email address to PTA for "Bee Positive" Whimble Walk Map

## April 2021

Thursday 1st April World Book Day for Whimble

Thursday 1st April last day of spring term

Friday 2nd April to Sunday 18th April PTA Bee Positive Whimble Walk

## 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*

## Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

**8<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

*Half term - 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

### SPRING TERM 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Half term - 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

### SUMMER TERM 2022

**25<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*May Day holiday - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022*

*Half term - 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022*

*Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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