

CONTACT

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Happy New Year! Hopefully, you have all managed to do something pleasant over the Christmas break.



I don't know about you, but I can't believe we are now in 2022. For some of us, (me included), it does not seem so long ago that we were worrying about moving into a new millenia and that all the computers may stop working! Imagine that now - everything would cease and we wouldn't be able to do many of the things we do at the moment - no Xbox or Netflix?!

It's strange how things now change so rapidly, especially in current times with having to keep up with current testing procedures and rules to try to keep us all safe.

It has been lovely for the staff to see all the children return to school after a disruptive last few weeks of term.

Recent guidelines now states:

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

If someone is feeling well, a lateral flow test can be taken on day 6 and 7 after the positive test. If you receive negative LFD results on day 6 and day 7 of your self-isolation period - with tests taken 24 hours apart - you will no longer have to self-isolate for the full 10 days. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period.

What we still need you to inform the school office:

- positive LFD test result with the date of the test
- dates of the two negative LFD tests
- date your child will be returning to school

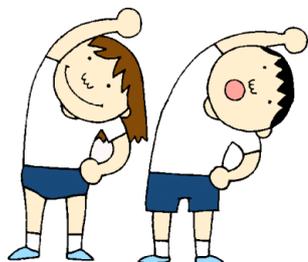
Schools are still responsible for reporting cases and the outcome of tests as this helps to inform future guidance.

If a child is well and self-isolating, school will provide work for home learning from the day after notification. For the first day please continue to refer to the website:

Reception: https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/reception_learning/519517
Year 1/Year 2: https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/key_stage_1/519513
Year 3 - Year 6: https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/key_stage_2_/519510

Fond Farewell

After seven years of working in Key Stage 1, Mrs Cosslett has decided it is time to move onto new things. We wish her all the best, although, she has not completely gone from sight as I have persuaded her to help out with some cookery on Friday afternoons.



PE Kits

Please can you remind your children that their PE kits should be in school at all times. After taking part in physical exercise it is really important children change out of sweaty clothes and for our younger children it practises the important skill of dressing and undressing independently. We do also remind them to take them home for washing occasionally!

Fantastic Fridays

For this half-term, starting on Friday 14th January, children in Key Stage 2 will enjoy participating in a variety of activities on a Friday afternoon.



Activities will include Forest School, cookery, yoga, computing and board games.

Only children undertaking Forest School need to bring any equipment into school, so please remind them to bring in suitable clothing to wear, particularly a waterproof coat, (trousers if they have them) and wellington boots. The weather is likely to be inclement but unless it is very wet or windy, Forest School will continue.



Forest School dates:

Oak Class	Friday 14th and 21st January
Beech Class	Friday 28th January and 4th February
Willow Class	Friday 11th and 18th February

Reminders

You should have received emails about:

- NSPCC assemblies will take place in January
- Signing up for your child's flu immunisation
- Year 5 and Year 6 pupils - details about the summer residential

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th January School Wassail
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 2022

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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