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With Covid rates continuing to stay low, we are all slowly making well measured changes to our routines. Our next step in school next week is to allow our children to mix more outside at lunchtime as evidence shows less transmission occurs outdoors. Key Stage 2 children will continue to eat in class whilst our younger children eat in the hall. After eating they will then go out to join their key stage in the playground; Ash and Elm in the lower playground, Oak, Beech and Willow in the top two playgrounds. Now we just need to keep some sunshine!

Parent Consultations - the dates and times for your diary are:

Elm Class - Monday 17th 3.30pm to 4.40pm; Tuesday 18th 1.30pm to 5pm;

Wednesday 19th 3.30pm to 4.40pm

Ash Class - Monday 17th May 1.30pm to 5pm and Thursday 20th May 1.30pm to 4pm

Oak Class - Thursday 20th May 1.30pm to 5.40pm

Beech Class - Tuesday 18th May 1.30pm to 6pm

Willow Class - Tuesday 18th May 1.30pm to 5.40pm; Thursday 3.40pm to 4.30pm

All bookings to be made on ESchools and are visible now and available for booking from Saturday. Consultations will be held in the hall like in the autumn term until 3.30pm and then in classes. This enables adults to continue to be socially distanced. Any problems with booking please contact the school office.

Please note you need to log into ESchools with your parent user and password, NOT your child's.

[Login | Whimble Primary School \(eschools.co.uk\)](https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk)



Communication and Interaction Team

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs.

This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 15th June 2021, 10am – 2pm

https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/free_workshops/378196

Reading and Vocabulary

There has been a lot of recent press interest in the development of vocabulary in children and the impact on reading. We continue to encourage children to read as much as possible and time is set aside in school to do this. You can help too - reading with or to your child has been proven to develop the love of reading whilst developing their language and comprehension.

Please can you also ensure children bring in their book bags each day, especially in Ash and Elm Class. Reception children will have had two new reading books this week and these will be read again in school next week so it is really important to bring them. Research shows that children who read frequently and reread texts three times develop the best understanding. As books get longer this can be achieved by rereading chapters.



The first read is for enjoyment, the second read for comfort and stability and the third read for comprehension. Comprehension becomes more and more important as children get older - there is no point reading a text unless you understand it.

All children have also been able to borrow library books from their classroom stock but we are having many of these books unreturned. Please have a look this weekend and send them in.

National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM) is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfil the core aim of the FCBG (Federation of Children's Book groups) of bringing children and stories together. Across the country Federation book groups and individuals run a whole host of events. Each year we are inspired by a specific theme and work with different organisations to provide people with resources and opportunities.

National Share a Story Month 2021 has the theme of Myths, Magic and Mayhem.

<https://fcbg.org.uk/national-share-a-story-month/>

Dates for your diary

May 2021

Monday 17th May	Parent consultations for Elm and Ash Class
Tuesday 18th May	Parent consultations for Beech and Willow Class
Wednesday 19th May	Parent consultations for Elm Class
Thursday 20th May	Parent consultations for Ash, Oak and Willow Class

Half term 31st May to 4th June

Non pupil day Monday 7th June

July 2021

Friday 2nd July	Sports Day
Week commencing 12th July	Year 6 residential
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term

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