

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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What a fabulous sight this morning - seeing all those wonderful costumes, it truly was delightful. Thank you for helping your children take part in this great event. We have taken lots of photographs and they will form the cover of our next edition of 'Way with Words', which will hopefully be out by the end of next week.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter - there are lots of helpful items.

Oral Hygiene Workshop on Thursday 26th March

Unfortunately this workshop for Year 3 and 4 children has had to be cancelled.

Beech and Willow Trip to Otterton

Don't forget to log onto SIMs parent to give consent and pay for this trip by Monday and return the SOE3 form. This trip will not be able to take place if we do not receive enough financial contribution and we are unable to take any child where consent has not been given and forms not received.

Hungry Little Minds

Simple, fun activities for kids, from newborn to five. Many little things light up hungry little minds. Kids take everything in, and even the smallest things you do with them can make a big difference.

They love it when you chat, play and read with them, even when they're too young to understand everything. Whatever the time and wherever you are, you can turn almost anything into a game.

Lots of useful ideas and activities available. The site also includes information from a panel of experts whom recommended that the apps should be accredited to help parents make informed decisions about the use of technology in creating a positive learning environment at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Coronavirus

There is a lot of press coverage on the current worldwide outbreak of coronavirus. It is important to remember that at the moment we are all at a low risk and whilst we must educate our young people, we do not want to scare them. Some children have less capacity to cope with some of the information being shared amongst our pupils.

Being asked by a seven year old, when am I going to shut the school because they may get coronavirus and die, highlighted that whilst children are aware of the news headlines, they can easily be misinterpreted.

Please help us to support your children by discussing with them the importance of personal hygiene - particularly washing hands more (and thoroughly) along with the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

<https://twitter.com/NHSuk/status/1235112744917049346>

On Monday the Department of Education launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Emails: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

For useful information regarding signs, symptoms and travel advice:

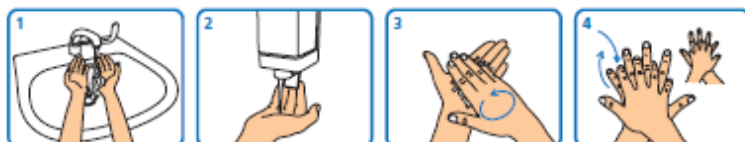
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The latest information on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Hand-washing technique with soap and water

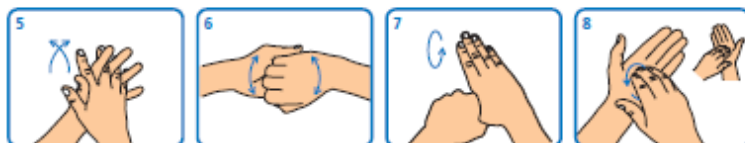


1 Wet hands with water

2 Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces

3 Rub hands palm to palm

4 Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand with fingers interlaced

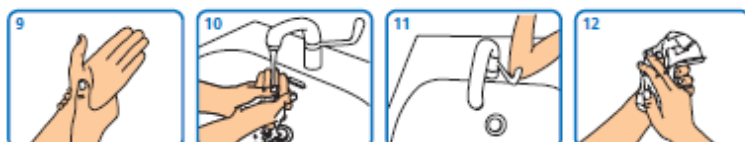


5 Rub palm to palm with fingers interlaced

6 Rub with back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked

7 Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand using a rotational movement

8 Rub tips of fingers in opposite palm in a circular motion



9 Rub each wrist with opposite hand

10 Rinse hands with water

11 Use elbow to turn off tap

12 Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel



13 Hand washing should take 15-30 seconds



There is a great video that explains the virus appropriately to share with children on:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51342366>

Current advice remains in place:

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Extra-Curricular Clubs in the Summer Term

We have been working hard to update our extra-curricular provision and are looking forward to offering the following programme of activities in the summer term.



SUMMER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Book a place online: Sportystarseducation.co.uk



MONDAY: MULTI SPORTS (Yr's 1 & 2)

Based in the playground or hall, this club will offer children the chance to try a range of summer sports including: Dodgeball, Basketball, Tennis, Football, Cricket & More.

TUESDAY: TENNIS (Yr's 3, 4, 5 & 6)

The perfect summer sport for KS2 children. Aimed at improving technique and learning the skills and rules of Tennis. Including a range of fun games, as well as a tournament at the MUGA on the last session.



WEDNESDAY: DODGEBALL (Yr's 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Our ever popular Dodgeball club will continue into the Summer term. This adrenaline packed sport has everything, although full of excitement, we only ever use soft balls to ensure safety of players.

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[Click here for dates and to sign up!](#)



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THURSDAY: CRICKET (Yr's 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

The cricket club will be based at the MUGA. At points, we will be split in to two groups, for beginners and more advanced players - to ensure everyone is progressing and being challenged.

FRIDAY: FOOTBALL (All Years)

Our Football club will continue in to the Summer term. Our newly developed course will include a range of new session plans, aimed to challenge even the most advance players at the school. This club will be split into two groups for KS1 & KS2. This club will in the most part take place at the MUGA. We will however include sessions on the grass at the cricket club, including a free bubble football session! Parents will be made aware a week in advance when this is taking place and will be required to sign a consent form if they wish for their child to take part. Alternative provision will be available for those who don't.



INCLUDES FREE BUBBLE FOOTBALL SESSION!



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Dates for your diary

February

March

Wednesday 4th March	Recycling workshops Elm, Ash and Oak Class
Week commencing 9th March	Annual reports Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 12th March	Willow/Beech Class Trip to Otterton
Week commencing 16th March	Parent consultations
Thursday 19th March	Year 5 and 6 trip to Exeter Synagogue
Tuesday 24th March	Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)
Wednesday 25th March	Drama production - Year 6 (time tbc)
Friday 27th March	End of term - 1.30pm finish

April

Wednesday 15th April	FOWS Meeting Thirsty Farmer at 7pm
Thursday 23rd April	CAP UK Parent Workshop 6-7pm

Week commencing 11th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Week commencing 8th June	Phonics screening/times tables testing
Thursday 2nd July	Civic Award Presentation Evening
Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July	Year 6 Residential to Pixie's Holt

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