

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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The weather has been lovely this week and this has helped with the start of our after-school sports clubs. There are still some spaces if you are interested.



### **Congratulations**

Miss Dunsford has given birth to a baby girl, Penelope weighing in at 6lb 12oz. We all wish her well and hope she enjoys motherhood.

### **Curriculum newsletters**

These are produced termly for each class in order to provide parents with information what children are learning about across all areas of the National Curriculum. The Early Years Foundation Stage was changed in September 2021 so a letter explaining the reforms has been produced alongside the curriculum newsletter.

<https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/learning/93203>

### **Lost Property**

Please help us to help you and your children. Many parents have told us their children have already mislaid clothing. We can only reunite clothing with their rightful owner if those items are named. Most clothing we pick up has no name in them - names do wash out too. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Garden vouchers**

Do you shop at Morrisons?

If the answer is yes, please help support the school by registering with their App and start collecting garden tokens.

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

### **First Aid training - Preschool**

Would you like to learn how to save a life?

Please see more details and poster on the preschool page on our website.

<https://www.whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk/website/pre-school/93233>

## Whimble Wonders

Last year, our children helped to design 6 apples to help represent our 6Rs. This alongside joining the SkillsBuilder Partnership will help support our children to develop the essential skills in order to make the most of their time in school and thrive in their wider lives. Along with our 6Rs there is a focus on building the skills of Speaking and Listening. As we progress through the programme, we will provide more information to parents. Bear with us - we are at the start of an exciting journey together.



## Whimble PTA

### Class Representatives

Each year we ask for two representatives per year to be a class rep. As many of you know, this involves helping strengthen the link between the PTA committee and the parents in your class group, as well as promoting and assisting with various fundraising events throughout the year, such as class cake sales, fairs, charity Christmas cards and representing the school at village events. If you have any questions about the role, please feel free to contact Sara Jones directly, otherwise, we look forward to hearing from all you lovely volunteers.



### Toy stalls

This term we hope to be running a number of events including the Church fete in November and the school Christmas fair. In anticipation of these we will be asking for donation of toys. They must be in good clean condition and we will let you know collection dates very soon to allow time for quarantine. So if you are planning a pre-Christmas clear out, do hold on to things for us.

### Scarecrow Festival

Back by popular demand! This October half term will see the return of the Whimble Scarecrow Festival, so get your thinking caps on ready to create a visual feast.

**Join our Lottery 100 Club** - a great way for you to support us while having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works:

Fifty percent of the money raised by the 100 Club supports the PTA's fundraising activities and the other fifty percent is used as prize money for members. If 100 families take part, the monthly prize is £50 to be divided between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

We draw the numbers each month at PTA meetings. The winning number for each month is drawn in arrears.

Money raised will go towards school equipment, school trips and other added extras that will help support the school and children.

Each number costs £1. You may purchase up to three numbers per month. All participants must be over 16.

To join complete the following form and send to [whimble.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimble.pta@gmail.com)



# Dates for your diary

Week commencing 18th October  
Friday 19th November  
Tuesday 23rd November

Parent Consultations  
Flu Vaccinations  
Individual Photographs

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 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (inclusive)*

*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, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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