

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Welcome to the penultimate edition of *Contact* for this school year - lots of little, but important pieces of information to read.

Lost Property

Please check lost property by Wednesday as unclaimed items will be put out to sell on Thursday after school.

Books

Please return all library and guided reading books by Friday 19th July so we can stock take and chase any outstanding items.

Current guided reading books not returned to Ash class from throughout the year:

No Tricks Gran!	Treasure	Camping	Down the Rushing River
Tortoise's Dream	The Emperor of Absurdia	To the Rescue	

PE kits

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school next week and a sun hat.

New Payment and Dinner Ordering System

Please look out for an email from the office regarding our new School Gateway (Schoolcomms) System and ensure you register onto the system before September as this will be the way to order school dinners and make any payments. If you have no access to a computer, please contact the school office. An app is available to which makes the process even easier.

Parent Surveys

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire - a small round up will be in next weeks newsletter.

Parent Governor Election

Parent governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of their child's school. Being a governor is a "hands off" role - decisions made by the board influence the whole school. The role is a necessary part of ensuring the good functioning of school leadership. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent.

Your children will come home with a voting slip today for the parent governor election. Please read the pen portraits from the 2 applicants and vote for the candidate that you think would best be able to support the school. Please return your voting slips to the school office by midday on Friday 19th July. Information about the candidates has been emailed from the school office today.

Sports Day

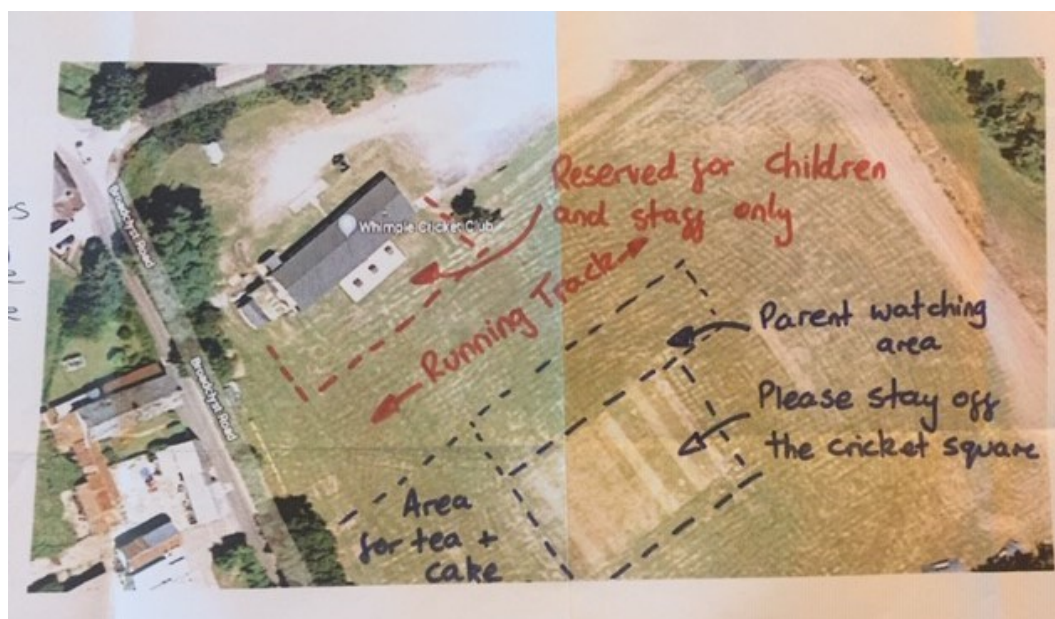
Sports Day will take place on Tuesday starting at 10am. Here is a reminder of the arrangements for the day in order for school staff to ensure all pupils are safe in their care. Please help us by reading carefully and respecting our guidance.

Key points and changes

- Children will sit outside the cricket club when watching the events. This will allow us to monitor trips to the toilet more closely and make it easier to refill drinks, provide shade etc.
- Parents will be asked to sit on the opposite side of the running track to the children
- During break time and lunchtime, an area will be marked where children will be allowed to play freely. This will be supervised by staff.
- Children will be allowed to spend time with their parents during break time and lunch time.

Parents will be allowed to use the toilets as necessary

Ash class are organising the sports day teas/cake etc. Only the designated parents helping with the stall will be allowed to make use of the kitchen, they'll be given school visitor passes to wear, so school staff know who the helpers are.



'Body Image' information evening for parents

Your children will be discussing how they feel about their bodies, and how comfortable they are in their skin. Research shows that having a positive body image is key to good mental and physical health so we are keen that your children are given the opportunity to learn how amazing and unique their bodies are.

Gill Wilson, an Eating Disorders Therapist and an Ambassador for the 'Body Image Movement' will be talking and working with your children next week, to help them have a positive relationship with their body.

You will also have an opportunity to meet Gill, before she comes into school, and hear about the messages that she will be giving to children in Year 5 and 6, and how you can help reinforce these messages at home. You will also have an opportunity to see the socio documentary 'Embrace', which tackles the body loathing epidemic that is currently happening. The film is a 12A and will not be shown to your children.

We really hope to see you on Monday 15th July at 6.00pm, to discuss this important subject that affects us all. Refreshments will be available.



The end of term is in sight....just a few more FoWS things going on before that.

Village Day is this Saturday and FoWS are running the bar...a BIG thankyou to Kirsty Sherwood for organising ☆□☆□. FoWS are also running a stall with toys, books, sweets and children's clothes. Please support both stalls on the day.

Next week, hopefully, sports day will go ahead and there will be a cake/tea & coffee stand run by FoWS, donations only.

□Calling all BAKERS for cupcakes, cookies etc to sell.□

Bring your own reusable coffee cup if you have one and support our school.

Lastly will be a second hand uniform sale. In the shelter at pick up time Thursday 18th. It's donations only....any items not sold will go to charity.

Request From the Parish Council

On Village Day there will be a stall in the Parish Field where parents, children and residents can vote for their preferred two options from the list below on how would you spend £40,000 on sport and play equipment in Whimble

How would you spend £40,000 on sports and play in Whimble? Come along to the Parish Field on Village Day Saturday 13th July and vote for your choice!

All the money has come from recent housing developments in Whimble (Section 106 money). East Devon District Council have the innovative policy of spending this involving the local community. It is now decision time for you as children, parents and residents on how this money is spent. All the ideas below have come from the parish council, local residents and community groups.

A. Improvements to the drainage at Whimble cricket ground, which is also used regularly by the football team and occasionally by the school. This would reduce the amount of matches that get postponed due to the area being waterlogged. Applying for £30,000 of a £35,000 project

B. Outdoor exercise equipment at the Town Lane recreation field. This would be traditional gym equipment suitable for outdoor use. Project cost: £25,000

C. An outdoor table tennis table at the Town Lane recreation field. Project cost: £5,000

D. A small area with one or two simple ramps / activities for skateboarding, roller-skating, scootering and BMX at the Town Lane recreation field. Project cost: £40,000

E. An all weather multi use games area including goals for sports such as football and basketball at the Town Lane recreation field. Project cost: £40,000

STEP UP & DANCE

Mamma Mia

Our highly anticipated three-day ABBA-themed dance/music course will run at Exminster Primary School from **Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st July**, from 10am until 3pm. Laura Buttrees and Katie Murray (*Step Up & Dance*) have a wealth of experience of working as a professional dancer/musician as well as many years of teaching children.

Children are guaranteed to have a fabulous experience and learn plenty of great new skills in both dance and music over the three days. Our final afternoon will include a performance to parents/carers.

The total cost of the 3-day course is £70, which is payable in advance (non-refundable) via PayPal on the following link:

Please go to : <https://www.stepupanddance.co.uk/Exminster>

Places are strictly limited and receipt of payment automatically confirms your child's place.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks (non-fizzy and no glass bottles) each day and wear comfortable clothing suitable for dancing.

For the filming day (Tuesday) it would be great if they could wear something ABBA-related, such as flares, sequins, bright colours, etc but please do not go to additional expense. *NB Children must avoid wearing the colour green as the technology removes this colour from the video when edited!*

There will also be the opportunity to purchase the MP4 download of the music videos which the children will be creating as a special memento. We anticipate the demand for this to be very high so early booking is recommended.

Find out more about what we do at Step Up & Dance at <https://www.stepupanddance.co.uk>



Dates for your diary

Monday 15th July	'Body Image' information evening for parents
Monday 15th July	Consultations for Year 6, Year 2, Elm and Beech class
Tuesday 16th July	Sports Day 10am
Wednesday 17th July	Music Showcase 5.30pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term, 3.30pm finish.

Term dates for pupils - 2019/20:

AUTUMN TERM 2019

4th September to 20th December 2019 (1.30pm finish)

Half term - 21st to 25th October 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

7th January to 27th March 2020 (1.30pm finish)

Half term - 17th to 21st February 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

14th April to 21st July 2020

May Day holiday - 8th May 2020 (this reflects the change made by the Government)

Half term - 25th May to 1st June 2020 (inclusive)

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 2nd and 3rd September, 2019 6th December 2019 , 6th January, 2020 1st June 2020

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