

# CONTACT

## The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Believe it or not you have nearly made it to the end of January. At least the weather has not been as bad as predicted last weekend - there have even been moments of sunshine.

**Good Morning  
Happy Last Day  
Of January!**

### Whimble Primary School Online Class

Thank you for continuing to support your children at home. It has been lovely to see so many children attend the assemblies. I was a little nervous about doing them but, they seem to have gone down well. I am also recording the ones I hold in school and will upload some occasionally for your children to watch—they are usually a Mr Men story.

I will also announce certificates and birthdays there as well.



The strongest people  
tend to smile even  
during their toughest  
times. Smiling is a  
psychological symbol  
of strength.

**Keep  
Smiling.**



heartfeltquotes.blogspot.com

Last term, we were in the process of selecting names for some apples characters to represent our 6Rs. Not all children got the chance to complete it. Consequently, I have produced another one which I would like all children to complete. Once names have been selected we can then decide what clothes and props they need. This survey will also be available on the Whimble Primary Google Class page.

We continue to value your support and encouragement, we appreciate it can be tough.

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. We are in the process of getting together some ideas and activities that children can get involved in whether at home or at school. We will probably run it from Friday 5th for a week as it will hopefully provide a few different things to do prior to half-term. More details to follow.

## Something Different

### Mother's Day Competition

Mother's Day is on 14<sup>th</sup> March this year.

Could you design your own card for your mum? Or write a lovely poem or piece about your mum? Would you like to try and win your lovely mum a bunch of flowers donated by Dilly's Florist and a box of chocolates donated by the Coop?

Two age groups - Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Card designs to be submitted electronically or post or by hand (letter box in main door).

Closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021



### Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

This may be simpler than you think—take a look at the attached Reading at Home document for some useful ideas and advice.



### Science Fun at Home

A collaboration with [Science Sparks](https://psth.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home) and the Primary Science Teaching Trust, Science Fun at Home provides simple and engaging practical science activities. Originally created to support learning at home, the activities are equally useful for learning at school. The activities are open ended and adaptable for any age.

<https://psth.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home>

### One Piece at a Time (see attached sheet)

An activity to help promote physical and mental health throughout February. Collect the jigsaw pieces linked to - Physical, Giving Back and Self-Care.

### Blue Peter

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

Parents need to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.





### **Fruit Deliveries have Restarted**

We now have a fruit delivery twice a week for all children in school so no need to keep sending extra snacks for the afternoon—we have plenty to go around.

**Calling all parents living or working in Devon. We need your help!**

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team in Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare for you to work or train:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsChildcareSurvey2021/>



## **Your voice counts**

Parents Childcare Survey 2021

# **Dates for your diary**

### ***February 2021***

Monday 15th to Friday 19th - Half term

### ***April 2021***

Thursday 1st April - last day of spring term

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