

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

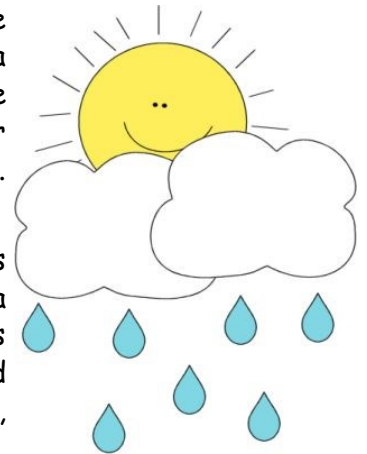
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It has been lovely to see everyone again after the summer break. We welcome some new members of staff, Mrs Kim Pearse is working as a teaching and mealtime assistant with our younger children and Mrs Carrie Hirst is working as our new catering assistant. We have welcomed in our new reception children and also some other children across the school. Welcome to all of these families.

Although we are starting the term cautiously, we are hopeful that this year we can include some of our old favourites again and perhaps add a few more. The weather extremes over the past few months has taken its toll on some of our equipment—we have had to remove our shelter and some of our pretend trees need attention. Hopefully, along with the PTA, we can fundraise to reinstate these again over the next term.

This edition of *Contact* covers some of the basics with a few reminders, in order that everyone knows the same information along with how you can help us.



CONTACT'

CONTACT' is the school's main newsletter and is sent out weekly, usually on a Friday with all the key information and dates for parents/carers. If you have other family members involved in child collection and you would like them to also receive it, please provide contact details to the office. Where possible we try to put all information in this to try to reduce the number of emails filling up your inbox.

Alongside this there will be a monthly Newsletter which will provide information about what the children have been doing throughout the month across the curriculum, including photographs.

Both will be sent out by email to keep you up to date with all that is happening at school but hard copies are available from the School Office on request.

Pick Up Time for Reception

Collection times from the hall main doors are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday - 12 midday

Wednesday 15th to Tuesday 21st September - 1.10pm.

Wednesday 22nd September at 3.20pm from behind the rainbow in the playground. Enter from the hall car park. Gates will be opened just before.

Reading books and PE Kits

These items need to be in school everyday please so children have access to them whenever needed.



Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school property (not even in the arms of an adult). We continue to have a number of children that are fearful of dogs and have to walk home so please stay away from the pavement outside of the gates and railings - please arrange to meet your children a short distance away.

Packed Lunches and Snacks

We continue to encourage healthy snacks for children at school. We have a **NO NUTS** policy in school as we have a number of children with significant allergies, this includes ALL NUTS and NUT products not just peanuts. It is surprising just how many snack bars contain nuts, so please can we ask you all to check ingredients listings before sending any in, instead of making the assumption that it wouldn't contain them.

All school dinners, including universal free school meals for reception, year 1 and year 2, should now be ordered online with School Gateway. Please make sure you order meals in advance. If you are unsure or need any assistance please call into the office.

Drop Off and Collection

Thank you for continuing to follow our one way system from the hall car park. Parents with pushchairs/buggies are able to come in through the main blue gates, there is no need to negotiate the steps.

Parking

The Thirsty Farmer kindly allows our parents to park in their car park for drop off and collection. The village hall car park is for staff and for patients and staff of the doctors surgery. Please park away from the school so our pupils and families can leave safely and also avoid turning your car around in the village hall car park too.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Wednesday Dodgeball KS2

Thursday Football KS2

Sporty Stars are bringing back our popular and award-winning after school club, to your school this new academic year.

Children can expect a range of fast-paced games, have lots of fun and enhance their skills and techniques.

Both clubs will be taking place on the school playground.



Ages: KS2

Dates: 10 Weeks

Dodgeball: 22nd Sept - 1st Dec

Football: 23rd Sept - 2nd Dec

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Price: £50 per club

Additional info: Parents to collect children from main gate. Children to wear sporty clothing or PE kit.

Book Online: <https://www.sportystarseducation.co.uk/after-school-clubs/>



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Dates for your diary

Term dates for pupils - 2021/22:

AUTUMN TERM 2021

8th September to 17th December 2021

Half term - 25th to 29th October 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

5th January to 8th April 2022

Half term - 21st to 25th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2022

25th April to 26th July 2022

May Day holiday - 2nd May 2022

Half term - Monday 30th May to Tuesday 7th June 2022 (inclusive)

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 6th and 7th September, 1st November 2021, 4th January, 7th June 2022

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