

CONTACT

The Newsletter for Whimble Primary School

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Thank You Very Much

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your co-operation with regards the morning drop-off and after school collection. Teachers have already seen the benefits of a calmer start to the day during registration and it has made it much easier to ensure we are keeping all children safe by having a clear handover, enabling us to undertake our safeguarding duties.

The children have all come back to school with a fabulous positive attitude and they are all working hard to settle into new routines and expectations which is enabling them to all get along together despite our limited space.

Safeguarding at School

Our safeguarding officers have remained the same as last year and are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Officer

Mrs C Shilston



Deputy Safeguarding Officers

Miss H Clarke



Miss Z Norton



We continued to be committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all our pupils at school. If you have any safeguarding concerns or you are worried about a child, please speak to one of them.

If your child is **not** going to be in school you must inform the office by 9.20 a.m. There is now an answering machine so you are able to leave a message, please state the name of the child and the reason for their absence so we can accurately complete our registers. If we do not know why a child is absent we will be ringing to find out as part of our legal safeguarding procedures.

If children arrive after 9.10 a.m., or need to go off for an appointment during the day, please sign them in (or out) at the office, again stating the reason.

After School Clubs

Sporty Stars are providing some sports clubs again this term as follows:

Monday: Multisports for Years 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday: Girls only club (not available for sign up online, letters will be given through school)

Wednesday: Multisports for Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday: Dodgeball for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday: Football for all Year groups

Go to www.sportystars.co.uk/after-school-clubs to sign up. All clubs start next week.

You may notice that the subsidy for Sporty Stars clubs has been removed this year, making the cost £4 per child per session (instead of £3). It was initially in place last year to encourage participation and develop the relationship between parents and children with Danny and his team. If you feel that the new cost of the clubs is a barrier to your child participating, do come and talk to Mr Brown or Mrs Shilston and we will endeavour to help where we can.

Tiger Karate starts tonight for more details please email Gurmare Singh at:

tigerstylesportskarate@yahoo.com

Music

Choir will continue to take place in school on Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.40pm. and will start on Tuesday 18th September.

The majority of instrument lessons in school take place in lunchtimes.

Recorders - Tuesdays

Clarinet/Saxophone - Wednesdays

Brass - Thursdays

Guitars - Thursdays (tbc)

If you attended the musical showcase back in July and would like to contact the music teachers involved the details are below:

Jude Carter: clarinet, saxophone, orchestra and beginner piano judecarter70@gmail.com

Emma Palmer: choir, recorders, piano and clarinet empalmusic@gmail.com

Sarah Greinig: violin goldenstring@icloud.com www.goldenstring.co.uk (01404 823541)

Gail Denning: brass instruments: cornet, trumpet or tenor horn

gaildenning@outlook.com (07779993816)

Ruth Toze: flute, bassoon, guitar, music summer school ruthtoze-music@hotmail.com

Fantastic Friday is part of our Emotional Health and Wellbeing Curriculum which also develops a

of Fantastic Friday range

valuable life skills. All children in Year 1 to Year 6 take part in blocked activities held on Friday afternoons. This year we have adjusted the mix of activities slightly allowing us to take part in a number of community projects. Our first is a quilting project with the Year 6 children, in conjunction with Killerton.

Activities commence next week as follows:

Activity	Year Group	Equipment required
Forest School	Year 1 and Year 2	Wellies, long sleeved top and trousers, waterproof coat
Creative Arts	Year 4	
Crafting	Year 6	
Cookery	Year 5	
Art Skills and Sporty Sta	Year 3	P.E kit (which should be in school)
Due Relax Kids and Computing Skills	Year 1 and 2	

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imbalance in numbers, the children in Year 1 and 2 will be placed into two mixed groups. These groups will stay the same for blocks of two activities, so children participating in Forest Schools this time will then do Relax Kids/Computing, and vice versa. For the next two activity blocks after that, the children will be 're-mixed'.

If you, or you know of any adults in the village who would like to support us with these activities, particularly crafting and cookery, do get in touch. Each block of activities are for 4 weeks at a time so the time commitment could be for as little as one block. Our next crafting group will be knitting and crocheting poppies to display in the church, so if you have these skills and want to pass them on, come and have a go. (All adults will need to have a DBS check first). In cookery, it is the older children first and we are hoping to try and make a selection of meals and hold a taster session with parents at the end.

Reception Children Pickup

Our new children have settled in really well. They stay for lunch from Wednesday onwards, which will be the next exciting chapter for them. Children need to be collected at 1.30pm - please do not come into school (via the main blue gates) until after 1.20pm so we can ensure that all the children have returned to class after lunch. If you can wait in the lower playground opposite the class but back towards the main building, this will enable other children going to assembly to get past safely.

Dates for your diary

September

Wednesday 5th September First day back to school for pupils
Friday 14th September Fantastic Friday starts
Monday 17th September M&M production of Pinocchio

Term dates for pupils - 2018/19:

AUTUMN TERM 2018

5th September to 21st December 2018

Half term - 22nd to 26th October 2018

SPRING TERM 2019

8th January to 5th April 2019

Half term - 18th to 22nd February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April to 23rd July 2019

May Day holiday - 6th May 2019

Half term - 27th May to 31st May 2019

Non-pupil days (i.e. staff only): 3rd & 4th September, 7th December, 7th January, 3rd June

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