

Dear Parents/Carers

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at Whixall C.E. Primary School in all that we strive to do each day.

Whether you have been part of our school community for many years or just for a few days, we wish you a warm welcome to the new academic year. This week, it has been wonderful to see our children's positivity and to see them reconnecting with their friends – it is so lovely to be back at school. The children who are new to our school have settled amazingly.

Similarly our Year 6 children have been setting an excellent example to the rest of the school.

Music Lessons

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We have the most amazing guitar teacher who comes into school every Tuesday. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please use the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u

Please also use the link to book any other instrumental lessons that you may wish your child to participate in.

Choir

As part of our music provision the children can attend choir which is run by our Music teacher Mrs Hawke every Tuesday lunchtime. There is no cost for this club.

School Meals

The price of our school meals are £2.45 per day. Please pay via sQuid. A reminder to the parents of children in Year 3 that Year 3 children are no longer entitled to Free School Meals, so if your child is having a school lunch, then the cost is £2.45 per day. Please see the attached menu for meal choices, If you ever have any questions or queries about our meals, then Mrs Hitchman our cook would be happy to chat these through with you.

Holiday Club

Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, we had a wonderful three and a half weeks.

Holiday club will run again during October half term on Monday to Thursday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

PE and outdoor learning

Please find below the days that each class will have their PE lessons. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits.

Wednesday—Swimming for Skylark Class (Year 1), Mayfly Class (Year 2),
Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)
PE for Dragonfly Class (Reception) and Bumblebee Class
(Nursery) and Robin Class (Years 3 and 4)

Thursday - PE for Dragonfly Class (Reception)

Friday — PE for Bumblebee Class (Nursery) and Robin Class (Years 3 and 4)

If children could bring their outdoor learning clothes into school please and leave them in school, that would be appreciated. It would also be appreciated if all children could bring a pair of wellies into school please .

Tuckshop

Toast is available to the children every playtime at a cost of 10 p per slice and 5 p for Nursery and reception children—this is payable on sQuid. Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 also have free fruit on a daily basis. Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc.to eat at playtimes.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 880330) by 9.30am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

Reading

As ever we really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in some time during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read. We shall request your child brings their reading record diary into school so that bookmarks and prizes can be awarded.

Thank you.

Would you know what to do if your child was injured or had a medical emergency? The British Red Cross have created a fantastic free baby and child first aid app to help you keep your little ones safe. It is designed to support parents, grandparents and caregivers to learn 17 first aid skills to help in a first aid emergency.

You can also find tips on how to prepare for emergencies both at home or while out and about. Click here to find out more <https://orlo.uk/M5PMZ>



Uniform - School Uniform

We will be working closely with parents to ensure that a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers or skirts

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan **with or without the school logo**

Black shoes for boys and girls (no sandals)

Light blue and white checked dress

For PE

Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms (jogging bottoms are advisable this half term as your child will be wearing their PE kit all day.

Plain navy T-shirt or a navy T-shirt with the school logo on it

Plain navy hoodie or track suit top, trainers for all children (not pumps)

Children are allowed to wear plain STUD ear rings which will need to be covered during PE.

We really would appreciate everyone's co-operation with our uniform code.

****Donated School Uniform****

If you require school uniform for your child we have: trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts in various sizes that have been donated to school.

Please email the school office to check the sizes we have available and help with recycling.

Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day. If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.



Thank you.



Family Drop-ins

How can we help you?

Free info, advice and support
for your family



Do you have children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities?

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life at our drop-in sessions.

You can chat, have a coffee and find out how we can help you with family life, parenting support, domestic abuse support, money worries, housing support and much more.

Find your nearest drop in: <https://orlo.uk/36e2w>

**** School Transport ****

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs for this half term will be as follows:

Mondays: Netball and Craft

Tuesdays: Code and Church

Wednesdays: Sports and Cookery Club (please note that cookery club is for Year 6 children only—the cost for this club is £3 per week.

Thursdays: Homework and Film Clubs

Fridays: Games Club

We are offering wrap around care after our normal school clubs from 4.30 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. These must be booked and paid for in advance by 3.00 p.m. of the Friday of the previous week (booking will close at 3 p.m.)—our apologies but unfortunately until the club becomes established, we cannot accept bookings in any other way.

Clubs will therefore be organised as follows:

3.00 p.m. —4.30 p.m.—Usual clubs—please see above at £2.00 per session these are booked and paid for in the usual way.

4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - £4 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.—£6 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

If anyone wishes their child to access club during the week beginning 16th September please book by Friday 13th September 2024.