

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.

Thank you so much to everyone for your support this week, we really appreciate it. Thanks to staff for their perseverance in getting into school and to Lakeside Coaches and The Dog and Bull for all of their flexibility, help and support. We are so proud of our community and children who coped with the changes in their routine admirably.

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 .

Chester Zoo

Just a reminder that packed lunches for the Chester Zoo visit (Skylark, Mayfly and Peregrine need to be ordered by Monday 21st October please. We will be placing food orders this week for after half term so items for packed lunches will need to be ordered. A reminder that due to Natasha's Law, we are unable to provide lunches without prior written consent from parents.

Rearranged Phonics Workshop

The Phonics workshop that was due to take place last Thursday for families of children in Dragonfly and Skylark Classes, will now take place on Thursday 24th October at 9.15 a.m. There is no need to inform us of your attendance. We look forward to seeing you.

If you are concerned about someone's safety

In an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101.

To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring our **First Point of Contact team** on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the **Emergency Social Work Duty Team** on 0345 678 9040.

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th October	Break up for half term.
Friday 25th October	PD Day - children not in school
Monday 4th November	Back to School - children in school Live Music Band visiting school
Tuesday 5th November	Skylark, Mayfly and Peregrine educational visit to Chester Zoo
Friday 8th November	Book Bus visiting – more details to follow
Wednesday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations Parent consultations
Thursday 14th November	Parent consultations
Sunday 24th November	Christingle Service at St Mary's at 4 p.m. more details to follow



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during October half term on
Friday 25th, Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th
and Thursday 31st October
Bookings are now available via sQuid.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 880330) by 9.00am 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.

INTERNET SAFETY

If you or your child experience any form of content on the internet that may be harmful, this can be reported using the following link:

[*Report Harmful Content - We Help You Remove Content*](#)

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.



Wear it Pink

Thank you so much for everyone's support with 'Wear It Pink' we will let you know how much was raised next week.

***** School Admissions Dates *****

Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications must be made online by 31st October 2024 (final day for application)

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions>
click on: Apply to start or transfer school, and then transferring to secondary school.
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

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.

Drop off system

Just a reminder about the arrangements for our morning drop off system.

The gate at the top of the layby is open at 8.20 a.m. where a member of staff is on duty. Can we please ask that children are dropped off as quickly and safely as possible to ensure that waiting time is kept to a minimum.

At 8.30 a.m. the second gate is opened, please do not stop at the second gate if there is space in front of you to wait to drop your child off at the first gate.

Please do not park on the road to walk your child into school.

If your child is in Nursery and you wish to park on the road to walk your child to the playground gate, then can we please ask that you arrive after 8.45 a.m.

A reminder that school starts at 8.45 a.m. and Nursery starts at 9.00 a.m. although we are happy for Nursery children to be dropped off with siblings.

We do understand that families need to drop off promptly to get to work and thank you for your patience.

We will continue to monitor the situation.

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 Club
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 club - (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 late club during the week beginning 4th November please book by Friday 1st November 2024.

iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

Vault (secret) Apps

Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/find-hidden-apps/>

<https://www.safes.so/blogs/vault-apps/>

Expert Approved Apps for Learning at Home

On the Google Play Store, you can find a list of expert approved Apps for learning at home suitable for children up to the age of 12.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/category/FAMILY>

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOLIHULL APPROACH

Understanding your child

Free courses for Shropshire families

“ This course has given me confidence as a parent and helped me to improve our relationship. I wish I had done it sooner! ”

Understanding Your Child

Would you like to know more about your child's development?

Would you like support to understand your child's behaviour?

Want to meet other parents and carers?

Then this FREE 10 week course is for you. It will help you to understand your child, yourself and your parenting style better. Giving you practical tips to improve your relationship and a chance to talk about challenges within a supportive peer group setting.

Throughout September and October there will be courses starting in Oswestry, Whitchurch, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury, Cressage, Church Stretton and Ludlow. Find out more about the course and how to book you place

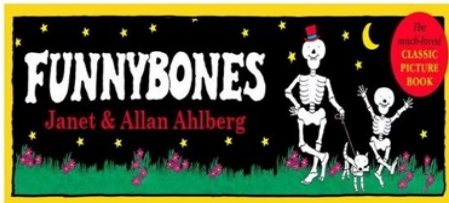
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Wem Library
Tuesday 29th October 2024
2:30pm to 3:30pm

Join us for a Spooky

'Funnybones'

Storytime & Craft session.



Free drop in event.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL
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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

An Evening with Louise Minchin

Hear the story of the fearless adventures of an extraordinary woman

an evening with The Reverend Canon KATE BOTTLEY

Join us for an evening with much loved TV and Radio personality and the nation's favourite vicar, The Reverend Kate Bottley.

Tuesday 12th November 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM FOR A 7.00PM START
The New Hall, Town Walls, Shrewsbury, SY1 1TN

Refreshments and book signing
Tickets Adults £20 | Students £10 | SHS Students £5
Available from School Office and Eventbrite. Email: g.parish@shr.gdst.net

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Wednesday 16th October 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM FOR A 7.00PM START

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