

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.

We hope that the children have had a wonderful half term.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 4th November. Thank you so much to families who attended the phonics workshops and came to see the home learning projects. We really appreciate your support.

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 .

Diary Dates

Monday 4th November

Live Music Band visiting school

Tuesday 5th November

Skylark, Mayfly and Peregrine visit to Chester Zoo

Thursday 7th November

Non uniform day in exchange for a donation of a bottle or some chocolate for the Christmas Fair please.

Friday 8th November

Book Bus visiting—flyers regarding this have been sent home—any problems, please contact the school office.

Wednesday 13th November

Flu Vaccinations

Parent consultations

Thursday 14th November

Parent consultations

Friday 22nd November

Christmas Fair at school—please see attached flyer

Sunday 24th November

Christingle Service at St Mary's at 4 p.m. more details to follow

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.

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

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 can start primary school from September 2025

Applications can be made online from Monday 4th November to 15th January 2025.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

then click on: Starting infant or primary school

If you have any queries or would like support with your application please do not hesitate to contact us.



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who attended holiday club, the children as always were amazing.

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 you 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.



Thank you so much for everyone's support with 'Wear It Pink'. Your donations raised an incredible £120, which we will forward to the charity.

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.