

*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.

*It was so lovely to see so many families at our parent consultations this week. We are so proud of all of all of our children and families, thank you for your support—Whixall School really is a very special place.*



You raised an amazing £150 for Children In Need today. Thank you so much for your support.

## Remembrance

Our visit to the War Memorial is always such a special occasion in our school calendar. This year, the children's thoughtfulness and respect was no exception. We were really proud of the respect that the children demonstrated.



## Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th November	Peregrine Class—Samba Workshop
Thursday 21st November	Robin Class to Telford Gurdwara
Friday 22nd November	Robin Class—Football Festival at Thomas Adams Christmas Fair at school—please see attached flyer
Sunday 24th November	Christingle Service at St Mary's at 4 p.m.
Wednesday 27th November	Individual and family photographs
Wednesday 4th December	Year 1 to Doctors Surgery in Wem Year 6 singing at Bradbury Daycare Centre
Monday 16th December	Dragonfly Class to New Vic Theatre
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Return to school

## \*\*\* 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.

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.

### 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) This is the final swimming session.

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 .**

### **Whixall C. E. Primary School**

#### **Christmas Fair**

**Friday 22 nd November**

**3pm – 5.30pm**

**at Whixall C.E. Primary School**

**The Fair will be opened by Christmas Carols sung by the children at 3.10pm**

***Raffle, refreshments with Home-made Cakes. Hampers, Wine Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, Luxury items Tombola. Children's Games, Face-painting and lots more.***

***We have various stall holders coming along including: Little Owl Glass, Jasmine's Floral Fancies, Meadow View Crafts, Usbourne Books, Helen's Jams, Crafted By Shirley, Karen Chambers Crafts and many more.***

***Children are designing crafts in class to sell on the night and we will have surprise jars.***

***If anyone would like a stall at the Fair, please contact us on 01948 880330***


### Surprise Jars

We would like to run a Surprise Jar stall at the Christmas Fair and would be extremely grateful if anyone is able to make a surprise jar at home. Surprise jars are decorated on the outside so that the contents can not be seen. Decorations could include making the jar into a Christmas Tree, Santa Claus or any of the amazing ideas that the children have. A small gift is then put into the jar. Your support is appreciated.

### 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.



## ENJOY HOCKEY! AT SHREWSBURY HOCKEY CLUB



Learn from fully qualified England Hockey accredited coaches.

**Children age 4-10** - Sundays at 10.30am-12pm.

**Children age 10+** - Tuesdays at 6-7pm & Wednesdays at 7-8.15pm.

Sessions at **Roman Road Sports Centre, Meole Brace School.**

Beginners Welcome  
  Equipment Provided  
  Free Taster Session

Contact: James - 07837 708 773  
shrewsburyhc\_juniors@outlook.com  
www.shrewsburyhockeyclub.co.uk

### 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](#)

### SHREWSBURY RUGBY CLUB

If your child is interested in taking up rugby,

Shrewsbury Rugby Club have teams ranging from Under 7s. Their core values “of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship are at the core of everything we do”.

Sundorne Castle, Uffington,  
Shrewsbury, SY4 4RR

Phone: 01743 353380



### Be bright, be seen

With evenings and mornings getting darker, whether you are a driver, pedestrian, biker, horse rider or cyclist, it's more important than ever to be seen. **Help us keep our roads safe.**

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:

[www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)

Follow West Mercia Road Safety on social media:  

**For crimes in progress call 999.**

For non emergencies report online: [www.westmercia.police.uk/report](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/report)

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.

## YouTube

**YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:

- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

**Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.

**Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+

**Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

### My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

Public: anyone can view the video.

Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.

Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

#### What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

## Among Us

**This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7.**

**However, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.**

**Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.**

**Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:**

**The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>