

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 everyone is having a lovely summer break. Thank you so much to everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by everyone.

We wish all of the children who are moving to their new schools well. We are sure that they will have an amazing time and will continue to make us proud.

Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons

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_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWIO4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u

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 £2.55 per day. Please pay via ParentPay. 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 £2.55 per day and £1.85 for children in Nursery. 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 weeks.

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

Play facility improvements

An enormous thank you to all of our families who have supported us to improve the play facilities for the children at school.

This support has resulted in new playground markings for the children to use on the playground.



We are also delighted to now have a purpose built running track around the school field, which means that we will be able to access the field in all weathers.

We can't wait to see the children's faces when they return to school on Tuesday. Thank you so much to everyone for their amazing support.



Nursery

Our Nursery is proving to be extremely popular for the next academic year. If you would like to reserve a place in our Nursery, then please contact us for a registration form.

Your child may start Nursery the term after their 2nd Birthday.

Thank you to everyone who completed parent declaration forms for Nursery sessions for the Autumn Term—everyone has been allocated the sessions requested.

Free School Meals

All children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal. However, if you think that your child would have been entitled to a free meal anyway, based on your income or benefits etc, a free school meal form still has to be completed. Please visit Shropshire Council website to find out more.

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. 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.

Swimming

Swimming sessions will resume this term for children in Peregrine and Robin Classes. A letter will be sent home to families of those children with more details. Other classes will swim at various times during the year.

PE

PE days are as follows-please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on PE days

Tuesdays—Mayfly Class (years 1 and 2), Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes (Nursery and Reception) , Skylark Class (Year 1)

Wednesdays— Red Kite Class—Year 4.

Thursdays—Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes (Nursery and Reception), Skylark Class (Year 1) Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2),

Friday — Red Kite Class—Year 4.

Robin and Peregrine Classes will be swimming this term—more details will follow in a letter this week.

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 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.

****Recycled 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 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.

We would like to remind you of some organisational details which will help the school day to run smoothly and safely for everyone.

1. Children may wear plain studs if ears are pierced and a watch. In the interests of safety and security no other jewellery should be worn. Children will be expected to cover ear rings during all P.E. lessons. We appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter as it is for the children's safety.
2. Braids and beads should not be worn in children's hair. It is not acceptable for the children to have unconventional hair cuts such as 'tramlines' etc. Can long hair please be tied back.
3. We would appreciate it if all payments could be made via ParentPay. If your child is new to our school then they will be issued with a ParentPay code during the first week of the new term.
4. We ask that children do not bring pencil cases from home into school as we do not have space to store them during the school day.
5. Can we ask that children bring a water bottle into school which is labelled with their name please.
6. During the course of this year, the children will be learning the skills to play a number of sports such as hockey, football, cricket and rounders. If parents feel that it is appropriate for their child to have a mouth guard and shin pads in school for these activities, then can we please ask you to purchase these for your child and they bring them into school on their PE days.
7. Medicines – if your child has to take medication during the school day we are happy to administer medication, however we do ask that medicines are brought into school by an adult who we will ask to complete a medication administration form.

**** 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 will resume on Tuesday 2nd September and will run from 3.15 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. We will issue a timetable for clubs in the next newsletter.

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 3.15 p.m. of the Wednesday 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 ParentPay

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