

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 £2.55 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. School meals for children in Nursery are £1.85 per day. 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.

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 22nd September at 3.30 p.m. there is an opportunity for families to come into school to visit your child's classroom and to meet their teacher. There is also an opportunity to find out a little more about the organisation for the year.

We hope that you will be able to join us. If your child is in more than one class, you will be very welcome to visit both rooms.

PE

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

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),

Robin (Year 3) and Peregrine (Years 5 and 6) - swimming—a letter has been sent home regarding the arrangements for swimming

Friday — Red Kite Class—Year 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 ParentPay. 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 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>



SPORTS AWARD

We are pleased to announce that we have retained our Sports Mark Gold Award as recognition of our efforts towards developing and encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle.



American Flag Football with Shropshire Revolution

-  Telford College Astro Dome
-  6 till 7pm - Tuesday 9th & 23rd of September
-  Ages 7-11 & 12-14

Discover one of the UK's fastest growing sports with an NFL Flag rookie session! Whether you're new to the game or just curious this is your chance to get involved.

FUN, FAST, INCLUSIVE – no experience needed. If these sessions take off, you could become an important player in the very first Flag team in Shropshire.

Come join us at our taster session and become part of the journey!

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.