

*Dear Parents***WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS****Dates**

Monday 20th January	Recorder for children in Year 4 Year 3 to do Folk Whistle Piano for children having private lessons.
Tuesday 21st January	Nursery Parent Lunch
Wednesday 22nd January	Swimming for Dragonfly and Skylark Classes - please ensure that the children have the correct swimming kit in school. Spanish lessons for all classes Guitar for children having private lessons Young Cadets for children in Year 6.
Thursday 23rd January	Ukele lesson for Years 5 and 6. Condover meeting for parents of children in Years 3 and 4 at 6pm.
Friday 24th January	Forest School for Dragonfly and Skylark Classes Chinese New Year Activities during the morning.

**Future Dates**

Tuesday 28th January	Year 6 SATs parent workshops 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents—9.30 a.m. Tea & coffee in the Hall.
Thursday 30th January	Young Voices Dragonfly Parent Lunch
Tuesday 4th February	Year 6 SATs parent workshops 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Skylark Parent Lunch
Thursday 13th February	Condover Residential for Mayfly Class
Friday 14th February	Condover Residential for Mayfly Class Break up for half term.
Monday 24th February	Return to School
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—please see separate note
Wednesday 25 March	Swimming Gala Skylark and Dragonfly

**Admission to Nursery**

Did your child turn 3 before 31st December 2019? If so you are entitled to at least 15 hours free nursery provision. If you would like to come and look around our nursery or book a place, please contact the school office.

Respect, Caring, Forgiveness, Tolerance, Supportive, Trust  
Perseverance,

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will also be an opportunity for the children to decorate a wooden spoon as their favourite character.

School will provide the spoons and we will send these home before half term.

### **Attendance**

This year, our whole school target for attendance is 97.5% and our attendance figure is currently 96.10%.

### **Bag Pack**

**On Saturday 15th February we will be taking part in a bag pack at the Co-op in Wem, donations that we receive from the public will go towards our fund raising for the all weather track around the school field. This will take place from 9.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. If any children from Years 5 and 6 can help with this, even for half an hour, please let Mrs Higgs know. The children will be supervised at all times by school staff.**

### **School Drop off and Collection Procedures**

Access to the school site before school is by the usual pedestrian gate or by using the system and dropping your child off at the top gate where a member of staff is on duty. At 8.50 a.m. this gate is locked and access is then gained by the front door, if your child is late coming to school, will you please bring them to reception. At the end of the day could we ask that families collecting their children on foot or by bike please wait in the area in front of Mrs Higgs' office window. Could we ask that children being collected by car use the car collection system.

After school access to the school site is by the pedestrian gate which is the gate which is used in the mornings.

A reminder that legally, we do not take responsibility for the children until 8.35 a.m. and ask that children are booked into breakfast club if children need to be dropped off earlier than this.

### **Shropshire Council Family Information Service**

The service provides information, advice and support on all aspects of family life for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19.

Tel: 01743 254400

Email: [ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:ShropshireFIS@shropshire.gov.uk)

This includes information on:

Money Matters	Family Support
Child care	Health Care
Bereavement	Self Harming
Disabilities	Staying Safe

Concerned that a child might be at risk of abuse or neglect? Worried that a parent or family needs some extra support? There's only one number you need - Call Compass on 0345 6789 021