

## Dear Parents

# WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

*Welcome to: Eloise, Finley, Marcus, Penelope, Rawen, Raya, Rupert, Stanley, Chelsea-Mae, Charlie, Louisa, Freya. Also welcoming Miss Foster.*

The children have been fantastic these past two days and we are so proud of how they have adapted to their 'bubbles'.

Thank you for your feedback and we very much appreciate your wonderful support.

A reminder of our Drop off and Collection arrangements:

- Siblings** – Arrival time 8.30 a.m. this is for children who are from the same family who are in different classes. Collection time 3.00 p.m.
- **Years 5 and 6** – Arrival time 8.45 a.m. Collection time 3.35 p.m.
  - **Years 3 and 4** – Arrival time 8.55 a.m. Collection time 3.25 p.m.
  - **Years 1 and 2** – Arrival time 9.00 a.m. Collection time 3.20 p.m.
  - **Reception and Nursery** – Arrival time 9.15 a.m. Collection time 3.15 p.m.

### School Transport

Application forms for the school bus can be obtained from the school office. If you are unsure as to whether your child is eligible for free school transport – please telephone the school office and we will contact the Transport Department.

### After School Clubs

Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am and After School Clubs are from 3.00pm – 4.30pm. We are not organising any specific activities during sessions for the first half term – due to the guidelines we need to follow as a school.

The cost for Breakfast Club is £4 and £1.50 per hour for After School Clubs remains unchanged.

Please bring/ collect your child from the school gate, there is an intercom on the side of the wall by the gate to alert the staff of your arrival. If at all possible can you please book in advance. Thank you

### School Meals

The price of our school meals will be £2.20 per day. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fields Multi Academy Trust'.

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 £2.20 per day.

### 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 telephone the school office for further information.

### Tuckshop

Toast is available to the children every playtime at a cost of 10 p per slice. Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 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.



### 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 really benefit your child.

Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please can you keep their reading record diary at home and write in it every time you hear them read. We shall request your child brings their reading record diary into school so that bookmarks and prizes can be awarded.

When your child has read their book can they please return it to school and place in the quarantine box outside their classroom. The books will be quarantined for 72 hours. Thank you.

### Residential Visits

As Government guidance stands at the moment various school events will not be able to take place, but we will of course review this as Government guidance is updated.

We are not planning a Year 3 Residential visit this academic year, but hopefully there will be a joint Year 3 and Year 4 Residential visit the following academic year.

We will make a decision about the Year 6 Residential visit in due course as this takes place later in the academic year.

### Outdoor P.E. Timetable Autumn Term 2020

Dragonfly Class (Reception and Nursery):	Tuesday
Skylark Class (Years 1 and 2):	Wednesday
Mayfly Class (Years 3 and 4):	Wednesday and Friday
Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6):	Wednesday and Friday

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kits please.

## 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

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.

## Sending work home from school

We would like to share your child's work and their achievements with you.

If you would prefer not to have any work sent home please can you email [head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk) to confirm this by Tuesday 8th September. 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. 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 money sent into school could be placed in an envelope with your child's name on it. Money is collected in during registration.
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.