

Dear Parents

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

We demonstrate our Values of respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust in all that we strive to achieve each day.

Term Dates

Thursday 22nd October
Friday 23rd October

Last day of Half-Term
PD Day (children not in school)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Half-Term Holiday

Monday 2nd November
Friday 18th December

Half-Term begins (children back in school)
Term ends

Reading Diaries

We would be extremely grateful if your child could bring their reading diary into school tomorrow please. We will be issuing reading prizes later in the week for the reading that your child has been doing at home.

Wear Something Pink

We are again fundraising for Breast Cancer and are asking that on Thursday 22nd October your child wears something pink to school and makes a contribution to Breast Cancer Research. Thank you. Unfortunately we shall not be able to sell cakes as we have previously.

Application for Reception—September 2021

If your child is due to start Whixall School in Reception in September 2021 you will need to apply on line from the link below. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-to-start-or-transfer-school/starting-infant-or-primary-school/>

If you have any questions or would like any help with your application please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01948 880330

Water Bottle

Please can your child bring a water bottle into school containing water only please.
Thank you.



Harvest Gifts

Thank you so much to everyone for their very generous donations for Harvest this year. All of the donations have now been taken to the Food Bank who were extremely pleased to receive them.
Thank you so much for your support.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies during the week after half term. The poppies are already in quarantine ready for the children to buy. We will send a text out on the first day back after half term explaining how the children can buy a poppy.



Times Tables Rockstars

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It is called 'Rock Out 2020' and it is all done online via play.ttrockstars.com—which all of our children from Years 2–6 have a log in for.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November.

In the spirit of the competition, please do not play on your child's behalf but by all means encourage and support them.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Shropshire Larder - a new resource for people in Shropshire. Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- ❑ How to access emergency food
- ❑ Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- ❑ Advice on eating well on a budget
- ❑ Where to get local help with money issues

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>



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