

# Dear Parents/ Carers

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

*Welcome back to the start of a new half-term.  
It is lovely to see the children rested and so full of enthusiasm.*

### Reading Diaries

Your child has brought their Reading Diary home again. Please can you continue to record in their diary every time your child reads.

We shall be collecting the diaries in towards the end of half-term as we will again be issuing reading prizes for reading at home.

### Seesaw Online Home Learning

Reception - Year 6

Please can we remind you that your child's weekly homework can be accessed on Seesaw. Any 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



### Clothing in the Cold Weather

Your child needs to bring a coat to school please as we hope to continue to enjoy the outdoors as much as we possibly can.

As it is getting colder and we need to continue to ensure good air circulation in classrooms and around school, can we ask that your child wears additional layers under their school shirt or blouse and a jumper or cardigan.

We appreciate that going outdoors in this weather has meant that some children are coming home a little 'muddy' after play! Therefore, if you prefer, you can send your child in a pair of black or navy jogging bottoms or old dark coloured trousers.

Children still need to wear their school jumper etc.

**HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO STRESS NO LOGOS OR DENIM ARE PERMITTED.**



### Children in Need — Non-uniform day

We are asking children to come to school in something spotty, on Friday 13th November, to celebrate Children in Need.

### **School Uniform**

**Whitchurch Sports will be closing during lock down, but will take uniform orders by telephone or email and will make free home deliveries. If parents need any uniform, please leave a message on the shop's answerphone - 01948 665733 or**

**Email: enquiries@whitchurch-sports.co.uk ensuring you give a contact phone number.**

### **Road Safety**

We have received a number of complaints regarding dangerous driving and traffic speed in and around the vicinity of school and Whixall in general at drop off and collection times. Various members of the community are taking vehicle details and have said that they will report offending drivers to the police by giving vehicle details. We are grateful for everyone's co-operation in ensuring that it is not a vehicle connected with our school that is reported.

### **Accident at School**

We are sure that you are aware that there was an accident in the school layby on Thursday morning. Fortunately no one was hurt however concerns have been raised about children being dropped off without joining the queuing system. On Thursday it was extremely fortunate that no one was hurt. Please can we ask that everyone joins the queuing system and does not drop their children off to walk to the gate.

At the end of the day we will only release children to parents who are queuing in the system, this is for the safety of everyone.

### **Drop Off**

Can we please request that children are dropped off and collected quickly and safely please which will enable our system to 'flow' smoothly and enable family members who need to collect another child from a different school or who need to get to work to do so on time.

We really appreciate everyone's support with this request.

### **Quiz**

**Please find attached a quiz. There is not a prize, just a bit of fun to pass the time during Lockdown. The winning family will be announced on next week's newsletter. To enter the quiz, email your answers to: head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk by Friday 13th November. Good Luck!**

### **Free School Meals**

**If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal based on your income or benefits etc, please complete the free school meal application form at:**

**<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>**

**Or contact the school office. Thank you.**

### **Child absence**

**Can we please remind you to ring school by 9.30am if your child is unwell.**

**If leaving a message can you please provide the exact reason why your child is off.**

**Thank you.**