

Dear Parents/ Carers

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.

Christmas Raffle

 Thank you so much to everyone who supported the raffle which was drawn on Friday. Thank you for all the hard work that went into organising the event, to everyone who made donations towards the raffle and to everyone who bought tickets. An amazing achievement by everyone which raised £520.

Thank you so very much.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and items for the hampers that we delivered on Thursday evening. Your care and generosity was so very gratefully received and brought so much joy. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

We are trying to find ways to ensure that the children do not miss out on some of our planned Christmas activities. We think we have found a way that we can hold a virtual party but would need your consent to do this.

On Wednesday we would like to deliver a bag of party food for each child that attends our school. We would then like to hold a 'virtual party' for the children via zoom at the following times.

12.00—12.40 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2)

1.00—1.40 (Years 3 and 4)

2.00—2.40 (Years 5 and 6)

We would send you the joining details for Zoom. We hope that this will provide the children with an opportunity to 'see' each other as well as join in with the party.

If you do not wish your child to join in this event or your child will be staying with someone else on Wednesday but would like to join in then would you please e-mail me at head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk by 11 a.m. on Monday morning, stating that your child will not be participating or letting me know the address where your child will be. Obviously we will not be able to deliver party food to the children if they are not in our immediate locality.

We are planning on having Christmas Lunch in the New Year.

After reviewing our staffing for this week it is looking less and less likely that we will be able to reopen school before the end of term due to Health and Safety reasons. We have therefore made the decision in line with Government guidelines to use Friday 18th December as a PD Day and then reopen School on Monday 4th January rather than Tuesday 5th January as originally planned.

We are so sorry for the difficulties that this is causing for our families.

Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use—if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

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

Thank you to everyone who has already registered everyone's contribution is helping hugely.

You can shop with over 4,300 companies—it's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Plus if you sign up before 18th December, we'll get a £5 bonus donation:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whixallps/?referral-campaign=c2s>

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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Chameleon Create

The Chameleon orders have been delayed, they will now arrive in school next week.

The company's stock levels have been affected by the delays to imported goods to the ports.

As soon as we have any further information we will update you.

Many apologies.

Photographs

All photographs have now arrived at school. We will deliver the photographs to you tomorrow, however if you prefer to collect your photographs on Monday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. then please let us know by either leaving a message on the school answerphone or e-mailing head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk by 9 a.m. tomorrow (Monday) morning.

Coronavirus Guidance

We would like to thank everyone for your support in following the guidance around COVID restrictions.

We have attached a letter which we have been asked to send out by the relevant authorities as a reminder about the current guidance.

Deliveries

On Wednesday, we are happy to deliver 'cards' from the children to each other if that is helpful.

We are very happy for you to drop the cards at school in the entrance area and then we will distribute—if this could be done on Monday or Tuesday please between 10.00 a.m. and 4 p.m. or alternatively we are happy to collect cards from you for distribution on either Monday or Tuesday—if you would like us to do this then please e-mail head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk by 10.00 a.m. on Monday morning

Wellies

If you would like to collect your child's wellies for over the Christmas holidays then please e-mail head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk and we can arrange a time.

If you would like us to deliver your child's wellies on Wednesday then please contact us by lunchtime on Tuesday.

Squid Cashless Paying

We shall be introducing a new system to pay for dinners, Breakfast Club and etc. More information to follow next week.

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Quiz

Thank you for submitting your entries.

Please find attached the quiz for this week and the answers to last week's. To enter the quiz, email your answers to: head@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk by next Friday 18th December

Thank you.