

*Dear Parents/Carers*

# WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at Whixall C.E. Primary School in all that we strive to do each day.

*We are delighted to say that the new building is now fully operational and that everyone is enjoying the space. Due to delays in the building work, work that was supposed to be carried out at the front of school is happening now. We totally understand that this is a huge inconvenience particularly at home time but we are very grateful for your patience while this essential work takes place.*

## Starting in Reception Class 2022

**Is your child is due to start in Reception Class in September 2022?**

**Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 can start Primary School from September 2022 .**

**An application must be made online and the closing date for applications is 15th January 2022.**

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

## READING

Reading is so important for children – both with and to them. Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures in a news release about their findings: Here’s how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, **1,483,300** words.

**\*\* Wear Something Pink \*\***

**\*\* Wow! \*\***

**Thank you so very much for your contributions you raised an amazing **£150** for the Breast Cancer Fund.**

## First Day at School Picture Supplement

**The ‘First Day at School’ picture supplement is out now in the Shropshire Star. A reminder that this features current Reception and Year 1 children.**

## INTERNET SAFETY

We are concerned about some adverts and programmes that children are watching on platforms such as YouTube.

Please check what your children are watching, especially the adverts. '[YouTubeKids](#)' has more age appropriate content and adverts. Thank you



## **The SEND Local Offer**

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063  
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



Support for parent carers of children with SEND – Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](#) can help you.

The Local Offer sets out in one place useful information and provision for education, health and social care for children and young people in Shropshire who

have SEN or are disabled, including those who don't have education, health, and care (EHC) plans. You can also keep up to date with Local Offer news and events by following The Local Offer on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

## 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>

Once registered with the site when you buy online, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising — if they are, then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Whixall School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase — a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school.

Thank you.

## Harvest Donations for the Food Bank

Thank you so very much for your wonderful donations to support the local Food Bank, they will help to make a difference.  
Thank you for your kindness.

Poppies and other related items will be on sale in classes on Monday. The suggested donation for a poppy is 20p and for other items up to a £1.  
Unfortunately we are unable to give change.  
Classes will be visiting the Memorial on Thursday to lay Class wreaths and pay their respects.

