

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.

Parent Consultations

Thank you so much to everyone for their time and comments this week at our parent consultations. Staff very much welcomed their conversations with everyone. We are always so proud of our children and it is wonderful to share their successes with you.

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who supported the school poppy appeal, we will let you know how much you have all raised once we receive the final amount from the organisers. Reverend Walton led a remembrance worship for the children to day and this is what she said:

'Please pass on my thanks to the children for this morning. Those who read, did so beautifully and the whole school kept a very respectful silence - I'm sure the teachers were very proud of them all.'

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.

There will be some changes to the menu for week 2 from w/c 22nd November to take into account a change in supplier deliveries. Please see the attached menu for details.

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

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.



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](#)

Parents of toddlers invited to get flu vaccine ahead of challenging winter

The NHS is sending invitations to parents of toddlers in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to get their flu vaccination.

Parents of two and three-year-olds are being urged to book an appointment with their GP practice, when they are contacted to do so, to protect their child this winter and help stop the spread of the virus.

The vaccine is free and is delivered with a quick and painless spray up the nose.

Last winter, 64.5% of children aged two and three-years-old had their flu vaccination – and this year it is hoped that number increases.

The health service is warning that this winter could be its most challenging to date, with a potential 50% increase in flu cases, while hospitals will continue to need to treat Covid-19 patients.

Dr John Pepper, Chair of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group, said: “I would strongly urge parents of toddlers to book an appointment for their child with their GP practice as soon as they are invited. This year, for the first time we will have Covid-19 and flu co-circulating. Not many people got flu last year because of Covid-19 restrictions, so there isn’t as much natural immunity in our communities as usual.

“The flu has a serious impact on the health of thousands of people every winter, and getting your child vaccinated will protect them and help to stop the spread of the virus to your most vulnerable family members and loved ones.”

This year the nasal spray flu vaccine is free on the NHS for:

- children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2021 – born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2019
- all primary school children (reception to year 6)
- all year 7 to year 11 children in secondary school
- children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions

More information – including in what setting the children will receive their vaccine (by age group) – can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

**Photographer
School Photographs**

Thursday 18th November

Can all children please come to school in their full school uniform, on Thursday 18th November.



Younger siblings of children who are not in school/Nursery on Thursday are most welcome to join us for a family photograph and we ask that you are at school by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday. Unfortunately on this occasion it is not possible to have family photographs taken before school and we apologise for any inconvenience that this causes.

If you are going to bring a younger sibling into school for a photograph at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday then please let the member of staff on the gate know on Monday.

Siblings who attend school will have a photograph taken and all children will have an individual photograph.

Holiday Club

Thank you so much for everyone who joined us for holiday club in October half term-it is always a pleasure to welcome our children to holiday club.

Holiday club will not take place during the Christmas Holidays but will resume in February half term.



Children In Need

Non-uniform day

Friday 19th November

Children may wear their own clothes/something spotty for a donation of your choice.

Clothing

As the weather is getting colder, can we please ask that children have a pair of wellies in school and a coat so that we can access the outdoors at playtimes and lunchtimes as much as possible.

Thank you

Young Voices

We are very excited as the children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to attend Young Voices in February. Could we ask that all slips are returned by Monday please?

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