

Dear Parents

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to all our new Nursery and reception children and to Ava who has joined us in Skylark Class.

All of the children were amazing last week, we are so proud of them and the way that they have returned to school.

Thank you for your support and patience with dropping off and collecting the children from school and for all of your patience with sQuid. We still have a few technical issues to resolve but are working on it.

Music Lessons

In school we are pleased to be working with Shropshire Music Service. Shropshire Music Service is a non-profit council organisation dedicated to providing high quality music education for the county's young people. The lessons are not free, but substantial reductions in the cost are available for those in challenging financial circumstances. SMS also offer affordable instrument hire for most instruments, along with opportunities to perform in musical groups. You can enrol your child in music lessons using the [link](#) or search Shropshire Music Service to find out more.



School Transport

If you live in the school catchment and live over two miles away from school, you maybe eligible for free school transport. To find out more visit the link below.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/forms/free-school-transport/>

After School Clubs

Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am and After School Clubs are from 3.00pm

The children will engage in a variety of activities during clubs.

The cost for Breakfast Club is £4 and £1.50 per hour for After School Clubs remains unchanged.

We would really appreciate it if Breakfast Club could be booked in advance. if at all possible can you please book in advance. Thank you

School Meals

The price of our school meals will be £2.20 per day. Please pay via sQuid.

A reminder to the parents of children in Year 3 that Year 3 children are no longer entitled to Free School Meals, so if your child is having a school lunch, then the cost is £2.20 per day.

Free School Meals

All children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal. However, if you think that your child would have been entitled to a free meal anyway, based on your income or benefits etc, a free school meal form still has to be completed. Please visit Shropshire Council website to find out more.

Tuckshop

Toast is available to the children every playtime at a cost of 10 p per slice. Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 also have free fruit on a daily basis.

Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc., to eat at playtimes.



Reading

As ever we really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in some time during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial.

Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read. We shall request your child brings their reading record diary into school so that bookmarks and prizes can be awarded.

Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming sessions will resume this term for children in Skylark, Robin and Peregrine Classes.

A letter has been sent home to families of those children.

Swimming for children in Mayfly Class and Dragonfly Class will take place in the Summer Term.

Outdoor P.E. Timetable Autumn Term 2021

Dragonfly Class (Reception and Nursery):	Tuesdays
Skylark Class (Years 1 and 2):	Swimming on Wednesdays
Mayfly Class (Years 3 and 4):	Fridays
Robin Class (Year 5)	Swimming on Wednesdays
Peregrine Class (Year 6):	Swimming on Wednesdays

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kits please.

Uniform - School Uniform

We will be working closely with parents to ensure that a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers or skirts

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan

Black shoes for boys and girls (no sandals)

Light blue and white checked dress

For PE

Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms (jogging bottoms are advisable this half term as your child will be wearing their PE all day.

Plain navy T-shirt or a navy T-shirt with the school logo on it

Plain navy hoodie or track suit top

Trainers for all children (not pumps)

Children are allowed to wear plain STUD ear rings which will need to be covered during PE.

We really would appreciate everyone's co-operation with our uniform code.

We would like to remind you of some organisational details which will help the school day to run smoothly and safely for everyone.

1. Children may wear plain **studs** if ears are pierced. In the interests of safety and security no other jewellery should be worn. Children will be expected to cover ear rings during all P.E. lessons. We appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter as it is for the children's safety.
2. Braids and beads should not be worn in children's hair. It is not acceptable for the children to have unconventional hair cuts such as 'tramlines' etc. Can long hair please be tied back.
3. We would appreciate it if all money sent into school could be placed in an envelope with your child's name on it. Money is collected in during registration.
4. We ask that children do not bring pencil cases from home into school as we do not have space to store them during the school day.
5. Can we ask that children bring a water bottle into school which is labelled with their name please.
6. During the course of this year, the children will be learning the skills to play a number of sports such as hockey, football, cricket and rounders. If parents feel that it is appropriate for their child to have a mouth guard and shin pads in school for these activities, then can we please ask you to purchase these for your child and they bring them into school on their PE days.