

Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whether you have been part of our school community for many years or just for a few days, we wish you a warm welcome to the new academic year.

This week it has been wonderful to see our children's positivity and to see them reconnecting with their friends – it is so lovely to be back at school.

The children who are new to Dragonfly and Bumblebee classes have settled amazingly. Similarly our Year 6 children have been setting an excellent example to the rest of the school.

Next week your child will bring home an overview of the curriculum, which will let you know what will be covered in class this term. There is also an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and find out a little more about the year ahead.

As ever, please do get in touch if you have any concerns or need any questions answered.

PE

Please find below the days that each class will be swimming or will have their PE lessons. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on PE and swimming days (please see the letter which was sent home about swimming last week for specific arrangements.)

Mondays –PE for Skylark (Year 1)

Wednesdays –Swimming for Dragonfly (Reception), Mayfly (Year 2) and Peregrine (Years 5 and 6) Classes

Thursdays - PE for Bumblebee Class (Nursery) and Robin Class (Yr 3/ 4)

Fridays – PE for all classes in school.

Outdoor Learning Timetable

Autumn Term 2023

All classes will engage in outdoor learning in the Autumn Term but we would like to organise this slightly differently this year. We would be grateful if your child could keep their outdoor learning clothes and a pair of wellies in school so that outdoor learning can take place on the days that curriculum areas lend themselves to learning outside. Please do not worry if you do not have a pair of wellies or outdoor learning clothes to keep in school as we have spare clothing that the children may borrow.

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, we had a wonderful three and a half weeks.

Holiday club will run again during October half term on Monday to Thursday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons

We have the most amazing guitar teacher who comes into school every Tuesday. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please use the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRiRCRVRUUS4u

Please also use the link to book any other instrumental lessons that you may wish your child to participate in.

Miss Turner will be beginning piano lessons in schools in the next few weeks. If you are interested in your child participating in these lessons then please contact Miss Turner directly by email—hannahturner995@gmail.com

Choir—As part of our music provision the children can attend choir which is run by our Music teacher Mrs Hawke every Tuesday lunchtime. There is no cost for this club.

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.

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.

Attendance



Well done to Dragonfly, Skylark and Peregrine Classes who all had 100% attendance this week.



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Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

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

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



Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family:

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Leaflets are also available from: <https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets>

Cost of Living Support

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you're struggling right now, you're not alone.

But don't wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.

The good news is that there's help available.

The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.