

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.

After School Clubs

Please find below the timetable for clubs for the first half of the Autumn Term

Monday—Sports and Craft

Tuesday—Church Club and Code Club

Wednesday—Sports (there is a separate club for KS1 and 2) and Cookery (please note that cookery is for Year 6 only—the cost for this club is £2.50 per week)

Thursday—Film and Homework Club

Friday - Sports and Board games

All clubs to be paid for via sQuid please.

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)

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

Thursday - PE for Bumblebee Class (Nursery) and Robin Class (Year 3/ 4)

Fridays — PE for all classes in school.

Events this week

Monday 2nd October—Peregrine Class visit to Shrewsbury Archives.

Tuesday 3rd October– Dragonfly Parents invited into school to eat lunch with their parents

Thursday 5th October– Menu change (see attached menu).

Harvest

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our harvest service.

As ever we are so proud of all of our children.

The food donations were amazing, these will be taken to Whitchurch Food bank.

The collection raised £120 for the Farm Crisis Network and donations from refreshments raised £110 for MacMillan Cancer Charity.

Thank you all so much.



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 on Friday 27th October and October half term on Monday to Thursday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Drop Off

We have had a number of concerns raised about children getting out of cars which are waiting in the queue at drop off. It has been reported that children are 'ducking' under wing mirrors as there is not enough room for them to walk between the cars and the fence. In the interests of everyone's safety, could we please ask everyone to drop their children off at the gate/s. We really do appreciate everyone's support with this.

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 on line, 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.

Your support has just raised £40 for our school funds.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered.

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.



Attendance



Well done to all of our children who had 100% attendance this week.

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:

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

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.

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Proud to be part of   Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Emotional wellbeing drop-in for children and young people under 25.

BEAM DROP-INS ARE HELD:

Mondays	Sundome Youth Centre, 218 Sundome Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4RG	Open: 12pm Close: 4pm
Tuesdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 6pm
Thursdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 6pm
Saturdays	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 2pm

 Shropshire Telford and Wrekin



PLEASE NOTE: no sessions will be started during the last hour of our drop-ins. This means we cannot accept anyone into the service after 5pm on Tuesday & Thursdays

Shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Threads - 13+



Threads was launched by Meta (creators of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp) in July and is similar in design to Twitter. As with Twitter, users can share text posts (with Images and videos) and then other users can respond to create a thread. You need to have an Instagram account to login to Threads and **you must be at least 13 years old to create an Instagram account.**

For everyone 13 – 17 years old (in the UK), their account will automatically be set as private when they join Threads. As with Instagram, users can choose specific words to filter out of replies as well as hide comments that may be offensive. Users can also unfollow, block and report a profile. Any accounts that you have blocked on Instagram will automatically be blocked on Threads as well. Users can also change their settings on Threads so other users are unable to mention them in replies.

If you have supervision set up on Instagram for your child (aged 13 – 17) then it will automatically be set up for Threads and the same settings will be applied, such as time limits and scheduled breaks. You can find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Threads is still being developed so new functions will be added but currently you are unable to direct (private) message other users.

You need to be aware that your child may come across content that is not appropriate for your child. If your child is using this app, then make sure they know how to use the reporting/blocking facilities, that appropriate privacy/safety settings are applied and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

Further information

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/instagram-threads-a-guide-for-young-people-and-parents/>