

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.

Attendance

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

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Secondary School Places

5th September 2023 — 31st October 2023 (final day for application)

To apply please visit:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.



Holiday Club



Holiday club will run on Friday 27th October and during October half term on Monday to Thursday. Bookings are now available on sQuid. We are asking everyone to book in advance please and by this Thursday as it is really important that we are fully prepared with child to adult ratios. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

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.

Please see below the message from Whitchurch Foodbank:

How lovely to receive the Harvest donations from **Whixall Primary School (which weighed 54.8 kgs) last week - THANK YOU, SO MUCH, We are truly grateful !!**

Please do pass on our sincere thanks to everyone who supported your Harvest celebrations at School - Bless you All!

Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday.

Therefore, children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024.

Applications should be made online. See the attached guidance to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the online facility is open from **2 November 2023**. You must apply by 15 January 2024. If there is a reason why your application is late i.e. due to a house move, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk to advise

Applications received after 15 January, without exceptional reasons, are considered late. Late applications won't be processed until all the applications received on time have been allocated. This may result in your child not being offered a school place at your preferred school.

Shropshire Local Authority residents should use the Shropshire online portal to make their application for any English state infant or primary school. If the school you wish to apply to isn't there, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk with the name of the school, and we will get it added

- If you wish to apply for a neighbouring Welsh authority primary school, you should apply directly to either Powys or Wrexham authorities

If you want to apply for a Shropshire school but do not reside in the Shropshire Council authority area, please refer to our [who to apply to](#) page. Telford local authority residents must apply via Telford and Wrekin Council not Shropshire Council

- Applicants from either overseas, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can use the Shropshire Council website to make an application for a Shropshire school

IF AN APPLICATION IS MADE THROUGH THIS PORTAL FROM A RESIDENT IN ANOTHER ENGLISH AUTHORITY OTHER THAN SHROPSHIRE IT WILL BE DISCARDED

BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION

Ensure you read the [Parent's Guide to Education in Shropshire](#). This guide provides all the correct information to help you make your application

- Note the importance of naming more than one school on your application, particularly when not applying for your catchment area school

Ensure that you're happy with the application before you submit it. The online portal doesn't allow you to change your application once it's been submitted and downloaded by the Admissions Team. If you do need to amend your application after you have submitted it, you must email

school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

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BeeU
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

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 & Thursday

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Emotional Health and Wellbeing

At Whixall C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities. We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts! When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others. Please help your children to be punctual.

Thank you.

Attendance during 1 year	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks