

*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.

## Happy New Year

We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. Thank you so much from all of the staff for the gifts, cards and best wishes that were sent in at the end of term.

A warm welcome to Mrs Owen who joins us to teach Robin Class. Thank you for your amazing support for the raffle which raised £650.50 — an amazing amount of money, we are looking to raise money this year for play-ground markings so this fantastic amount will contribute towards this.

## \*\*\* School Admissions Dates \*\*\*

### Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from 2nd November 2023 to **15th January 2024 online**.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school.

September 2024

## Arts Links

On our website you will find a guide to local opportunities for the arts, resources and support. We hope that you will find it useful. The page can be found from the 'news and events' tab—art all around us. If you know of any other organisations etc that should be included, please let us know.

## Wrap Around Care

We are offering wrap around care after our normal school clubs from 4.30 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. These must be booked and paid for in advance by 3.00 p.m. of the Friday of the previous week (booking will close at 3 p.m.)—our apologies but unfortunately until the club becomes established, we cannot accept bookings in any other way.

Clubs will therefore be organised as follows:

3.00 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.—Usual clubs—please see above at £1.50 per session these are booked and paid for in the usual way.

4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - £4 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.—£6 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

If anyone wishes their child to access club during the week beginning 15th January please book by Friday 12th January.

## PE and outdoor learning

Please find below the days that each class will have their PE lessons. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits. Please note that swimming is not taking place during the Spring Term.

**Mondays** —PE for Skylark Class (Year 1) and Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)

**Tuesdays** - Dragonfly Class (Reception)

**Wednesdays**—Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Mayfly Class (Year 2) and Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)

**Thursday** - Dragonfly Class (Reception), Robin Class (Years 3 and 4), Skylark Class (Year 1)

**Fridays** — Bumblebee Class (Nursery) and Mayfly Class (Year 2)

**If children could bring their outdoor learning clothes into school please and leave them in school, that would be appreciated.**

## Dates for this term

Tuesday 16th January

**Year 1–6 to New Vic Theatre to see 'The Nutcracker'**

Tuesday 6th February

**Young Voices**

Friday 9th February

**Chinese New Year activities**

**Break up for Half Term**

Monday 26th February

**Parent Consultations**

Tuesday 27th February

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Thursday 7th March

**World Book Day**

Wednesday 20th March

**Easter Service at the Church at 9.30 a.m.**

Friday 22nd March

**Break up for Easter Holidays**



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If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)