

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.

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 (Year 1), Robin Class (Years 3 and 4) 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.

Theatre Visit

Well done to our wonderful children who represented our school so well during the recent theatre visit. We are so proud of you.

Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent.

From tomorrow (Monday), we shall be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is purely a health and wellbeing safeguarding check stemming from a recent very sad incident involving a young child and his father.

If you are concerned about someone's safety

In an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101.

To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring our **First Point of Contact team** on **0345 678 9044** Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm.

If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the **Emergency Social Work Duty Team** on 0345 678 9040.

Dates for this term

Friday 2nd February	Number Day
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	Parent Consultations
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

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 29th January please book by Friday 26th January.



Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February. Bookings are available on sQuid from tomorrow (Monday). Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing admin@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk

Thank you.



RSPB—Great Garden Bird Watch 2024

26th—28th January

For more information—visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

HOW TO TAKE PART

1. Get your free guide and stock up on supplies.
2. Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land.
3. Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.

You Tube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13 (however, children of all ages may use the Service and YouTube Kids if enabled by a parent/legal guardian).

What if my child is under the age of 13?

If your child is under the age of 13 then your child should use either YouTube Kids or a Supervised Account. Which option you choose, will depend on your child's age and your requirements.

- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age you select:

Pre-school (ages four and under)

Younger (ages 5–8)

Older (ages 9–12)

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube. You can select one of the following options, again depending on your child's age and your requirements:

Explore - Generally for viewers aged 9+.

Explore more - Generally for viewers aged 13+

Most of YouTube - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

Posting videos

You should be over 13 to post videos. If your child does post videos on YouTube, ensure they understand what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. Talk to them about the different settings available -

Public: anyone can view the video.

Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.

Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.

- **Restricted mode** - is an additional setting (when logged in via a Google account) to restrict the availability of mature content.

- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content/comments**. Find out more here:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>

A Guide to the Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example, the new laws mean social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/a-guide-to-the-online-safety-bill>