

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), Skylark Class (Year 1)

Fridays — Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Mayfly Class (Year 2) and Robin Class (Years 3 and 4)

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

Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 880330) 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.

We also contact parents of Nursery children who do not attend if we do not know the reason for your child's absence, on days that we are expecting them.

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.

Playgroup



Thank you so much to everyone who has responded regarding our questions about a playgroup at our school. We are delighted to say that the playgroup will begin earlier than anticipated on Friday 23rd February from 1.15–2.45 p.m.

Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

Gymnastics

Well done to all of the children in Robin Class who participated in the Gymnastics Festival at Thomas Adams before half term. We are extremely proud of you and everything you achieved.

Dates for this term

Wednesday 21st February	Robin Class Visit to Cadbury World
Wednesday 21st February	Bikeability for Year 6
Thursday 22nd February	Bikeability for Year 6
Monday 26th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7th March	Peregrine Visit to Liverpool
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 26th February please book by Friday 23rd February.

Holiday Club



Thank you to everyone who attended Holiday Club.
The children were amazing!



NSPCC

The NSPCC have produced some fabulous resources for parents with babies and young children. Find them at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/look-say-sing-play-early-years-resources-parents/>



BBC—Tiny, Happy People

Tiny Happy People can help develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.

Ideas from the site show you why and how you can bond with your child, before they're born and throughout their early lives.

The ideas and activities are easy to build into everyday routines. They are quick and inspiring, but they're also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help children's development.

Please visit the link below for more information or search for Tiny, Happy People.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screen time passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>