

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.

- Monday —Robin Class (Years 3 and 4) and Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6) **No PE for Skylark Class**
- Tuesday - Dragonfly Class (Reception)
- Wednesday—Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Skylark Class (Year 1) Mayfly Class (Year 2) and Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)
- Thursday - Dragonfly Class (Reception) and Skylark Class (Year 1)
- Friday — 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.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again during the Easter holidays on Monday 25th Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th March and Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. Bookings are available on sQuid. Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing admin@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk

Children from age 3—11 are very welcome to attend holiday club. Please note that holiday club runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and costs £12 per child.

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 9021** 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 9044.

Dates for this term

Wednesday 20th March	Easter Service at the Church at 9.30 a.m. Everyone welcome to attend
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	Children return to school

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 8th April please book by Friday 5th April.

Comic Relief



It was lovely to see the children wearing
something red.

Your donations raised £92.00

Thank you very much.

Our Easter Service

We would like to invite you to join us for
our
Easter Service
at
St Mary's Church
on
Wednesday 20th March
at 9.30 a.m.



Contact Number for After School Clubs

If you need to contact us after 3.30 p.m. to get a message to us if your child is in clubs then please call 01948 880938.

If you need to contact us regarding information for the following day then please call the usual school number and leave a message. Thank you

BBC—Tiny, Happy People

Tiny Happy People have a range of advice for everyone about helping children to understand their emotions.

Please visit:

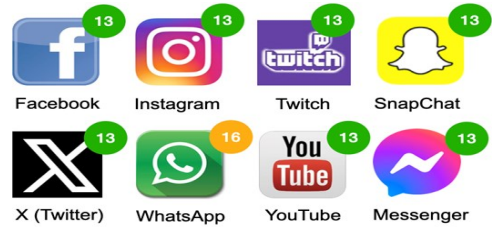
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/helping-children-understand-their-emotions/zc4fsk7>

to find out more.

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.

Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.

Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here:

<https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

More information

Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>

Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>