

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.

We hope that everyone is having a lovely summer break. Thank you so much to everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by everyone.

We wish all of the children who are moving to their new schools well. We are sure that they will have an amazing time and will continue to make us proud.

Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons

We have the most amazing guitar teacher who comes into school every Tuesday. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please use the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4VOVTRiRCRVRUUS4u

Please also use the link to book any other instrumental lessons that you may wish your child to participate in.

Choir

As part of our music provision the children can attend choir which is run by our Music teacher Mrs Hawke every Tuesday lunchtime. There is no cost for this club.

School Meals

The price of our school meals are £2.45 per day. Please pay via sQuid. A reminder to the parents of children in Year 3 that Year 3 children are no longer entitled to Free School Meals, so if your child is having a school lunch, then the cost is £2.45 per day. Please see the attached menu for meal choices, If you ever have any questions or queries about our meals, then Mrs Hitchman our cook would be happy to chat these through with you.



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, we had a wonderful three and a half weeks.

Holiday club will run again during October half term on Monday to Thursday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Nursery

Our Nursery is proving to be extremely popular for the next academic year. If you would like to reserve a place in our Nursery, then please contact us for a registration form.

Your child may start Nursery the term after their 2nd Birthday.

Thank you to everyone who completed parent declaration forms for Nursery sessions for the Autumn Term—everyone has been allocated the sessions requested.

Free School Meals

All children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal. However, if you think that your child would have been entitled to a free meal anyway, based on your income or benefits etc, a free school meal form still has to be completed. Please visit Shropshire Council website to find out more.

Tuckshop

Toast is available to the children every playtime at a cost of 10p per slice and 5p for Nursery and Reception children. Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 also have free fruit on a daily basis. Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc.to eat at playtimes.

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. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

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.

Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming sessions will resume this term for children in Peregrine, Skylark and Mayfly Classes. A letter will be sent home to families of those children with more details. Robin Class and Dragonfly Class will swim during the Summer Term.

Outdoor Learning Timetable Autumn Term 2024

All classes will engage in outdoor learning in the Autumn Term but we would like to organise this slightly differently this year. We would be grateful if your child could keep their outdoor learning clothes and a pair of wellies in school so that outdoor learning can take place on the days that curriculum areas lend themselves to learning outside. Please do not worry if you do not have a pair of wellies or outdoor learning clothes to keep in school as we have spares that the children can borrow.

PE

We will let you know PE days for each class in the next newsletter but we will still be asking the children to wear their PE kits to school on PE and swimming days.

Uniform - School Uniform

We will be working closely with parents to ensure that a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers or skirts

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan **with or without the school logo**

Black shoes for boys and girls (no sandals)

Light blue and white checked dress

For PE

Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms (jogging bottoms are advisable this half term as your child will be wearing their PE all day.

Plain navy T-shirt or a navy T-shirt with the school logo on it

Plain navy hoodie or track suit top
Trainers for all children (not pumps)

Children are allowed to wear plain STUD ear rings which will need to be covered during PE.

We really would appreciate everyone's co-operation with our uniform code.

****Donated School Uniform****

If you require school uniform for your child we have: trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts
in various sizes that have been donated to school.

Please email the school office to check the sizes we have available
and help with recycling.

Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day.

If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.



Thank you.

We would like to remind you of some organisational details which will help the school day to run smoothly and safely for everyone.

1. Children may wear plain studs if ears are pierced. In the interests of safety and security no other jewellery should be worn. Children will be expected to cover ear rings during all P.E. lessons. We appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter as it is for the children's safety.
2. Braids and beads should not be worn in children's hair. It is not acceptable for the children to have unconventional hair cuts such as 'tramlines' etc. Can long hair please be tied back.
3. We would appreciate it if all payments could be made via sQuid. If your child is new to our school then they will be issued with a sQuid code during the first week of the new term.
4. We ask that children do not bring pencil cases from home into school as we do not have space to store them during the school day.
5. Can we ask that children bring a water bottle into school which is labelled with their name please.
6. During the course of this year, the children will be learning the skills to play a number of sports such as hockey, football, cricket and rounders. If parents feel that it is appropriate for their child to have a mouth guard and shin pads in school for these activities, then can we please ask you to purchase these for your child and they bring them into school on their PE days.
7. Medicines – if your child has to take medication during the school day we are happy to administer medication, however we do ask that medicines are brought into school by an adult who we will ask to

**** School Transport ****

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>
Scroll down and click on Primary.

Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs will resume on Wednesday 4th September and will run from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. We will issue a timetable for clubs in the next newsletter.

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 £2.00 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 2nd September please book by Friday 30th August 2024.