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Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 11 February 2013

Lunch Menu Week 2

Dear Parents,

Thank you to our netball team who tried their hardest on Wednesday morning at a tournament at the Marches. Thank you to Miss Duggan and Mr Walker for organising this event.

As it is getting very cold at this time of year, please ensure your child is wearing a warm coat to school.

I hope you have received the details about our Usborne Sponsored Read which the children will be doing during their half term holiday. Remember the more money we raise the more our school can spend on books for the children.

Enjoy your weekend.

Sean Sibley

DIARY DATES

Monday 11 February	Dexys is on all week AM PM 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm	Usborne Books Assembly Muddy Mondays is on for children in Reception Netball Club SENCO surgery
Tuesday 12 February	PM 1.00—3.45pm 3.15—3.30pm 3.15—4.30pm	Violins for children in Year 4 Year 5 to Lakelands to watch production of <i>Grease</i> Library open NO Football Club for children in Years 5 and 6 until after half term
Wednesday 13 February	8.30am 9.30am AM 12.30—1.00pm 12.30—1.00pm 1.00—3.00pm PM 3.15—4.30pm 4.00—6.00pm	Walking Bus from the castle Ash Wednesday Church Service—Everyone welcome NO Welly Wednesdays for children in Years 1 and 2 Homework club for children in Years 3-6 Recorder Club with Mrs Poole. Triple P Positive Parenting Workshop Sports Coaching for children in Years 5 and 6 J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups Year 3+4 Football Match at Shrewsbury Sports Village
Thursday 14 February	9.15am 12.30—12.55pm 12.30—12.55pm 3.15—4.15pm 3.15—4.30pm	Recycler the Robot visiting school Choir Cross Country with Mr Sibley and Miss Mansfield. Bring tracksuit bottoms and trainers which will get muddy. Art & Craft Club for Reception children Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children Years 1+2
Friday 15 February	2.00pm 3.15—4.30pm 3.15—4.15pm 3.15pm	Parent Council Meeting in the Rowson Room NO Football for children in Years 3+4 until after half term Gymnastics Club BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

WHITTINGTON INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 1-9 May 2013

All the chamber music of Johannes Brahms in nine wonderful concerts with some of the world's best new generation musicians. Tickets: £10 per concert 01691 657986 or online at www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk

Leaflets are in Reception. The musicians will also be coming in to work with the children and a couple of our pupils will have the chance to appear at the festival.
Special pass available for £50

LIBRARY OPEN

The school library will be open every

Tuesday after school from 3.15—3.30pm and on a Monday 12.30—12.30pm

Why not come along?.



World Book Day
Thursday 7 March
Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character.
Who will you dress up as?



Positive Parenting Workshop

CHANGED TO:

Wednesday 13 February 1-3pm

**NEW
DATE**

These will take place in our new room and tea, coffee and cake(!!) will be provided. There is no need to book, please just turn up.

Message from Sue Ellis, Manager of the castle:-

'I travel to Whittington each day on the Arriva 70 Bus and last week the bus had a real problem getting through the village due to the amount of cars dropping off children at school. I heard the driver mutter "One day someone will get killed here!".

I think the congestion seems to be getting worse. Can I again offer parents the opportunity to park for free on the Castle Car Park. I know it is a bit of a walk but I am sure you all agree better a walk than an accident.

Sue Ellis
Whittington Castle

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that they must not use the car park at The Penrhos Arms or at The White Lion.

CONDOVER HALL TRIP—Year 5

Monday 30 September—Friday 4 October 2013

Although this residential trip may seem like it is months away, we really do urge parents to continue to make regular payments towards the total cost which is £200. If you want to know your current balance, please contact the school office.



February 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Whittington Primary is taking part in The Big Pedal 2013!!

The Big Pedal is a giant inter-school cycling competition happening in schools all across the UK from 28th February to 20th March. It's powered by UK charity Sustrans (www.sustrans.org.uk) and funded by the Bike Hub (www.bikehub.co.uk)

It's totally FREE to enter and we would love parents, pupils and staff at Whittington Primary to get involved! Visit www.bigpedal.org.uk to find out more and to see how well your school is doing!

The Big Pedal works a bit like the Tour de France: each day is a new stage taking pupils who cycle or scoot their usual journey to and from school on an imaginary route all around the UK. Schools record how many pupils, parents and staff cycle and scoot to school each day and the more that do, the faster their time will be for that stage. The winning school is the school that completes the whole race in the fastest overall time.

Whittington Primary special Big Pedal events:

To celebrate the Big Pedal Whittington will be putting on some fun special events to be delivered by your Bike it Officer during the competition, to encourage as many pupils as possible to take part:

Thursday 28th February: Superhero fancy dress day!! Pay £1.00 to cycle or scoot to school dressed as a superhero, money raised will go towards Sustrans work across the country

Thursday 7th March: Year 3 and 4 playground cycle skills

Thursday 14th March: Whittington Mini time-trial!

Pupils who cycle in on this day will be invited to cycle around the obstacle course set up on the playground, to see which pupil from each class can cycle around it in the fastest time- prizes available for the fastest pupils!!

Pupils wishing to take part in these events need to bring their bikes to school on these days.

Getting ready to ride...

If your child will be cycling to school during the Big Pedal, please ensure their bike is in good condition, the main things to check are: **brakes** (two working brakes); **tyres** (pumped up and not worn) and **saddle height** (suitable for your child).

We hope you will get involved in this fantastic competition- the more of you that cycle or scoot to school the better your school's chance of winning some brilliant prizes!

Let's pedal our way to success!!

Joanne Morison, Sustrans Bike it Officer, Oswestry
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