

THE



BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 13 May 2013

Brand New Lunch Menu Week 2

Dear Parents-Thank you to those parents who turned up for the Friends meeting last night. I hope there will be lots of parents who will be able to help in some way with the Summer Fair. We all want this to raise as much money as possible for the school. You will shortly be receiving some letters to ask for your help at the fair. I have noticed that there has been a general decline in standards of uniform recently and I want to ensure that your child is coming to school wearing the correct uniform. Please make sure your child is wearing black or dark coloured shoes and not trainers to school. As it is Summer, children may wear sandals as long as they have a strong strap to make sure they don't slip off. They should also be wearing grey or black trousers, a white polo shirt and the red school sweatshirt. Obviously girls can wear their red checked dresses. Also long hair must be tied back and there should be no make up or nail varnish worn. I am going to start giving out stickers to any child that is wearing the correct uniform so hopefully your child will be coming home covered in stickers! If your child repeatedly does not wear the correct uniform, you will be sent a text. Thank you for your help with this. Sean Sibley

SATS

Just a reminder that children in Year 6 will be doing their SATs next week. Please make sure children are in school on time and get plenty of rest.. Children can bring a snack and a drink (no fizzy drinks) in with them.

- MONDAY Reading Test
- TUESDAY Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test
- WEDNESDAY Maths Test A and Mental Maths
- THURSDAY Maths Test B

Please remember to register at



<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowhittingtonschool>

It doesn't cost you ANYTHING! So far only 8 people have registered and we have raised £11.13. Every penny goes to The Friends which in turn will benefit YOUR child.

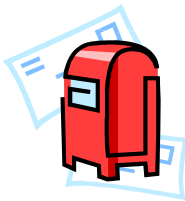
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ONE OF OUR SCHOOL DINNERS?

Every parent/carer is being invited to enjoy a school dinner with their child. The closing date was today however we have extended this to next Friday. If you would like to order a dinner, please call at the Reception Area and complete an order form and pay.

PARENT COUNCIL

We have a vacancy for a parent of a child in **YEAR 3** to join our Parent Council. Meetings are relaxed and informal (with refreshments!) and we meet approximately once every 5 weeks. Please call at the office to let us know if you are interested.

To save you time queuing at the office window, please use the RED post office in the Reception Area for slips and envelopes. If you are posting money, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name on. Please do not use the white post box as this is for school mail. There are several matches and trips coming up so please use the post box.



Are you experiencing severe hardship? We have been given vouchers which we can issue to get 3 days worth of emergency food. Please call at the office for a voucher from either Miss Warner or Mrs Lightwood, our two authorised distributors. Food must be collected from Oswestry.



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The mysterious Golden Lock has been appearing on bikes and scooters this week. This initiative is to encourage children to ride either part or all of the journey to school, not just across the yard. If you want your child to be in with a chance, please try and ride part of the way rather than simply bringing the bike/scooter to school and parking it in the rack!



CAN YOU HELP?

Our Year 6 children are going to be painting our outdoor furniture after their SATS. Do you have any half full tins of outdoor paint that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to school? We are also in need of brushes.



PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR REGULARLY FOR HEADLICE AND TREAT ACCORDINGLY.



DIARY DATES—The Week Ahead

SATS WEEK FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 6

Have you seen the golden padlock?



Monday 13 May

Dexys is on all week

AM

YEAR 6 READING TEST

PM

Muddy Mondays for children in Reception Class

3.15

NO SENCO surgery. The next one is on 20 May 2013

3.15—4.00pm

Rounders Club

3.15—4.30pm

Tennis Club

Tuesday 14 May

AM

YEAR 6 GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION

10.00am

Year 4 Class Assembly—parents welcome

PM

Violins for children in Years 4 and 5

3.15—3.30pm

Library open

3.15—4.15pm

Fencing

3.15—4.30pm

Cricket Club for children in Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 15 May

8.30am

Walking Bus from the castle

AM

YEAR 6 MATHS PAPER A and MENTAL MATHS

AM

Welly Wednesdays for children in Years 1 and 2

12.30—1.00pm

Homework club for children in Years 3-6

12.30—1.00pm

Recorder Club with Mrs Poole.

PM

Sports Coaching for children in Years 2 and 3

3.15—4.30pm

J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups

Thursday 16 May

AM

YEAR 6 MATHS PAPER B

12.30—12.55

Cross Country with Mr Sibley for years 3,4,5 and 6

12.30—12.55pm

Choir

3.00pm

Nearly New Uniform Sale ****NEW DATE****

3.15—4.15pm

Art & Craft Club for children in Years, R,1 and 2.

3.15—4.30pm

Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children Years 1 and 2

Friday 17 May

AM

Lacrosse Coaching for children in Year 6

3.15—4.30pm

Cricket Club for children in Years 3 and 4

3.15—4.15pm

Gymnastic Club

5.00pm

Meeting for parents of children starting in Reception class in September



Is it on your bike?



DIARY DATES— Forthcoming Events

MAY

- Monday 20 Sticky Fingers after school club—theme is Pentecost. Open to all year groups and the 50p charge goes towards resources, a healthy snack and a drink
- Tuesday 21 Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 invited to sample a school dinner £3
Cycling Skills Day for children in years 5 and 6
Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Match versus Trefonen here. Finishes 4.30pm
- Wednesday 22 Orthoptist coming to check vision of children in Reception Class-1.30pm
- Friday 24 Break up for Half Term

JUNE

- Monday 3 Children return to school
- Tuesday 4 Parents of children in Year 4 invited to sample a school dinner £3
- Friday 7 Children in Years 5 and 6 going to Technquest, Wrexham.
Leaving school at 9.30am and back before the end of the school day
Education Welfare Officer coming to check attendance and punctuality
- Monday 10 Children in Year 6 to visit Oswestry on the bus
- Tuesday 11 Violinists to play to the Senior Citizens
- Wednesday 12 Kwik Cricket Tournament at Oswestry Cricket Club— 9.30am
- Saturday 15 School Summer Fair 11.30—3.30pm
- Monday 17 Sticky Fingers after school club—theme is The Bible. Open to all year groups
50p charge goes towards resources, a healthy snack and a drink
- Tuesday 18 Governors Meeting and lunch
- Wednesday 19 Parents of children in Year 3 invited to sample a school dinner £3
- Friday 21 Sample Day 1/2 for Year 6 children going to the Marches
- Tuesday 25 Parents of children in Year 2 invited to sample a school dinner £3

Monday 24—Friday 28 June NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

- Wednesday 26 Skipping Day for children in Years 3-6
Children in Reception Class and Years 1 and 2 going to Attingham Park, Shrewsbury. Leave at 9.30am and back at approximately 3.20pm
- Thursday 27 'Bling Your Bike' Day for all pupils (dress your bike up in a flamboyant style!)
Open air service and picnic on the school field 3.15—5.00pm
- Friday 28 Class Act violin concert at Theatre Severn for children in Year 5 (PM & evening)

JULY

- Wednesday 3 Sports Day (1st choice)
- Thursday 4 Sports Day (2nd choice)
Modern Languages Event at Marches School for Children in Year 5
- Friday 5 Sports Day (3rd choice)
Reports go out to parents
- Tuesday 9 Parents of children in Year 1 invited to sample a school dinner £3
- Wednesday 10 Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 invited to sample a school dinner £3
Shropshire Sings at Meole Brace School 1.00pm
- Thursday 11 Sample Day 2/2 for Year 6 children going to the Marches
Open Evening
- Friday 12 Taster Day at Lakelands for children currently in year 5
- Monday 15 Year 6 Production 1.30pm Dress Rehearsal in front of whole school
5.00pm to parents in the school hall
- Tuesday 16 Year 6 to Senior Citizens for Leavers Lunch
- Thursday 18 Year 6 Leavers Service in church 1.30pm
Reserve date for open air service and picnic on the school field 3.15—5.00pm
- Friday 19 Year 6 Prom (Music & Food) in school time
Children break up for the Summer holidays

(Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July are PD Days when children DO NOT attend school)

Whittington Community Centre

May 2013

Stay & Play Session



Thursdays 9.15 – 11.15 am

- Come along and play with your child
- Access information, advice and support

16th May Forest Fun
 Explore and learn through play in the Forest School Area




Please wear wellies and suitable outdoor clothing

Children's Centres Courses in the Summer Term

Story Sacks 2 hour workshop 20th May 9.30-11.30 Holy Trinity
Puppets & Aliens 2 hour workshop 10th June 9.30-11.30 Holy Trinity
Clay Craft 2 hour workshop 21st May 9.30-11.30 Woodside
Reading Robots 2 hour workshop 13th May 9.30-11.30 Holy Trinity
Dinky Dancers 25th June for 4 weeks 9.15-10.15 Woodside


For further information or to book a place, please contact:
 Children's Centres Services on 01691 656513



Natural resources

We would like to form a collection of natural resources, such as pebbles and twigs, which the children can use in small world play during the sessions. If you would like to collect any resources with your children and bring them into the session, we would be very grateful.

Dad's Group
 Join us on Saturday 18th May
 at **Woodside Children's Centre, Oswestry**
 10am-12pm



Nappy Disposal Bins

We are sorry that we are no longer able to provide a nappy bin in the baby change area. We should appreciate it if you could help us by taking soiled nappies away with you. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

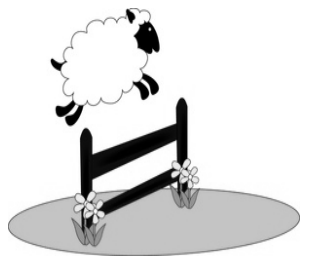
Many thanks.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

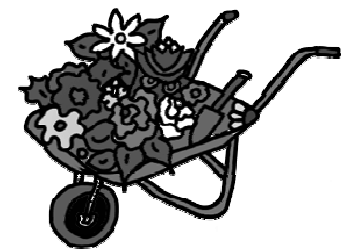
Sunday 12 May 4pm, Springtime 'Messy Church'

- + Crafts and activities from 4 p.m.
- + At 4.30 p.m. we gather for a short act of worship with songs and a story.
- + We end with sandwiches, cakes and drinks for all to share.

At this service we will be saying thank you to Ann Hughes and Brenda Davies as they retire from their role as Sunday School teachers. We are very grateful for all they have done over many years for the young people of our parish.



Sunday 19 May 2:30-5:00pm, Open Garden with Cream Tea, Children's Trail, Plant Sale and Bring-and-Buy at Maes Termyn, Ellesmere Road, in aid of Whittington Church.



Plant sale, bring and buy, adults £5, children £1

For more information please contact Revd Sarah Burton, 01691 238658, Whittington.church@yahoo.com

St. John the Baptist Church,
Whittington

Family Sundays in church

Children are welcome at all Church services but

in May we have two special Sunday activities that are particularly suitable for families:

5 May: 10.30 a.m. Festival Praise

1-9 May is Whittington International Chamber Music Festival with the Leondari Ensemble.

At this special service, for people of all ages, some of the musicians will help with our music and there will also be a celebration of baptism. The service will last 45 minutes and will not include Holy Communion. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

12 May: 4 p.m. Spring Time

This will be our second Messy Church

Please join us for activities, worship and refreshments with a springtime theme.

Sunday School Review:

We are currently reviewing our Sunday School provision and there will be **no more monthly Sunday Schools arranged after Easter Sunday**. We are looking at ways of providing more activities for children who attend on any Sunday. At the moment we have books, toys and paper and crayons available for use during services.

Praise and Play, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m., Whittington Church, Tuesdays in term-time

A short service for pre-school children and their parents, grandparents or carers followed by time for play and refreshments

New Term begins Tuesday 16 April
No Praise and Play on 9 April or 28 May 2013

Sticky Fingers, 3.15 p.m. at Whittington School

Sticky Fingers is an after school club open to all children of primary school age (ages 4-11). There is a 50p charge, which goes towards resources, a healthy snack and drink. We usually have a Bible story, and then do some arts and crafts activities or play games, relevant to the theme of the day.

Monday April 22nd: Daniel and the Lions den.

Monday May 20th: Pentecost

Monday June 17th: The Bible

3.15 – 5.00 pm, Thursday 27 June

Whittington School Service and Picnic

Join us on the school field for an open air worship service followed by games and activities.

Bring along your own picnic tea and a rug to sit on. Soft drinks will be provided.

This is a family event all children should be accompanied by an adult.



If you have a child with a disability or additional need and would like funding for childcare, then we may be able to help.

After the success of the Network Childminding Pilot Project, we now have further funding available to enable children & young people with a variety of needs to access childcare. Over 90 children have accessed funded childcare placements through the project so far, with disabilities and additional needs including Cerebral Palsy, Autism, ADHD, epilepsy etc Funding was also provided for specialist equipment for childcare placements including a hoist.

*"Accessing childcare has opened up the door to me being able to work again which is immeasurable both in terms of income and impact on my self esteem"
Parent of a 4 year old with Autism*

*"It has allowed us a small respite during the Summer holiday"
Parent of a 14 year old with Cerebral Palsy & Epilepsy,*

If your child is aged between 2-16 years, then please call us now to find out more about childcare funding.

Call Sue Carroll on 07582 002386 or email sue.carroll@shropshire.gov.uk or Jill Cleaveley on 07582 002396 or email jill.cleaveley@shropshire.gov.uk

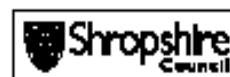
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Project effective until March 2014



Childminder Network Short Breaks Project

Application and Referral Form



(Version 2, valid from 16th April 2013)

Please complete this application form if you would like to apply for funding for childcare through the Childminder Network Short Breaks Project.

If your child is already registered with Shropshire Council's All In project, please complete only this page. If your child is not registered with the All In project, please complete the whole application form.

Child Information (Must be completed in full)		Date of Birth	Ethnicity
Surname		dd/mm/yy	
Forename	Gender M / F		
Parent carer information			
Full name		Telephone number	
Further information			
Will the childcare provider need any specialist training? ie, Makaton, administering medication		Are other services involved with child? Yes/No If yes who?	
Please indicate preferences for days times and areas (please note we will try to meet your requests however this may not always be possible and alternate time may be offered subject to availability)			
How would this short break enable you to better care for your child/ren/family			
I confirm I am <u>not</u> receiving any other child care support from other sources			
I give my permission for information from my child's All In application form to be used to find suitable childcare.			
<small>Please leave blank if you do receive support</small>			
Name	Signature		
Date			
I do have child care support from other sources			
I give my permission for information from my child's All In application form to be used to find suitable childcare.			
Please write below to support your application and state who you receive support from			
<small>Please leave blank if you do not receive other support</small>			
Name	Signature		
Date			
Referring Professional Name			
Agency:			
Email:			
Telephone No:			

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Monday 13th March, 9.30am-11.30am

Monday 10th June, 9.30am-11.30am

Monday 1st July, 9.30am-11.30am

Come along and join in the fun and activities

(for children under 5)

for further details

please contact:

Sure Start Children's Centres

on: **01691 656513**

