

THE



BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 21 January 2013

Lunch Menu Week 3

Dear Parents,

Well done to our swimming team-who battled hard in a swimming gala against Oswestry School on Tuesday. We didn't win but it was so close that the whole gala rested on the last race! The children made me feel so proud as they never gave up. Thank you to all my staff who have battled the conditions to get here today and obviously you will have heard that we are giving you the option to collect your children from 1.00 p.m. as the conditions where you live may be hazardous. However we will all be here until the end of the day. Have a good weekend and enjoy the snow!
Sean Sibley

DIARY DATES

Monday 21 January	Dexys is on all week PM 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.15pm	Muddy Mondays for children in Reception Class Netball Club Nearly New Uniform sale in the hall SENCO surgery Sticky Fingers—theme is FISH. 50p to cover costs. All ages
Tuesday 22 January	Special Lunch Menu —Farmhouse Breakfast PM 1.00—3.00pm 3.15—4.30pm	Tag Rugby match at Oswestry School Triple P Parenting Workshop. No need to book—please just come along NO Football Club for children in Years 5+6 until after half term
Wednesday 23 January	8.30am AM 12.30—1.00pm 12.30—1.00pm PM 3.15—4.30pm	Walking Bus from the castle Welly Wednesdays for children in Years 1+2 Homework club for children in Years 3-6 Recorder Club with Mrs Poole. Sports Coaching for children in Years 5+6 J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups
Thursday 24 January	12.30—12.55pm 12.30—12.55pm 2.30—4.00pm 3.15—4.15pm 3.15—4.30pm	Choir Cross Country with Mr Sibley and Miss Mansfield. Please bring warm clothes- tracksuit bottoms and trainers which will get muddy. Allpay Surgery. Appointments not necessary. Just turn up! Art & Craft Club Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children Years 1+2
Friday 25 January	3.15—4.30pm 3.15—4.15pm	NO Football for children in Years 3+4 until after half term Gymnastics Club

EMERGENCY CLOSURE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

If you are not sure whether we are open or not you should tune into **BBC Radio Shropshire on 96FM** or log on to **their website**. We will also be texting parents so it is vital you keep us notified of any changes to contact numbers. You should not assume the school is closed unless you have been told officially.

TIMEKEEPING

No child should be left unattended on the school yard before 8.45am. The only children allowed in to school early are those attending Breakfast Club (7.45am onwards) or those attending Dexys which starts at 8.30am.

We are also having an increasing number of children who are coming to school after the doors have closed at 8.55am. This causes interruptions to office staff, teachers, pupils and the school cook who collects her dinner numbers at 9.00am. We would also like to re-iterate that parents should allow their children to come into the school building on their own to encourage independence. If a parent/carer needs to see a member of staff they should make an appointment at the school office.

A small number of parents are persistently late collecting their children from school. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 come out at 3.10pm and children in years 3-6 come out at 3.15pm. In future, if you are late collecting your child and you have failed to notify the school in advance, your child will be put in Play & Learn after school club for which you will be charged.

Please try to ensure you adhere to the times above.

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

Dates from the Church

**Sunday 20 January—Sunday School
10.30am at Whittington Church**

**Monday 21 January—Sticky Fingers
3.15-4.15pm. The theme is 'fish'. 50p charge
which goes towards a healthy snack and
drink and resources**

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Preeshenlle Church Hall, Gobowen

Every Tuesday 6-7.30pm

Ages 4-18

Fun, friendship, games, camps, sleepovers, craft
and parties!

For more information contact Margaret on 01691
662423 or pick up a leaflet from the Reception
Area

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any toy cars that your child no longer plays with that you could donate to school for children to play with at lunchtimes?



Please drop any unwanted items at the school office. Thank you



Positive Parenting Workshops

FREE!

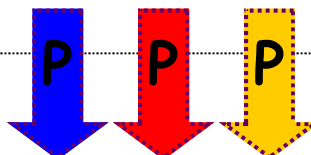
Tuesday 22 January 1-3pm

Tuesday 29 January 1-3pm

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.

Please see details of the sessions below





Workshop Series – Positive Parenting in a nutshell

Is this you?

Most of the time, parenting is great fun and you know you are doing a good job. However there are times when things get a little tricky such as when your toddler refuses to eat or when your six year old won't pick up his toys or perhaps it's when your pre-teen is disrespectful. We are here to give you some ideas to make those times easier!

Who should attend?

We welcome parents/carers/grandparents/aunts and uncles – in fact anyone who has care of children or who would like to find out some parenting tips! You do not have to book on and can just turn up - we have plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions and are available following the session for advice if necessary. The workshops are stand-alone sessions so it is not necessary for parents/carers to have attended all the workshops. We are hoping to put more of these on across the county and have rolling programmes with both day and evening sessions to hopefully cater for working parents and partners too.

What is a Parenting Workshop?

Parenting workshops are for groups of parents/carers. It's an informal presentation -a little like a forum and it deals with the most common parenting issues we all face.

Where do I go for a Workshop?

Workshops will usually be organised by a community organisation like a local school, nursery, child health centre or a church group and be held in a public space like a school, clubhouse or hall.

How long will it take?

Our workshops take about 2 hours. There is time at the end for your questions, but you will not have to speak up if you do not want to! It is your choice. There is also no homework and no follow up. It is designed to be a brief introduction to the Triple P strategies.

You will definitely get some great ideas to try at home with your family!