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Week Commencing: 25 February 2013

## Lunch Menu Week 3

Dear Parents,

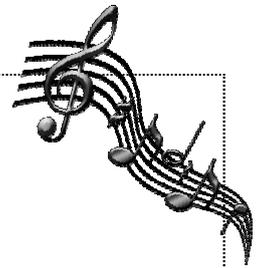
I hope any parents and families who joined us at church on Wednesday enjoyed the Ash Wednesday service. This is something which will be repeated over the year for other services and I would like to thank Sarah and the church for organising this. Please see the note about the sponsored read. Remember the more money raised through sponsorship-the more money the school can spend on books for the library and the classrooms. Also there are prizes for the children who raise the most sponsorship money! Enjoy your week and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 25th February. Sean Sibley

## DIARY DATES

Monday 25 February	Dexys is on all week All Day PM 3.15-4.00pm 3.15-4.00pm 3.15-4.15pm	Netball Tournament at Moreton Hall School Muddy Mondays is on for children in Reception Netball Club SENCO surgery Sticky Fingers. All year groups. Theme is 'sheep'. 50p for refreshments.
Tuesday 26 February	AM PM 3.15-3.30pm 3.15-4.30pm 5.00pm	Cycle Assembly Violins for children in Years 4 and 5 Library open Football Club for children in Years 5 and 6 Full Governors Meeting
Wednesday 27 February	8.30am AM 12.30-1.00pm 12.30-1.00pm PM 3.15-4.30pm 4.00-6.00pm	Walking Bus from the castle Welly Wednesdays for children in Years 1 and 2 Homework club for children in Years 3-6 Recorder Club with Mrs Poole. 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 28 February	Superhero Fancy Dress Day-pay £1 to cycle or scoot to school dressed as a superhero 12.30-12.55pm 3.00pm  3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.30pm	Choir Cross Country at Ellesmere College with Mr Sibley First race is 3.45pm. Finishes at 5pm Art & Craft Club for Reception children Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children Years 1+2 Cost is £10 for this half term. Please pay at the office
Friday 1 March	3.15-4.30pm 3.15-4.15pm Back to School Disco 5.00-6.00pm 6.30-8.00pm	Football for children in Years 3+4 Gymnastics Club  Disco for Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 Disco for Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



# WHITTINGTON INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL 1-9 May 2013



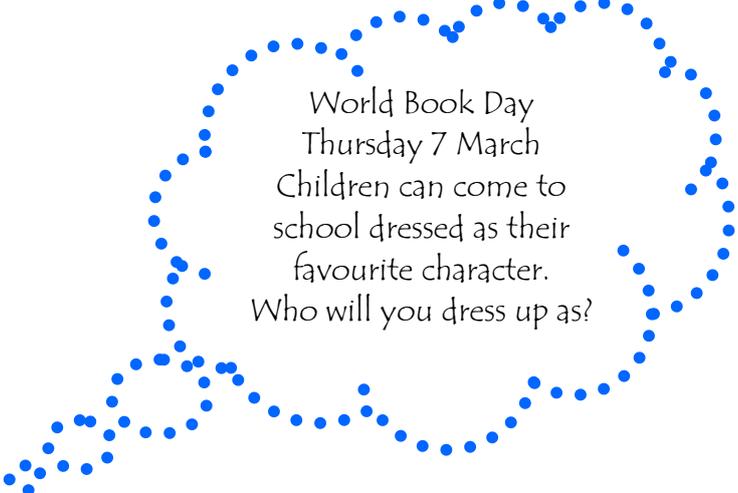
All the chamber music of Johannes Brahms in nine wonderful concerts with some of the world's best new generation musicians. Tickets: £10 per concert 01691 657986 or online at [www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk](http://www.whittingtonmusicfestival.org.uk)

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

## IMPORTANT Note to Parents of children who walk to and from school

A member of the public has informed us that some of our pupils who walk home after school are behaving irresponsibly by playing in the road and not walking sensibly along the pavement. We urge parents to talk to their children about the importance of road safety before there is an accident. Thank you



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

## Dates from the Church

**Sunday 17 February**

**Sunday School at Whittington Parish Church. 10.30am. All welcome to attend**

**Monday 25 February**

**Sticky Fingers 3.15—4.15pm. Theme is 'sheep'. Cost is 50p to cover the cost of refreshments and materials used.**

### 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**

Condover Hall need our deposits by Sunday 3 March 2013 so if you definitely want your child to go, please ensure you have paid your minimum deposit of £25 before that date.

Please remember that by paying the deposit you are also committing to pay the remaining balance of £175 too.



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March. It's powered by UK charity Sustrans ([www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)) and funded by the Bike Hub ([www.bikehub.co.uk](http://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](http://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 Officer during the competition, to encourage as many pupils as possible to take part:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 and 4 playground cycle skills

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!!