

# THE



# BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 2 December 2013

Lunch Menu Week 3—**Some changes**-please see below

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by coming to the Christmas Fayre. We raised £1000 for the children. A special thank you to the Friends who worked so hard to organise stalls, refreshments etc. Please can I remind parents that if your child is actually sick then it is 48 hours before they can return to school. This is following the Health Agency's guidelines for sickness. Have a good weekend.

*Sean Sibley*

### NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

[admin@whittington.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whittington.shropshire.sch.uk)

### SERIOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE

We have received a number of phone calls from members of the public regarding dangerous parking by some of our parents outside school.

We have had meeting with members of the Council and have asked the police to be more vigilant too. To try and alleviate the problem we are currently exploring setting up a walking bus 5 days a week from three starting points.

Parents have been offered FREE parking at **the castle** and at the **Olde Boote Inne** so we urge you to make use of these areas to park safely before someone gets seriously hurt.



Thank you to everybody who donated, helped and supported the 'Christmas Cracker'. We made a profit of £1000!

**We really want to encourage parents to set up an Allpay account. It only takes a few moments and is easy to maintain once it's up and running. Letters are available from the school office which offer a step-by-step guide to setting up an account.**

**FOR HELP FROM ALLPAY, contact:-**

**Tel: 0844 557 8318**

**Email: [support@allpay.net](mailto:support@allpay.net)**

### SPECIAL MENU NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 December—Friday 6 December

Monday— as advertised

Tuesday— Seaside fish fillet, chips/ pasta, peas or baked beans

Wednesday—CHRISTMAS DINNER— Turkey (**Vegetarian option is cranberry and parsnip flan / quorn fillets**) and gravy with chipolatas and stuffing balls, roasted and creamed potatoes, sprouts and peas.

Christmas pudding and custard, Iced Christmas Tree Cookies or Yuletide Ice-Cream

Thursday— Sausages with creamy mash and herby diced potatoes, sweetcorn and baked beans

Friday— as advertised

Christmas Party Invitation from The Boote—**TONIGHT (FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER)**—'Step into Christmas' Party tonight at Ye Olde Boote Inn. Starting at 8.30pm, come and have some festive fun, enjoy the warm, welcoming atmosphere, and why not try the fantastic festive ales that are on offer? We hope to see you later!

## DICK WHITTINGTON

Whittington Castle will be doing Panto Tours which will take place on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd December at 12 noon and 2pm.

The audience will move around the Castle and watch scenes from our Panto "Dick Whittington and his Cat".

Follow the exploits of Dick as he travels to London and beyond.

Any queries give Sue Ellis a call on 01691 662500

Thank you

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## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH



**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10:00 – 12:00 noon**

**COFFEE & MINCE PIES**

**In the**

**SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, WHITTINGTON**

**Various Stalls: Cakes, Books, Cards, Children's Toy & Book Stall and Raffle... ..also a Surprise Visitor!**

*In Aid of Church Funds*



# DIARY DATES - The Week Ahead

## Monday 2 December NO DEXYS THIS WEEK

- AM Children in Year 4 doing Sports Superstars. Come to school in your PE kits and bring uniform with you.
- PM School choir to Leonard Cheshire home to sing to the residents—back before the end of school
- 3.15pm NO Muddy Mondays for children in Reception Class. This has now finished. SENCO surgery with Mrs Poole. Please make an appointment at the school office.
- 3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children in Years 3 and 4

## Tuesday 3 December

- 12.30—1.00pm I-pod Club for children in Year 6.
- 2.00PM Year 5 violinists playing to the senior citizens  
NO Violins for children in Year 4
- 12.00—3.15pm Drum tuition for selected children
- 2.00pm Reception Class Nativity
- 3.15—3.30pm Library open
- 3.15—4.15pm Fencing Club for children in years 4-6
- 3.15—4.30pm NO Tag Rugby Club for children in years 4, 5 and 6
- 3.15—4.30pm Football Match at Oswestry School

## Wednesday 4 December

- 10.30am NO SWIMMING—this has now finished for this academic year
- 12 noon Christmas Dinner—Please remember to ensure you have £2.10 on your Allpay Account. If you didn't order a Christmas Dinner please remember to send your child to school with sandwiches.
- PM Sports Coaching for children in years 3 and 4
- 3.15—4.00pm Homework Club for children in Years 5 and 6 with Mrs Frost.
- 3.15—4.30pm J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups  
£17.50 for the half term up to Christmas. Please pay at the office.

## Thursday 5 December

- 1.30pm Christmas Service in the Church
- 3.15—4.15pm Art & Craft Club for children in Years 1 and 2 .
- 3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club for children in years 1 and 2 with Mr Walker

## Friday 6 December

- 12.00—12.30pm Cross Country with Mr Sibley
- 1.30pm Christmas Service in the Church
- 3.15—4.30pm Gymnastics is on

## DIARY DATES—

**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

### DECEMBER

- Monday 9 NO 'Superstars' session for children in Year 4.
- Tuesday 10 School choir going to St Oswald's church to rehearse. Back before the end of school.
- Wednesday 11 Goldilocks Pantomime coming to school  
6.40pm—choir to St Oswald's church to perform. Service finishes at 8.30pm
- Monday 16 Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into.  
AM—Choir to The Visitor Centre, Oswestry. Back in time for lunch  
SENCO Surgery 3.15pm onwards. Please make an appointment at the school Office
- Tuesday 17 Drummers having double drum lessons to make up for a missed session.
- Wednesday 18 School choir singing at The Boote car park. Meet at 6pm, starts 6.30pm
- Friday 20 Break up for Christmas holidays
- Monday 23 Friends of Whittington bag packing in Sainsburys

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014**

Are you starting to buy or order Christmas presents? Why not help your school whilst doing this? It's easy and the Friends get a percentage of everything you buy which in turn benefits your child. Please visit

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

It doesn't cost you ANYTHING and it is the easiest way to raise money for the Friends of Whittington School! Simply shop online as you normally would using any of the 2000 well known retailers listed, such as Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis etc and every time you make a purchase they will donate money to The Friends of Whittington School.

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

## Buying a kids Bike... Some tips.

- Weight is the most important thing. Can you lift it? More importantly, could your child lift it?
- Keep it simple. Just a single-speed for under 5s and rear gears only for older children.
- Quality pays! More fun, less fixing, better bits, sell it for more when you are done with it.
- Buy from a good local bike shop, and look for brands that also make good adult bikes—avoid toy branded bikes.
- If you want to look online, Islabikes and Frog bikes are among the best children's bikes.
- Try it before you buy it if at all possible.

Brake levers... These need to have a light action and easy reach....

No rear suspension. It is heavy and doesn't really work for little people... They have springy legs!

Gears need to be easy to use with little hands....

Plenty of growing room

Frame size: make sure that they can ride it comfortably now. Then check that there is room to grow!

Wheel Size... A very rough guide!

12" Toddlers  
16" YR-Y2  
20" Y1-Y5  
24" Y3-Y6  
26" Y5-Adult

How about fenders... a rock protector?

How about fenders?

Gears at the back, but not at the front... More gears = extra weight.

Alloy Chainset with one chainering only. Kids find it difficult to use front gears.

Alloy V-Brakes... Less squeaks.

A rigid fork with no suspension! It is much lighter and like legs, arms are springy already.

If your child is 2-5yrs and can't cycle yet, a Balance bike might be the best bet.

If buying a second hand bike, maybe get a bike shop to service it for you.

HAPPY CYCLING!

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT



**Shropshire Council**  
**School Terms and Holiday Programme**  
**School Year 2013 / 2014**

	August 2013							September 2013							October 2013							November 2013							December 2013										
Monday								2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday								3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday								4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Thursday								5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Friday								6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday								7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday								8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	28	

38 days

35 days

	January 2014							February 2014							March 2014							April 2014							May 2014								
Monday								3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27				
Tuesday								4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28				
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Saturday								8	15	22	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31									
Sunday								2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	19 days													

19 days

34 days

30 days

	June 2014							July 2014							August 2014																		
Monday								3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30								
Tuesday								4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
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Friday								7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	5	12	19	26	3
Saturday								8	15	22	29	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	30	7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27	4
Sunday								1	8	15	22	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28	5

34 days

Total - 190 Days



**PD Days:** 2 September 2013  
 25 October 2013  
 11 April 2014  
 18 July 2014

21 July 2014 - Optional PD day, can be changed at discretion of Headteacher or changed to Twilight sessions. Where an additional PD day is planned on a teaching day it will be necessary to allocate a further pupil day from holiday days to maintain the 190 pupil days.

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**School Year 2014 / 2015**

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29 days

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Sunday								12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30																	

34 days

Bank Holiday  
 Programmed PD days  
 Holiday

190 days