

THE



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Week Commencing: 9 December 2013

Lunch Menu Week 1

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas performances today and yesterday. I thought the children did really well and it was nice to see all the children involved. Well done to our Reception children who performed their nativity on Tuesday too. As you know we are still selling raffle tickets for our school Christmas draw-so please help to support the school by buying some tickets. Your child will be bringing a book home to sell too. As you will read below there are prizes for the children selling the most raffle tickets! So far I have 3 parents who have offered to help with the Walking Bus. Please let the office know if you can help with our Walking bus either from the castle or the cricket club. Even if you can only do part of the week this can help us. Finally congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 football team who beat Oswestry School 4-1. Please see the note below from Mr Walker about our sports successes this year! Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Sean Sibley

NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

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WOW (WALK on WEDNESDAY)
Our walking bus has finished for this term and will start again after Christmas

WHITTINGTON CASTLE will be featuring in Off the Beaten Track with Christine Bleakley tonight at 8pm on ITV.

2013 SPORTS ROUNDUP by Mr Walker

Well that was Whittington Primary School's last competitive fixture for the year 2013- a great 4-1 win against Oswestry School in football. What a fantastic year it has been. We have won the Primary Schools Tag Rugby competition, the Red Tennis year 4 mixed, the Sports Superstars competition against 14 other schools, the Small Schools Swimming Gala and we won the year 5+6 football tournament against 5 schools from Shrewsbury, not to mention all the other sports competitions we have competed in. A massive well done to every single pupil who has represented the school. Hopefully 2014 will be just as successful for Whittington Primary School.

Friends of Whittington

Christmas Raffle Prizes

Tickets on sale now

Prizes include:
£50.00 cash, signed ball and signed shirt from Shrewsbury Town football team, hamper, collectors teddy, spa day for 2 at The Lion Quays, signed TNS shirt, No.6 Hair & Beauty voucher, voucher for The Boote, beauty voucher for Total Indulgence, wine, cheese dome and chutneys, Bouquet of flowers and more arriving - watch this space....

Raffle will be drawn on Friday 20th December at 3pm at Whittington School

We are now selling tickets for the Christmas raffle and have some great prizes on offer with more being added so please keep an eye on the poster of prizes in the FOW message board. Tickets are on sale for £1.00 a ticket or £5.00 a book.

Every child in the school will receive a raffle book, please support us if you can by asking friends and relatives to buy a ticket. The child and class that sell the most tickets will receive a prize so a small incentive for them to ask gran-nies, uncles and babysitters. If you think you can sell any extra raffle tickets additional books are available from the school office. We will be announcing prize winners in the playground on the last day of term. Thank you for your support.....

DIARY DATES

- The Week Ahead

Monday 9 December **DEXYS IS ON ALL WEEK**

- AM NO Sports Superstars this week. Come to school in uniform.
3.15—4.15pm STICKY FINGERS -as this is a rehearsal for the Church Nativity play, only cast members should attend.
3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club with Mr Sibley and Joe Walker for children in Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 10 December

- 12.30—1.00pm I-pod Club for children in Year 6.
PM Violin lessons for children in Years 4 and 5
12.00—3.15pm Drum tuition for selected children
PM School choir going to St Oswald's church to rehearse.
Back before the end of school.
3.15—3.30pm Library open
3.15—4.15pm LAST Fencing Club this term.
3.15—4.30pm NO Tag Rugby Club. This has finished.

Wednesday 11 December

- Before School No walking bus today or next week
11.30-12.30pm Early lunch
1.30pm Goldilocks Pantomime at school
PM NO 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
6.40pm Choir to St Oswald's church to perform. Service finishes at 8.30pm.
Parents are responsible for transporting their own children.

Thursday 12 December **CHILDREN IN YEARS 3 AND 4 COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KIT**

- AM JH SPORTS COACHING FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 3 and 4.
Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change in to.
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 13 December

- 12.00—12.30pm NO Cross Country. This has now finished for this term.
3.15—4.30pm LAST Gymnastics Club this term.

DIARY DATES—

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER

- 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 AM and PM Drummers having double drum lessons to make up for a missed session.
- Wednesday 18 9.20am Children in Year 6 going to the Council Chambers, Oswestry. Travelling by coach and returning before lunch. School choir singing at The Boote car park. Meet at 6pm, starts 6.30pm
- Thursday 19 Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 having a Christmas party. Come to school in own clothes/party clothes.
- 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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