

THE



BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 10 March 2014

Lunch Menu Week 2

Dear Parents, Thank you to those parents and Friends who gave up their Sunday morning to help organise the school Table Top Sale. Unfortunately it was not as well attended as previous events but we still appreciate the time and energy people put in to help raise funds for the school. Thank you to all the children (and parents!) who cycled or scooted to school on Wednesday. I felt it helped to raise awareness of Eco friendly transport. We look forward to the next cycle/scoot to school day on Friday 14th March.

Thank you. Enjoy your weekend,

Sean Sibley



I am aware of a couple of comments that have been posted on Facebook to discuss an opinion about our school.

The governors and I feel Social networking sites such as Facebook are not an appropriate place to discuss such opinions and I request that parents raise any questions with their child's class teacher or myself.

Comments made on social networking sites can easily be viewed as being derogatory and could be interpreted as bringing the school or the reputation of an individual into disrepute. Obviously any abusive comments will be reported to the Council.

I would hope you feel you can arrange an appointment to speak to either a teacher or myself if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sean Sibley

Ye Olde Boote Inn—**TONIGHT!**

“Blow The Winter Blues Away” with our Live Music evening on Friday 7th March.

Food will be served from 6:00pm, with fantastic live music starting at 9:00pm.

This is a wonderful family event, and all are very welcome. So why not join us for some great fun and a lively atmosphere!

Your Village, Your Pub.



ALLPAY

There are a few parents who have built up a debt on their Allpay accounts and some have an aged debt from Christmas dinner or even before. To date, we have been reasonably relaxed about small arrears while we continue to iron out blips in the system. We are now tightening up on overdrawn accounts and urge parents to keep a closer eye on their accounts and keep them in credit.

If you are experiencing problems with your account or need advice, please contact Allpay on 0844 2255729. or www.allpay.net or email enquiries@allpay.net

Oswestry LitFest



Please can you help us collect as many tokens as possible from the **Advertiser** between now and 11 March 2014 and bring them into school?

booka Bookshop & Café in Oswestry is giving away £1,000 in vouchers and every school who sends in tokens when the competition finishes on Friday 18 March 2014 will receive a portion of

M&S
SIMPLY
FOOD

FOW Bag Packing event M&S Simply Food in Oswestry on Saturday April 12th, 10am until 5pm

There is a list of slots in Reception where helpers can put their details on to say when they can kindly help.

REMINDER : Parents' Afternoon / Evening is on **Wednesday this week.**

Mrs Grice, our Learning Mentor, will be on hand to discuss any social and emotional issues your child may be experiencing. Although it would be preferable for parents to make an appointment in advance to see her on the day, please feel free to approach her if she is not with anyone.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Condover Hall

Although this trip does not take place until September, we have to pay our final invoice in July. We would therefore urge parents to make regular payments to ensure the whole cost of £230 is cleared completely by July 17 2014.

WHITTINGTON CASTLE LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND

SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2014

NAPOLEONIC RIFLEMEN

10-4PM

FREE ENTRANCE , JUST £1 TO PARK

Sue Ellis

Castle Manager

Whittington Castle

Telephone 01691 662500

E-Mail info@whittingtoncastle.co.uk

Website www.whittingtoncastle.co.uk

4 p.m. Sunday 9 March, Whittington Church

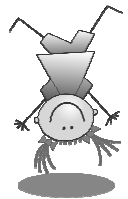
On Your Marks...

Messy Church for Lent



We begin with activities and crafts at 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.

Everyone welcome



Would you like to see your child's art work in print?

We are collaborating with the Church fundraising committee to produce some merchandise (tea towels, notelets, Christmas cards) depicting scenes from our village.

We thought the children could be asked to draw their favourite building or landmark in the village and we would then pick one from each year group to include on the merchandise with the child's name, if permitted.

In the centre there would be a picture of the Church and this would be surrounded by 7 pictures produced by the children, one from each class.



CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Friday 4 April 2014

GOOD LUCK!

DIARY DATES

- The Week Ahead

Monday 10 March

DEXYS IS ON ALL WEEK

- 8.40am Year 6 group going to Marches transition event. Back at 11.15am
AM Brass lessons with Mr Proctor.
PM NO Muddy Mondays for children in Reception Class.
3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club for children in Years 3 and 4.

Tuesday 11 March

- 10.00am Year 2 Class Assembly. Everyone welcome.
12.30—1.00pm I-pod Club for children in Year 6.
PM Drumming Lessons.
PM Violin lessons for children in Years 4 and 5
3.15—3.30pm Library open
3.15—4.15pm Dance Club for children in Years 1 + 2. FULL
3.15—4.30pm Football Club for children in Years 5+6, weather permitting

Wednesday 12 March

- 9.30—12.30 5-a-side girls football at The Marches Academy
PM NO Welly Wednesdays for children in Years 1 and 2.
Sports Coaching for children in Reception and Year 1
1.30—3.00pm Parents' Afternoon (Appointments only)
3.30—6.00pm Parents' Evening (Appointments only)
3.15—4.00pm Homework Club for children in Years 5 and 6 with Mrs Frost.
3.15—4.15pm Mad Science Club for children in Years 1 and 2-spaces still available
3.15—4.30pm J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups. Cost is £17.50

Thursday 13 March — Children in Years 4 and 5 remember your violins!

- AM Instrumental workshop for children in Years 4 and 5-REMEMBER VIOLINS!
12 noon Parents of Children in Year 2 invited to sample a school dinner.
3.15—4.15pm Art & Craft Club for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2.
Club is now full after Easter.
3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club for children in years 1 and 2.
3.15pm Cross Country at The Marches

Friday 14 March—Bike to school as a Superhero Day—children come dressed as their favourite superhero and pay £1 which will go to Sustrans

- 8.30am Meet at the castle and bike to school
12.00—12.30pm NO Cross Country for children in years 3-6 with Mr Sibley.
3.15—4.30pm Gymnastics Club for children in years 3-6. £9 for 6 weeks.



DIARY DATES—Countdown to Easter

MARCH

- Tuesday 18 Parents of children in Year 3 invited to sample a school dinner. School lunches being delivered to the Senior Citizens
- Friday 21 1.30pm MOMO theatre group doing a performance about road safety.
- Tuesday 25 Buy the Advertizer! 'Portraits' of Mums will be appearing this week only.
- Wednesday 26 Orthoptist coming in to check vision of certain Reception Class children .
- Thursday 27 Parents of children in Year 4 invited to sample a school dinner.

APRIL

- Tuesday 1 Parents of children in Year 5 invited to sample a school dinner.
- Wednesday 2 Children in years 3 and 4 going to World Museum, Liverpool. Leave school at 9.00am and back at 4.00pm. Remember packed lunch!
- Thursday 3 Last Mad Science after school session. 3.20- 4.20pm
Year 5 Taster Event at The Marches Academy
Easter Service in the Church. 2pm- Everybody welcome
- Friday 4 Year 6 trip to Dino- Snores at The Natural History Museum in London
Leave school at 12.30pm and return on Saturday at about 5pm
Double Gymnastics. 3.15—5.15pm. Competition!!
Closing Date for art entries for Church merchandise
- Thursday 10 Parents of children in Year 6 invited to sample a school dinner.
- Friday 11 **Break up for Easter**
PD Day. Children do NOT attend school

- Easter Holiday** 10 April - 27 April 2014
- Return to School for Summer Term** 28 April 2014
- Summer Half Term** 26 May - 1 June 2014
- PD Days:** 18 July and 21 July 2014

Whittington Community Centre

March 2014

Stay & Play Session



Thursdays 9.00 – 11.15 am

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



Baby sling advice (www.npsf.org.uk Child Accident Prevention Trust)

The slings concerned are the soft fabric ones that don't have frames and are designed to carry a baby in a lying down position, not sitting upright. The simple safety advice for a bag-style sling is to make sure that:

- it is tight
- the adult can always see their baby's face by simply glancing down
- the adult can kiss their baby's head by tipping their head forward
- the baby should never be curled up so their chin is forced onto their chest, as this can restrict their breathing.

A very good rule of thumb for parents who use carriers is the TICKS mnemonic:

Tight

In view at all times

Close enough to Kiss

Keep chin off the chest

Supported back

Parents of premature babies, twins, babies in fragile health and those with low weight should seek advice from their health visitor about using bag-style slings.



Thursday 6th March Celebrate World Book Day at the Stay and Play session!

As part of this year's World Book Day Fest celebrations on Thursday 6th March, we're inviting nurseries and pre-schools to join in with the

Big Little Rhyme Along.

Babies and young children respond to rhythm and repetition and there is plenty of evidence to suggest that these help them to learn new words and develop their language skills.

Above all though, rhymes and songs are a wonderful way to have fun and learn together.

Outdoor fun in the Forest School area

Thursday 10th April during the Stay and Play session

'Find the Easter Bunnies'



Please bring wellies, waterproofs and wear old clothing.

Family Stay & Play session – Saturday at Woodside Children's Centre, Oswestry

Don't forget - our Dads/Male Carers' Group has now been opened up so mums and female carers can come along too! The sessions are once a month, usually the last Saturday, but always check our calendar for dates.

For more information, please speak to one of the support workers or ring 01691 656513

Women on wheels

Free easy-paced social cycle ride for
women

Saturday 8 March 2014

Meet at Stuart Barkley Cycles, Central car park, Salop Road, Oswestry, SY11 2NR

- 10.30am for cycle safety checks/adjustments
- 11am ride starts
- Return by 1.30 approx

Especially for you if you aren't confident going out on your own, or would like help choosing the best routes. But any woman who would like to join a social ride is welcome; bring your friends and relations!

Please make sure your bike is roadworthy (tyres pumped up and working brakes).

We will stop for refreshments; please bring a drink and snack.

For more information visit:
www.travelshropshire.co.uk/wow

or call
01743 254940
or 07969 497134
on the day of the ride

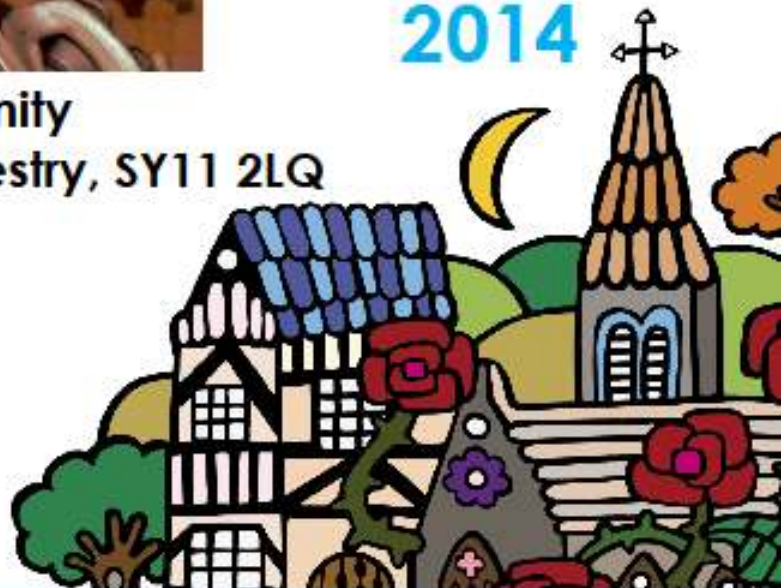




FREE
basic cycle
maintenance
workshops
Oswestry
2014

**Eastern Oswestry Community
Centre, Cabin Lane, Oswestry, SY11 2LQ**

- **Friday 7 February**
- **Friday 14 March**
- **Friday 9 May**
- **Friday 27 June**
- **Friday 17 October**



Suitable for anyone who wants to keep a bicycle in good working order. Learn how to check bicycle safety, repair a puncture and make minor adjustments.

Classes last 3 hours (**10am-1pm**), are free of charge and are open to people who live, work or study in Shropshire.

For more information and to book your place visit:

www.travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle-maintenance

or contact Ray Hughes, Shropshire Council 01743 253008

transport@shropshire.gov.uk



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Whittington Primary is taking part in the Big Pedal 2014!!

Dear parent/carer

Get set... we are taking part in the Big Pedal 2014, a giant inter-school cycling and scooting competition encouraging children, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their daily commute!

The event is powered by Sustrans (sustrans.org.uk), funded by the Bike Hub (bikehub.co.uk), and we are taking part on the two challenge days, on the **Wednesday 5th March** and the **Friday 14th March**. It is totally FREE to enter, and we would love everyone to be involved.

On these challenge days there will be a Sustrans wheelie character to collect and add to our Big Pedal wallchart, and the more people who cycle and scoot, the more powerful our wheelies will be. We will be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys, we will win!

Why we have signed up

We think it is a fantastic way to get more of our pupils on their bikes and scooters and have fun getting to school. And it will be great to compete to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys, not to mention our chance to win some brilliant prizes. We think you will enjoy less congestion outside our school gates too!

Fundraising superheroes!

On Friday 14 March we would love our pupils to be involved in Sustrans' superhero day by dressing as their favourite superhero in exchange for a £1 donation. This gives every child the chance to be involved in the Big Pedal even if they do not scoot or cycle. If we submit one of the five best superhero pictures we'll win a bumper kit bag of hi-viz vests for our school. You could join in too! The money will mean Sustrans can help more children have safer, happier and healthier school journeys.

What is next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school on the days we are taking part and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event and details of prizes, go to www.bigpedal.org.uk

Please get in touch with Joanne Morrison at Joanne.Morison@sustrans.org.uk if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Mrs Beaumont.