

THE



BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 11 November 2013

Lunch Menu Week 3

Dear Parents, Congratulations to our rugby team who won the North Shropshire rugby tournament yesterday! There were 16 other schools and Whittington won the trophy -beating Selattyn School 9-4 in the final. Many thanks to Oswestry rugby Club and Ball sports for organising the event. Please indicate any help you can offer at our Christmas Cracker Fayre on Friday 22nd November, on the sheet provided. Can you please return the slip as soon as possible. We would really appreciate any help you can offer-big or small! This is one of our major fund raising events and we want to raise as much money as possible for your children to benefit from. Many thanks, *Sean Sibley*

TEXT SERVICE

As you are aware we have been using a text messaging service to communicate with parents for the last 3 years. To send a text we only have 160 characters so we apologise if we occasionally sound blunt or have to abbreviate words.

As parents are unable to reply to texts, if you ever require further clarification of a text you receive, please feel free to ring the school.

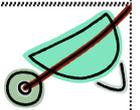
Jeans for Jean Day raised £188 !
Thank you for your support. This money will now be sent to SDCS, Shropshire Deaf Children's Society



ECO NEWS

If anyone happens to have an unwanted wheelbarrow, we could put it to good use.

Condition not important as long as handles and wheel are ok.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



We hope you are all pleased with your school photographs. Please can orders be back in school by **Friday 15 November** to give Tempest time to process them and return them to school in time for Christmas.

HEADLICE

We have an on-going problem with headlice and urge parents to check their child's hair regularly and treat appropriately. There are some leaflets offering advice in reception.

Kilimanjaro Day !

WOW! Thank you all so much for your generous sponsorships and help with the cake sale. In total we raised an amazing ...

£1300



MORRISON'S LET'S GROW VOUCHERS

We have been collecting LET'S GROW vouchers from Morrisons.

Thank you to everyone who has brought their vouchers in to school. The scheme is coming to an end and we need to count the vouchers and send them off. If you have got any vouchers left over please can you bring them into school by **Friday 15 November 2013**. Thank you again for your support.

SPORTS SUPERSTARS

Children in Year 4

Starting Monday 11 November

Children in Year 4 will be doing

Sports Supersars this half term, starting on Monday 11 November and the last session is on Monday 16 December.

There is no session on Monday 9 December. Children should come to school in their PE kits and bring their uniform to change into.



Rotary Club Shoe box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our shoebox appeal. We have filled 40 boxes for families in Eastern Europe. Volunteers from the Rotary Club will be collecting the boxes early on Tuesday morning so if anyone has not managed to finish their box yet and still wants to donate one, please can you bring it to Reception before 9am on Tuesday? Thank you

DIARY DATES

- The Week Ahead

Monday 11 November

- 8.35am DEXYS IS ON ALL WEEK .
AM Children in Year 4 doing Sports Superstars. Come to school in your PE kits and bring uniform
PM Muddy Mondays starts for children in Reception Class.
Children should come to school in their Muddy Mondays clothes.
Children in Year 3 going to Oswestry School for Hockey and Football practice
3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children in Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 12 November 9am- SHOEBOXES BEING COLLECTED

- 12.30—1.00pm I-pod Club for children in Year 6.
PM Violins for children in years 4 and 5
Drum tuition for selected children
3.15pm Nearly New Uniform Sale and Lost Property table
3.15—3.30pm Library open
3.15—4.15pm Fencing Club for children in years 4-6
3.15—4.30 Tag Rugby Club for children in years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 13 November

- 10.30am NO SWIMMING
PM Height, Weight and Hearing Tests for certain children in Reception
Sports Coaching for children in years 3 and 4
3.15—4.30pm J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups
£17.50 for the half term up to Christmas

Thursday 14 November

- PM Children in Years 3 and 4 having an Egyptian Music Workshop £2.00.
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
3.45pm Cross country at Moreton Hall

Friday 15 November LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS LAST DAY FOR MORRISON'S LET'S GROW VOUCHERS

- 12.00—12.30pm Cross Country with Mr Sibley
PM Barclays Bank coming to discuss Money Matters with Years 5 and 6
3.15—4.30pm Gymnastics for children in Years 3-6. Same group at last half term.
3.15—4.30pm NO Football Club for children in Years 3 and 4. This has finished.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- Monday 18 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS BEING COLLECTED
AM Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day
PM Children in Year 4 going to Oswestry School for hockey and football practice.
SENCO Surgery 3.15pm onwards. Please make an appointment at the school office
- Friday 22 Christmas Fair
- Monday 25 Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into.
- Tuesday 26 Education Welfare Officer (EWO) coming in to monitor attendance
- Thursday 28 8.40—1.00pm Half of Year 6 going to The Marches for a Taster Day. Back for a late lunch

DECEMBER

- Monday 2 Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into.
SENCO Surgery 3.15pm onwards. Please make an appointment at the school office
- Tuesday 3 Year 5 violinists playing to the senior citizens
Reception Class Nativity 2.00pm in the School Hall
- Wednesday 4 Christmas Dinner—£2.10. Please ensure you have money on your Allpay account
- Thursday 5 1.30pm Christmas Service in the church—please choose either one
- Friday 6 1.30pm Christmas Service in the church
- Monday 9 NO 'Superstars' session for children in Year 4.
- Wednesday 11 Goldilocks Pantomime coming to school
- Monday 16 Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into.
SENCO Surgery 3.15pm onwards. Please make an appointment at the school office
- 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



**Whittington Primary
School Christmas
Cracker**

Friday 22nd November

Doors open 6pm till 8pm, entry free.

The Friends of Whittington Primary school would like to invite you to their annual Christmas Cracker.

Join us for festive refreshments, raffle, meet Father Christmas, crafts and stalls and much more....

And new this year, our secret present room.....



For more information contact Lorraine on 07740432240
or Victoria on 07549853128.
Email:lorrainefearne@yahoo.co.uk

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Christmas Cracker 22nd November 6-8pm

PLEASE support your school Christmas Fair...Lets make it a real cracker.....a fun family event!

Money raised from this event will directly benefit your child(ren).

COULD YOU.....

DONATE

- *something for the tombola (chocolate, water or wine)?
- *cakes?
- *children's books and toys (used, but in good condition)?
- *Something for the Secret Present Room?
- *your time to help set up or pack away on the evening?
- *your time to help run a stall?

All donations welcome, please bring to school office from Monday 11th November

Please bring cakes on the 22nd November

Please indicate the help you are able to offer below and hand in at the front office.

I can.....

- help set up
- help pack away
- help run a stall

Name: _____

Contact (mobile/ home or email): _____

Please return this form to school office A.S.A.P.

THANK YOU !



Raffle Prizes

Can you help us by suggesting companies or contacts who you know or work for/with that we could approach to provide a raffle prize for our Christmas raffle? If you do, please pass on contact details via the school front office.

Alternatively we have attached a suggested draft letter that you could use yourself (printed copies available at front desk) as responses are often better when it's more personal to them.



Present Room

In a break from tradition but not too much.... Father Christmas's grotto will this year be a secret present room, which will only open to children (sorry!), except for littlies who may need some adult guidance/support. With Christmas presents in mind for mums and dads, grannies and grandads all visiting children will meet Father Christmas and, for a small charge, can select a present, gift wrap and tag it ready to surprise on Christmas morning.

We are hoping you can help us create this exciting secret room for the children and who knows you may get a genuine surprise on Christmas morning (if they can keep the secret that long). Are you able to donate any gifts that we can put the present room, maybe you had a duplicate present last year that you don't know what to do with. All we ask is that you donate a present that you yourself would like to receive. Any contributions can be left at the front office, thank you.



Sainsbury's Bag Packing

FOW are always looking at ways to raise funds for the school and this year we have been successful at securing a bag packing slot at Sainsbury's, Oswestry on **Monday 23rd December**.

We know this is a very busy time of year for you but can you let us know if you would be able to help us bag packs and raise valuable funds. Anytime you can give would be much appreciated, an hour or two would be fantastic. Let us know at the front office if you can give anytime and indicate the best time for you. Any year 6's that would like to help please come along (with a parent or guardian)

Thank you.

Friends of Whittington
Whittington CofE Primary School
Station Road
Whittington
Oswestry
SY11 4DA

Dear _____

We hope that you don't object to our direct approach but we've contacted you due to your proximity to our school or because a parent of Whittington Primary School has kindly suggested you.

As I'm sure you have gathered the season of goodwill is quickly approaching and Whittington Primary School will shortly be holding its ever popular Christmas Fayre. This is one of our key fundraising events in the school's calendar and an evening of great excitement for the children. This event and others are only successful by the great generosity of the local community and with this in mind we ask if you would be able to contribute a gift for our Christmas raffle. In previous years we have been fortunate to receive the use of holiday cottages, food hampers, discount vouchers, toys and bottles of spirits and wine.

We appreciate that at this time of year you receive a lot of requests and we hope that you will look favourably upon ours. All contributions, whatever their size or value are gratefully received and help us provide additional activities for the children, monies raised as an example will help contribute towards musical instrument lessons and specialist sports sessions which are no longer provided by local government.

Should you wish to provide a prize towards the raffle, please contact the person who sent you this letter/email or contact a member of the Friends of Whittington School whose contact details are listed below. Alternatively you could bring your donation to our school and give us the opportunity to thank you in person.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Friends below if you would like any further information. In the meantime, please put the date of Friday 22nd November in your diary and we very much hope to see you at our Christmas Fayre. Doors open at 6pm

Yours sincerely

(signed on behalf of) Friends of Whittington Primary School
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