

# THE



# BELL

Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 18 November 2013

Lunch Menu Week 1

Dear Parents,

Please see the notes about the easyfundraising site- a relatively easy way for you to help the school to raise funds. Please help us to stock up each class hamper- contributions need to be in by 18/11/2013. Remember any offers of help at our Christmas Fayre will be gratefully received. Thank you

*Sean Sibley*



**THANK YOU!**  
**YOU SHOWED YOUR**  
**SPOTS AND WE**  
**RAISED LOTS!**  
**£181**



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We hope you are all pleased with your school photographs. The courier is coming at 9am on **Monday 18 November** to collect the orders. If you miss the order deadline unfortunately you will have to send them to Tempest and pay a later order fee.



Congratulations to Mrs Watkins on the birth of William George who was born on Wednesday evening.

**MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS: CAN YOU HELP DISTRIBUTE FLYERS?**  
The Friends of Whittington have produced small flyers to inform villagers who maybe don't have children at the school about the Christmas Cracker. Could you **PLEASE** spare some time to distribute some? If so, from Monday you can collect them from school Reception, where a list will be for you to complete so we know where the flyers have gone and to make sure the villagers are not bombarded! Thank you so much for your continued support. FoW.

## STICKY FINGERS NATIVITY PLAY

If your child is interested in taking part in the nativity play this year, please come to Sticky Fingers after school club on

**Monday 18 November**  
**3.15—4.15pm.**

Children will need to be available to rehearse in the church on either Saturday 7 or Saturday 14 December and the actual performance is on Sunday 15 December.



## FRIENDS OF WHITTINGTON SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre  
**Friday 22 November 2013**  
**6.00—8.00pm**

Each class is putting together a hamper which will be raffled at the Christmas Fayre. Each hamper has a different theme:

Reception Class	Christmas
Year 1	Children's Treats
Year 2	Pamper Hamper
Year 3	Men's Hamper
Year 4	Sweeties
Year 5	Chocolate
Year 6	Christmas Goodies

To give each class chance to put their hamper together, we would really appreciate it if your donations could be brought in to school on or before Monday 18 November.



NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note our school email address has changed to:

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

## easyfundraising .org.uk

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 see details below:

Help raise extra funds for the school today by visiting

<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.

### Special Educational Needs Coordinator-SENCO

As you are aware, Mrs Watkins, our SENCO, is currently on maternity leave. While she is off, I will be adopting this role. I am the Year 2 class teacher and I will be providing a SENCO surgery fortnightly on a Monday after school, 3.15–4.00pm.

Please feel free to contact the school office should you wish to make an appointment. If Mondays are not convenient, please call at the office and we will arrange an alternative day and time that is mutually convenient.

Surgery dates are as follows: Monday 18 November  
Monday 2 December  
Monday 16 December

Thank you Mrs Poole

### HELP!

Have you found a ring?  
It is an engagement ring that has been lost by one of our parents. It was lost on Thursday. If anybody finds it, please bring it to the school office so we can hand it back to its owner.



### RAISING AWARENESS EVENT

Monday 18 November 2013  
5.30–7.00pm  
Marches Training School, Marches School

### 'PUTTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNET SAFETY'

To book a place please call Jo White on  
01691 664400 or email  
white.j@marchesschool.net

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2013

## DIARY DATES - The Week Ahead

### Monday 18 November 9am SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS BEING COLLECTED

8.35am	DEXYS IS ON ALL WEEK .
AM	Children in Year 4 doing Sports Superstars. Come to school in your PE kits and stay in it all day.
PM	Muddy Mondays for children in Reception Class. Children should come to school in their Muddy Mondays clothes. Children in Year 4 going to Oswestry School for Hockey and Football practice
3.15—4.00pm	SENCO Surgery with Mrs Poole who is covering Mrs Watkins's maternity leave. Please make an appointment at the school office
3.15—4.15pm	Sticky Fingers. Church-run craft club. Open to all year groups. 50p
3.15—4.30pm	Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children in Years 3 and 4

### Tuesday 19 November

12.30—1.00pm	I-pod Club for children in Year 6.
PM	Violins for children in years 4 and 5
12.00—3.15pm	Drum tuition for selected children
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	Year 5/6 Football Match at Oswestry School

### Wednesday 20 November

10.30am	SWIMMING for children in years 3 and 5
PM	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 21 November

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 22 November CHRISTMAS CRACKER FAYRE

12.00—12.30pm	Cross Country with Mr Sibley
3.15—4.30pm	NO Gymnastics this week as we have to set up for the Christmas Fayre
3.15—4.30pm	NO Football Club for children in Years 3 and 4. This has finished.
6.00—8.00pm	CHRISTMAS CRACKER FAYRE

## DIARY DATES—

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

### NOVEMBER

- Monday 25 **LAST DAY FOR ORDERING YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
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
- Friday 29 2.00pm Parent Council Meeting

### DECEMBER

- Monday 2 Children in Year 4 doing 'Superstars'. Come to school in PE kit and bring uniform to change into.  
PM School choir to Leonard Cheshire home to sing to the residents.  
Back before the end of school  
SESCO Surgery with Mrs Poole 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
- Thursday 12 School choir going to St Oswald's church to rehearse. Back before the end of 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  
SESCO Surgery 3.15pm onwards. Please make an appointment at the school office
- Thursday 19 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**



**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

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Victoria Budd - 07549 853128  
Lorraine Fearne - 07740432240  
email: [lorrainefearne@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lorrainefearne@yahoo.co.uk)



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

4 p.m. Sunday 24 November, Whittington Church

### Stars and Angels

*Messy Church* for Advent



We begin with crafts and activities 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



## Christmas Fayre



**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*





Friday 15 November 2013

Dear Parents

### Christmas Dinner



We are having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 4 December. If you would like your child to have a school lunch on this day, please let us know before **MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2013** by :-

- \* completing and returning the reply slip below *or*
- \* calling at the school office in person *or*
- \* telephoning the school office - 01691 662269 *or*
- \* emailing the school office - [admin@whittington.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whittington.shropshire.sch.uk)

If you do not let us know by Monday 25 November 2013 a Christmas dinner will **not** be available and your child will have to bring sandwiches. In previous years we have had lots of children failing to return the forms and this causes several problems for the kitchen staff. Christmas dinner costs £2.10 per child and the cost will be deducted from your Allpay account in the usual way. **If your child receives free school meals, although you do not need to pay for Christmas dinner, you do still need to order one.**

Yours faithfully

Mr S Sibley

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### Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 4 December 2013

I wish to order a Christmas dinner for:

Name(s) of Child(ren): .....

Class(es): .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....