



Working together -Together things work

Week Commencing: 23 September 2013

Lunch Menu Week 3

Dear Parents,

Please see the letter about Industrial action on Tuesday 1st October. Despite the action we will be keeping open the school. However the children will not be taught the curriculum on that day but supervised by Teaching Assistants. Congratulations to our year 5 and 6 football team who have got the school year off to a winning start! They beat Oswestry School 3-0.

Enjoy your weekend

Sean Sibley



**LAST
CHANCE TO
DONATE**

If you would
like to make a

donation to the 'Little

Princess Trust' in recognition of

Ebony Tomkins donating her hair to make wigs for young cancer patients, please do so by Wednesday 25 September. There is a box in the reception area. We will let you know the total raised in next week's edition of The Bell. Thank you

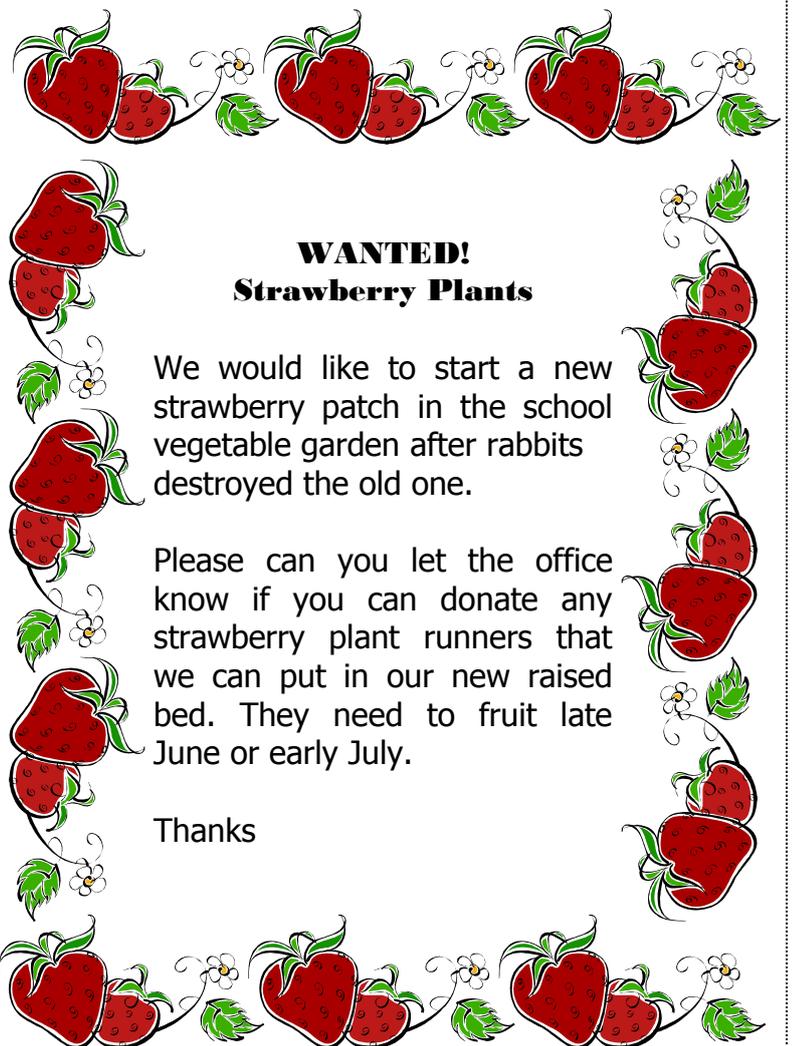


4 p.m. Sunday 22 September, Whittington Church

Harvest Time

Messy Church for families

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



**WANTED!
Strawberry Plants**

We would like to start a new strawberry patch in the school vegetable garden after rabbits destroyed the old one.

Please can you let the office know if you can donate any strawberry plant runners that we can put in our new raised bed. They need to fruit late June or early July.

Thanks

TIMELY REMINDER !

We have a small number of children who are regularly late for school in the mornings and others who are late being collected after school. The bell goes at 8.55am when children should get in to line. After school, children in Reception Class up to and including Year 2 come out at 3.10pm and children in years 3-6 come out at 3.15pm. Our Education Welfare Officer is monitoring punctuality.



Does your child have asthma? If you have not completed and returned an asthma healthcare plan for this school year, please pick up a copy from the rack in Reception. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Monday 23 September

- 8.35am DEXYS IS ON ALL WEEK . Children can come in at 8.30am but no earlier please.
- PM No Muddy Mondays (yet!) for children in Reception Class
- 3.15—4.00pm SENCO Surgery with Mrs Watkins—FULL
- 3.15—4.15 Sticky Fingers church-led craft club (similar to Sunday school).
The theme is Moses. Open to children of all ages. 50p
- 3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children in Years 3 and 4. £28 for the whole term

Tuesday 24 September

- 12.30—1.00pm I-pod Club for children in Year 6. 13 places. Please book at the office
- PM Violins for children in years 4 and 5
- 3.15—3.30pm Library open
- 3.15—4.15pm Fencing Club for children in years 4-6. Children will be working towards their gradings. £35 for the whole term. Register your child and pay at the office. 18 spaces available- first come, first served!
- 3.15—4.30pm Football Club for children in years 5 and 6.

Wednesday 25 September

- 10.30am Children in Years 3 and 5 going swimming at Oswestry Leisure Centre.
Back in time for lunch.
- PM Sports Coaching for children in years 1 and 2
- 3.15—4.30pm J H Coaching—Football Club for all year groups. £20 for this half term

Thursday 26 September

- 12.00—12.30pm Cross Country with Miss Mansfield for years 3—6
- 3.15—4.15pm Art & Craft Club for children in Years 1 and 2 . FULL
- 3.15—4.30pm Multisports Club with Mr Walker for children in Years 1 and 2. £30 for the whole term)

Friday 27 September

- Closing date for Governor nominations. If you have not got a form, please collect one from the Reception Area
- 1.30pm Harvest Service at the Church
- 3.15—4.15pm Gymnastics for children in Years 3-6. £15 for the whole term. FULL
- 3.15—4.30pm Football Club for children in Years 3 and 4. Free

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Monday 30 Residential trip to Condoover Hall for children in Year 6

OCTOBER

Thursday 3 Friends (PTA) AGM at school 7.00pm

Friday 4 Children in Year 6 return from Condoover Hall

Be Bright Be Seen day. Children wear bright clothes preferably.

Thursday 10 Marches Open Event 9.30am—11.30am and 4.00—8.00pm

Friday 11 Children in years 1 and 2 going to Blists Hill in Ironbridge- £9 per child

Children in years 3 and 4 going to Dewa Experience in Chester- £10 per child

Monday 14 SENCO Surgery with Mrs Watkins 3.15—4.00pm. Please make an appointment at the school office

Tuesday 22 9.30am Vision Screening for certain children in Reception

Wednesday 23 Parents Evening

Thursday 24 1.30pm Education Welfare Officer coming in to check registers

Break up for Half Term

Friday 25 PD Day. Children do not attend school

Thursday 31 Closing date for year 6 applications to secondary school

NOVEMBER

Monday 4 Children return to school

Wednesday 6 9.15am Church Service

Thursday 7 Jeans for Jean Day in memory of Jean Rowson whose birthday would be today.

Children can come to school in jeans and pay £1 towards a charity to be chosen by the School Council

Rugby Tournament

Thursday 14 3.45pm Cross Country at Moreton Hall

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 Christmas Dinner

Thursday 5 1.30pm Christmas Nativity (dress rehearsal) in the church

Friday 6 1.30pm Christmas Nativity in the church

Wednesday 11 Goldilocks Pantomime coming to school

Friday 20 Break up for Christmas holidays

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014

Porthywaen Silver Band are holding a brass workshop on Saturday 21st September 10am - 12noon at the bandhall which will comprise of small group workshops, full band performance and a chance to ask questions. The workshop is free to attend and is open to any brass instrument player up to grade 5 standard. If you would like to attend, please email enquiries@porthywaensilverband.co.uk.



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The "Friends" of Whittington School



A big welcome back and huge hello to those with children coming to the school for the first time.

"The Friends" is a group of parents and teachers dedicated to raising extra funds to make sure our children have the best facilities, activities and opportunities available to them. For example, the Friends pay for the book bags every Reception Year child receives and they contribute toward J H Coaching which each child participates in every Wednesday afternoon.

This year, we need to recruit for a couple of vacant committee positions as work commitments and children moving on have left us a little shy on numbers. We're also keen to establish a sub-committee to help organise the Christmas and Summer Fairs (you don't have to do both!).

We need your help, whether that is on a regular basis or helping setting up and organising events such as our famous Bingo nights, Discos, Summer Fair and much more..... Your skills and connections could help more than you realise!

Please take the time to complete the attached short questionnaire and return a copy to the school office by the end of the week - even if you do not wish to be on the committee. Once we have the completed forms back, details of our AGM time, date and location will be sent by email and will also be in The Bell.

Even if you can give a little bit of your time it may be more valuable than you think and our plan is to do even more this year and push the boundaries.

Thanks very much for taking the time to read this and we look forward to meeting you!

The Friends' Questionnaire

Your name (please print):

Your child's name and year:

Your email:

Interested in the following position(s):

- Secretary Vice Secretary

Interested in being part of the Christmas and Summer Fair sub-committee:

- Both Christmas OR Summer Fair (please indicate preference)
- Neither

Can you help with any of the following:

- Setting up events Loan of equipment i.e. for disco/ bingo nights
- Working on a stall Donating prizes
- Selling refreshments Selling raffle tickets
- Getting your company to donate/ sponsor

Preferred time of meetings:

- Immediately after school (i.e. 15.30) Evenings from 19:30
- Mid-morning (i.e. 10.00am) Mid-afternoon (i.e. 14.00)

Please choose where you would prefer to hold meetings:

- At school Other people's houses
- In the pub Coffee mornings

Thanks very much for your time completing this!!

Please return it to the school office by Monday 23 September 2013



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20 September 2013

Dear Parents,

RE: Planned Industrial Action by Teaching Unions on Tuesday 1 October 2013

You will no doubt be aware that the unions NUT and NASUWT have called for industrial action on Tuesday 1st October. Our teachers have met and agreed to take industrial action on this day. This will mean that we will only have office staff, teaching assistants and me in school.

I understand how inconvenient this action is for parents. Therefore I am offering for the school to 'child mind' any child who attends school on this day. The teaching assistants will not be teaching the curriculum on that day but the children will be playing games and some classes will be able to watch a DVD. I would like to reinforce that we will not be teaching the curriculum on that day but **we expect all children to attend school**. The school dinners will run as normal and the violin and Spanish lessons will still be taking place in the afternoon.

Obviously if the strike is for any reason called off then I will let you know as soon as possible.

Once again, I apologise for any inconvenience and I look forward to seeing your child in school on Tuesday 1st October.

Yours faithfully,

Sean Sibley

