THE WHITCHURCH CE FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



Learning to love God and our neighbour as ourselves
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Dear Parents and Carers



🌟 Federation News 🌟

Over the past fortnight, pupils across the Federation have enjoyed a range of exciting learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom. 😊

🚶‍♀️🚶 Walk to School Workshop

On Monday, children took part in a Walk to School workshop, which brought together several schools participating in the WOW Travel Tracker initiative. Pupils explored the benefits of active travel and celebrated the many different ways they get to school each day. It was wonderful to hear how many of our children are walking to school regularly. 🌍 Not only does this support healthier lifestyles, but it also helps to reduce traffic and protect our environment.

Well done to everyone who is taking part! 👏

🏕️🧗‍♀️🚣 Year 6 Residential at Condover Hall

Our Year 6 pupils had a truly fantastic week at Condover Hall. Children challenged themselves through a wide range of adventurous activities, including high ropes, kayaking, the zip line, trapeze and the gladiator wall. 💪 They demonstrated tremendous courage, resilience and teamwork throughout the week. Although they returned tired, they were also full of smiles and unforgettable memories. 😴😊

On Thursday, Year 6 shared their experiences with parents through a special class worship. 🙏 They reflected on the challenges they overcame, the friendships they strengthened and the enjoyment of spending time outdoors. Throughout the week, they showed great respect for others, resilience when facing their fears and a real appreciation for the world around them. 🌳❤️










🍪🏃‍♀️ Reception's Gingerbread Adventure

Reception children enjoyed a very exciting adventure linked to their learning. They walked through Whitchurch, passing Walker's Bakery, before visiting St Alkmund's Church to search for the Gingerbread Man! 🔍⛪ Their mission was a great success and, upon returning to school, they were delighted to enjoy their very own tasty gingerbread men. 😋🍪 What a wonderful way to bring their story learning to life!






🐑❤️ Year 1 Welcome a Special Visitor

Year 1 were excited to welcome Kathryn Davies from St John's Church to help them explore their Big Question: "What do Christians believe God is like?"

Kathryn shared the Parable of the Lost Sheep and discussed how this story teaches Christians that God loves everyone and cares deeply for each individual. ✝️🐑 The children asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed deepening their understanding of Christian beliefs.





💜 BBC Make A Difference Award Nominee

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Harley-Ray, who was nominated for the BBC Make a Difference Awards in the Young Hero category. On Friday, she had the exciting opportunity to attend the award ceremony, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement.

Harley-Ray has also been nominated for Whitchurch Citizen of the Year! As soon as we receive the voting information, we will share the details with everyone so that you can support her with your vote.
Well done, Harley-Ray! We are all extremely proud of you! 🌟🏆💙



🪀 Fidget Toys

We have recently seen an increase in the number of fidget toys being brought into school from home. While we recognise that some children may benefit from the use of fidget resources to support their focus and regulation, these should not be brought into school unless specifically agreed with staff. If a class teacher feels that a child would benefit from the use of a fidget toy as part of their learning support, an appropriate school-provided fidget resource will be issued. This ensures that any resources used in school are suitable for the classroom environment and are used consistently to support learning.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

🍮 School Lunches

Lunches can be ordered and paid for at home on the ParentPay website for up to three weeks at a time. Meals are free for all children in Reception, Year1 and Year 2. Nursery lunches are £2.60 per day and Junior lunches are £3.05 per day.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals click the link below for more information:
https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/

Safeguarding

The Whitchurch Church of England Federation
SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you have any concerns, please speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.


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This fortnight has been a wonderful reminder of the many ways learning takes place beyond the classroom. Whether caring for our environment by walking to school 🌍, overcoming fears at Condover 💪, exploring our local community 🏘️ or deepening our understanding through visits from members of our church community ⛪, our children continue to demonstrate curiosity, courage and compassion every day.

We are incredibly proud of the way they embrace new opportunities and live out our Federation values. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. ❤️🙏

Have a wonderful weekend! 🌟😊

Mrs Camacho, Mr Lewis and Mr Penney