

# ***WHALEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL***

June, 2016

Dear All

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

I am very pleased to be back working in ER again and, along with the rest of the ER team, am looking forward to an exciting term ahead of us.

As always, our emphasis in the ER is on literacy and numeracy but this will be punctuated by ICT, DT and PE sessions. We will continue to follow a programme of Physical Literacy, in order to enable the children's development as motivated, competent, confident and healthy movers. This is supported by regular 'Dough Disco' and 'Wiggle as you Squiggle' sessions which are not only popular but help develop the core strength and dexterity necessary for good gross and fine motor skills. We are noticing a beneficial effect on everyone's hand writing and co-ordination.

As per last term we will be swimming on Mondays and Fridays so please ensure your child has their swimming kit on these days. PE kits need to be in school every day and I would also ask you to ensure that your child comes to school with suitable outdoor clothing as our lessons are conducted outside whenever it is appropriate.

We have decided to continue the topic 'Growing Things' until the end of the summer. The children have very much enjoyed exploring this topic both through practical activities, such as planting seeds and watching them grow and through the class book 'Jack and the Beanstalk. The highlight for me was the children's retelling of the story using puppets they had made. There were some very colourful and energetic performances which luckily were captured on video. This term I have chosen 'The Little Red Hen' to be our class book. It continues the theme of 'growing things' and also deals with teamwork, cooperation and friendship. I look forward to exploring these themes with the children through many different activities including role-play, art, music and , following the example of the Little Red Hen, baking. For details of this please see the ER Topic Web which is displayed in the entrance to the ER and a copy of which will be in your child's book bag.

Thank you for all the work you continue to do to support us at home; reading regularly and practising spellings each week makes such a difference. As always, please feel free to pop in to the ER anytime if you have any concerns or would like to talk to a member of the ER team.

Best wishes

Mrs Shone, Mrs Adams, Mrs Barnet and Miss Bush  
(Enhanced Resource)