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Dear Parents/Carers

A belated Happy New Year to you all, I'm not sure where January went! It's been another busy term here at WBPS with lots of wonderful things going on. Today is Safer Internet Day! Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by Insafe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. At WBPS the children will be involved in activities throughout the day on keeping safe on the internet. For more information please follow the link: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>



School Council

Look at this fabulous flag which was designed by our children to reflect our community of Whaley Bridge and our school. It's absolutely beautiful.

We look forward to seeing it waving at us when it is flying from our flag pole. Keep a look out!

Staff

Mrs Shone has been covering Miss Berresford's maternity leave since March and tomorrow will be her last day as Miss Berresford returns to Reception and her Deputy Head post on Monday 22nd February. Mrs Shone will be back with us teaching in the ER from May, where she will be covering Mrs Chadwick's maternity.

On Valentine's Day Miss Townsend is getting married! After half term she will become Mrs Jacevicius. We wish her all the best for her big day. ☺

Policies

For your information we have updated some of our school policies, including the new Head lice Policy, Assessment Policy and Progress in Calculations Policy. You will find them in the Information section on the school website.

Fire alarm

A couple of weeks ago the fire alarm unexpectedly went off at the convenient time of 3:30pm just as the children were getting ready to go home. It transpires that there was a fault in the system, however we still had to follow our protocol

of evacuating the building both quickly and safely. As a staff, we have reflected on the evacuation and how parents/carers could help. Here are our two top tips:

- At the end of the school day, if you are waiting for a child close to an exit, please could you stand back and allow the children to leave the building, especially if you have a pram that is obstructing the exit.
- If the alarm is sounding, you are not to enter the building until you are told by the fire marshall/teacher that it is safe to do so.

Open evening

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to the information evening. It was a successful event and a good opportunity to find out how your child is assessed and how maths calculations are taught at WBPS. If you were unable to make it, information and handouts can be found on our website. Please follow the link "Updated 9.2.16" on the home page or follow this link: <http://whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk/home-page/how-we-assess-your-child-open-evening-6-8pm/>

Dates for your diaries! – Please note that dates can be found on the calendar on our website 😊

February

Thursday 11th – Cats trip to Manchester Opera House back at 6pm

Friday 12th – Year 2 Owen class assembly 9am - parents invited

Friday 12th – School closes for half term

Monday 22nd – School re-opens – children back in

Wednesday 24th – Year 6 – Science Workshop Day

Friday 26th – Year 1 class assembly 9am - parents invited

Friday 26th – interim reports to parents/carers

March

Friday 4th – World Book Day – children to dress up as their favourite book character, assembly at 9am -parents invited.

Sunday 6th – WBPS Choir singing with Kinder Choir at Buxton Pavilion

Wednesday 9th – Year 3's production, more details to follow.

Thursday 10th – Fire Safety talk Y2 and Y6

Friday 11th – Reception class assembly 9am -parents invited

Tuesday 15th and 17th – parents evenings - details to follow

Friday 18th – Year 6K class assembly 9am - parents invited

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Fay Walton
Headteacher