



# WHALEY BRIDGE E.R. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am bursting with pride as we come to the end of a fantastic year here at Whaley Bridge Primary School! There is so much to celebrate and share with you all. I will of course balance my enthusiasm with a few important notices too, of which you can read below.

## Unauthorised absence

As per my last newsletter, I discussed the importance of your child being in school. Holidays/day trips will not be authorised and fines will be issued. Attendance is carefully monitored by Ofsted and schools have to ensure national targets are met. From September we will be tightening our policy to ensure that persistent absence is challenged. If your child's attendance is below 85% or is causing us concern, Educational Welfare will be involved. As per this year, if your child is late after the register is closed, 9:15am and 1:30pm, it is deemed as an unauthorised absence. Please may I request that parents/carers ensure that they support us and ensure that children are in school and on time so there is no disruption to their learning. If you need any help or advice then please do let us know.

## Dinner Money

You will have received a letter about the new arrangements for school lunch. From September, DCC catering department will increase the cost to £2.00 per day. Children/parents can choose to have a school lunch for the whole week or sandwiches for the whole week, there will be no "freedom dining" option. DCC's menu does include sandwiches, jacket potatoes and salads every day if your child doesn't like the main choice option. Please view the Dinner money policy on our school website.

## Medicines

If your child has any medicines in school, please can you ensure they are taken home over the summer holidays and then brought back in September. Please could you check the expiry dates on medicines like epipens and inhalers. Thank you.

## Signing in

If you are in school helping with readers, art, swimming etc then please can you ensure that you sign in and out of the school building and wear the visitor's sticker!

## Farewell

We are bidding a farewell to Mr Baxter who came to WBPS as an NQT back in 2011! He has secured a post in another county and we wish him all the best for the future!

## Results

This year has truly been a huge success. Attainment and progress has improved in all key areas. I would like to shout from the roof tops how well our children have performed at each Key Stage! 😊 Writing was an area that we have worked hard to improve across the school and now we can clearly see the impact of the teaching and learning and rigorous assessment to achieve our targets and to ensure that children achieve!

- In the EYFS, outcomes in July 2015 of Good Level of Development is 68% compared to last year's result of 50% and is above national average of 62% (2014)
- In Year 1, 71% of children passed the Year 1 Phonics Test compared to last year's result of 59%.
- Year 2: the table below shows how many children have achieved a Level 2+ in their end of year tests. It is important to note that this cohort is extremely complex with 25% of children being on the SEN register and working below Level 2, so the very best we can do in each area is achieve 75%. I would like to add that every child has made progress against their starting points and we are proud of them all!

% of children working at Level 2+ (Average)

	2013 results	2014 Results	2015 results	National 2014
Reading	78%	84%	73%	89%
Writing	78%	84%	75%	85%
Maths	74%	91%	73%	92%

% of children working at Level 3 (Above average)

	2013 results	2014 Results	2015 results	National 2014
Reading	43	34	35	30
Writing	30	23	20	16
Maths	35	27	40	24

- Year 6: The table below shows how many children have achieved a Level 4+ in their SATs compared to last year's result and National average. We are very pleased with our results and proud of our children's achievements.

% of children working at Level 4+ (Average)

Test	National Results 2014 %	WBPS School's 2015 Results	Last year's school results 2014
Reading	89%	91%	93%
SPAG	76%	79%	62%
Mathematics	86%	91%	72%
Writing	85%	85%	62%

% of children achieving each level

Test	Below Level 3	Level 3	Level 4 (Average)	Level 5 (Above average)	Level 6
Reading	3%	6%	36%	52%	3%
Writing	0	15%	39%	45%	0
Mathematics	0	9%	61%	30%	0
SPAG	3%	18%	18%	61%	0

#### Y6 Production – Aladdin Trouble

Simply the best performance we have seen in a while at WBPS! The singing, dancing and fabulous acting have wowed the audience! Well done to all the Year 6 staff, parents but above all, a huge well done to all children who have worked so hard in putting on a truly magnificent show!

## Summer Fair

Thank you so much to everyone that came to support the wonderful, authentic summer fair! The PTA raised a staggering £1200 which will go towards purchasing ICT equipment such as ipads, notebooks and kindles.

## Questionnaires

A parent questionnaire will be coming home today for you to fill in. Please could you return by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. All the results are shared with staff and carefully analysed so we can look at which areas you think we do well in and which areas we need to focus on.

## Important dates

Monday and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September:– INSET days  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – School open, children back in.  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher evening  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes day  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Oliver Twist play for KS1 and 2

## Inset days for 2015/16

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and children for an exciting and successful year! I'm proud of the effort, enthusiasm and dedication that always goes into making WBPS the best it can be.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday!

See you in September.

Mrs Fay Walton  
Headteacher