



WHALEY BRIDGE E.R. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we have six weeks to go until the summer holidays! June is by far our busiest month with so much going on in and out of school, please refer to the school calendar for information.

Below are a few notices and reminders for you.

Holidays

Please may I remind parents/carers that if you have an exceptional circumstance which requires your child to be absent from school, please can you complete the form which you can either collect from the school office or from our school website. This form must be returned to school two weeks before the given date for authorisation. I'm afraid that going on holiday because the flights are cheaper is not seen as an exceptional circumstance by Derbyshire County Council and you will incur a fine. It has also come to my attention that children missed school due to holidays/trips out when parents declared their children ill. **Missing learning time at any point of the year will mean children will miss chunks of work that can never be caught up.** Please can you ensure that your child is in school. Thank you.

Swimming

Since the last newsletter, a number of parents have contacted me with some great ideas of how we could improve our current system. This has proved really helpful and we will look to implementing these ideas from September. If you would like to help out with swimming every now and then, please could you let the ladies in the office know so a barring check can be arranged. Thank you.

Play equipment

During the half term we were able to fix the adventure play, so the infant children are now able to enjoy playing on the equipment once again – hurrah! Please may I remind parents that the adventure play and trail are **not** to be used before or after school and only during school hours.

Parking

Thank you for all of your support with regards to parking. We have seen a huge difference in our school car park. With the Cock car park and Bowling club out of action for parents/carers, I do understand how difficult it can be to find somewhere safe to drop your children off. With this in mind, I have contacted the Travel Team at Derbyshire County Council and together we have decided to work towards a new Travel Plan. We are keen to encourage more children to walk/cycle/scoot/park and stride to school. If you would be interested in being part of the Travel Plan team then please do let me know. For more information please follow the link:

<http://www.modeshiftstars.org>

New teacher

We welcome Miss Harriet Mansfield onto our teaching team from September. Miss Mansfield, who currently is on her final placement in Year 2, was successful at interview a few weeks ago.

Punctuality

Please can parents/carers ensure that their children arrive to school on time. The school day starts at 8:55am. If you are having problems getting your children to school on time, please do come and have a chat to see if we can help in any way.

Internet Safety

Keeping your child safe while using the internet can be a growing concern for parents. If your child has access to the internet at home, you may want to take a look at this website which is designed for parents/carers to give you up to date information on the types of social media sites and games that are available, including their age recommendations. www.Commonsensemedia.org

HONK!

Good luck to Miss Draper and three children from Whaley Bridge Primary: Lucy Brooks, Katie Fairs and Libby Waterhouse, who are in the final week of rehearsals for HONK! at New Mills Art Theatre. They have all been working extremely hard over the last few months and everyone with a ticket is looking forward to the show. Tickets are still available. Box office open this weekend (afternoon)

Tel: 0333 666 3366. On-line: Ticketsource or on the door.

Tuesday 16th June to Saturday 20th June. Curtain up at 7.15pm. Saturday matinee at 2.15pm.

www.newmillsarttheatre.ticketsource.co.uk

Feedback

Recently, some parents have kindly been sending emails, texts and letters to school commenting on all the wonderful opportunities your children have here at Whaley Bridge Primary, please keep them coming as it's always lovely for the staff and children to hear your feedback. Likewise, if there are any suggestions of how we can improve in any areas, please do let us know.

Important dates for this month:

- Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th June – Book Fair
- Monday 15th – Friday 19th June - Year 6 Lakeside residential
- **Friday 19th June - Inset day – School closed**
- Thursday 25th June – Infant Sports Day 9:30am and Junior Sports Day 1:15pm (Weather permitting!!!)
- Sunday 28th June – The Well Dressing Blessing 2:30pm at the canal basin.

I am around most mornings in the playground so do come and say hello. Remember you can contact me via the office if you wish to make an appointment or email.

If you are not signed up to receive emails, please let the office know and they can add you to their system.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Fay Walton
Headteacher

