



# WHALEY BRIDGE E.R. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Kaiden Galley



10.06.08 – 18.03.16  
7 years old

I cannot put into words how much we will miss Kaiden in school. He epitomised everything that WBPS is about – funny, positive, sociable, caring, loud, inclusive, a good friend, I could go on. The children and staff have been amazing this week. We have laughed remembering the many, many things that Kaiden said or did. He will live on in our memories. The community are welcome to write in our book of condolence which is in our creative classroom.

After Easter, we will also be thinking about how we can celebrate the life of Kaiden.

If you would like to make a donation to support the family, please follow the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/kaiden-mel>

## Staff

Our fabulous School Business Officer, Mrs Wilde will be retiring after 24 years of working at WBPS. The staff and children will miss her very much. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years. We wish her all the best and hope her retirement is full of tennis, gardening and shoe shopping! ☺

## WBPS Choir

We are incredibly proud of our school choir. It's been an extremely busy term for them. The performance at Young Voices was a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing with 20,000 other children at the MEN Arena. On Mothering Sunday the choir sang with the well-known Kinder Choir in Buxton Pavilion Gardens. They all performed beautifully. A huge thank you goes to Choir Leader, Miss Owen who accompanied and organised the children.



## Message from the office

A polite reminder from the office: if you are sending cash/cheques into school, please can it be placed in an envelope with your child/ren name and class.

Also, if you have changed address, mobile number or email address, please could you let the office have your most up to date contact details. Thank you.

## Healthy Eating

You have probably heard your children talking about healthy snacks in school. Our School Council are extremely keen on ensuring that as a school we are following the governments revised Food Policy for school. After the Easter holidays, children are to bring healthy snacks and drinks to school. No chocolate, sweets, crisps, juice, fizzy drinks etc. We want the children to make the right choices to ensure they live healthy lifestyles. The School Council representatives have already been busy discussing healthy snacks with their classes and will be corresponding with parents/carers after Easter. A questionnaire will be coming home for your views, comments and suggestions.

Suggestions for healthier snacks (written by Rowan Gilbert, Libby Waterhouse and Ethan Forrest - Year 6)

Fruit	Vegetables	Other ideas
Apple	Carrots	Cheese
Orange	Cucumber	Pretzels
Banana	Pepper Sticks	Fruit bar
Strawberry	Celery	Seeds:
Cherry	Olives	<i>Sunflower, bird, granola</i>
Mango	Tomatoes	Babybel
Pineapple Rings	Green beans	Yogurt Bars
Peach		Yoghurt
Blueberries		Granola bar
Raspberries		Fruit strings
Grapes and Raisins		Fruit shapes
Melon Cubes		Fruit flakes
Pomegranate		Cereals: Cheerios,
Black Berry		Shreddies
Pear		Crackers
Coconut		Homemade plain popcorn
Plum		Water in water bottles
Apricot		or flavoured water.
Any dried fruits		(Not juice)

This is only a suggestive list by the children. There may be lots of other yummy food items the children can bring in. 😊

## School Games Silver Award!



The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Schools in England are able to assess themselves across bronze, silver and gold levels. This term we have been awarded the silver level! We feel we offer a variety of sports and are involved in many sporting events locally. Well done everybody!

## Holidays during term time

In the past couple of weeks there has been an increase in applications for taking children out of school for exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances do not include birthdays or to save money on cheaper holidays. As mentioned in September's 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. If your child's attendance is below 90% or is causing us concern, Educational Welfare will be involved.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent

After 28 days	You will be summoned to appear before the magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will be summoned to appear before the magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance
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### School Improvement

This week we have been informed by Ofsted that the Data Dashboards will not be updated with 2015 outcomes and the site will close on 30 September 2016. These dashboards were first published in spring 2013 and were designed to be an easily read set of data. Ofsted have announced the release of a new School Comparison Tool at <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk> please follow the link to view our school's results from July 2015 and how they compare regionally and nationally. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Following the success of our open evenings and ensuring that important messages are shared with all parents/carers, we plan to erect a parents' info board which will display what our current targets are and how you can help at home. This term we are focussing on:

- Handwriting: ensuring all children follow our handwriting scheme: PenPals for Writing.
- Spelling: ensuring all writing contains appropriate spelling for their year group/stage. Please click the following link for more information:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/239784/English\\_Appendix\\_1\\_-\\_Spelling.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf)

### Parents' evening

Thank you for your understanding with regards to postponing parents evening. New times and dates will be re-arranged for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Teachers will communicate this with you all.

Mr Hepworth's parents' evenings will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

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

### April

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens and Year 5 go to Losehill Hall  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – WBPS Musical Extravaganza! (Details to follow)  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 class assembly, 9am  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Receptions class assembly, 9am

### May

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 class assembly, 9am  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Y2 and Y6 SATs  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 class assembly, 9am  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – WBPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Triathlon and Year 3 class assembly, 9am  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Class photographs  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – school breaks up for half term, 3:30pm

### June

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!  
 Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Fay Walton  
 Headteacher