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Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Term? Already? The months are flying by! Looking back over the last half term there have been some amazing things going on in and out of school; like the Music Extravaganza. The children have been extremely busy with assessments and new topics– never a dull moment at WBPS! As we are fast approaching the last term of the school year, there are lots of dates and events to fill up your calendars; so please take note of texts, emails and the website calendar. Who knows, the sun might make a permanent appearance!

Gentle reminders from the office.

Please can you ensure that you use the signing in and out book when in school or on the school premises during school hours. The book is up in the school office.

The latest Safeguarding Policies updated on the school website for your information. If you a regular helper in school please ensure that you have read the policies and sign the register in the office to say so.

Keeping children safe

We have been doing a lot of work with the children about keeping safe in the community during lessons and assemblies. For example, safety by water, by railways, online safety, road safety, stranger danger. Please can you work with your children to further embed their knowledge.



NSPCC Online Safety Workshop

Tuesday 7th June, 6-7pm in the school hall. We want to help every family talk about and understand their children's online world and help them keep safe. The workshops are delivered by trained NSPCC and O2 members of staff. You are welcome to bring along any of

your children's devices so O2 can help set up parental controls and privacy settings. Refreshments will be available. Please either text us or send back the reply slip. **Insufficient numbers mean we will have to cancel.**

Staff

We welcome Mrs Casey to the Office Team, you may have already met or spoken to her, she currently works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in the office.

Mrs Chadwick left last week to begin her maternity leave, we wish her lots of luck and hope she gets plenty of rest before baby number two arrives! We welcome back Mrs Shone who has already begun teaching in the Enhanced Resource every morning.

Classes next year

Next academic year our school will be operating at 9 classes rather than 10. Therefore I can announce that for next year, the class structure will be:

1. Reception – Miss Berresford/Mrs Jacevicius
2. Reception - Miss Owen (who will become Mrs Heys in September)
3. Year 1 – Miss Mansfield
4. Year 2 - Mrs Thirsk
5. *Year 3/4 – Mr Hepworth
6. *Year 3/4 – Miss Kincey (who will become Mrs Wilson in September)
7. Year 4/5 – Miss Worsley (this will be the same class staying with the same teacher)
8. Year 5 – Miss Farrell
9. Year 6 – Mrs Green

and Enhanced Resource - Mrs Shone

*Current Year 2 classes staying as they are, being joined by half of current Year 3. The children in Year 3 and their teachers will be involved in the organisation of this, based upon their friendship choices.

If you have any questions or concerns about next year's classes then please do come in and speak to your class teacher who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

WBPS Has Talent!

The hall roof was raised in April at our third annual Music Extravaganza! More children than ever before took to the stage and showed off their musical talent. We were serenaded by Choir and Little Voices, our feet were tapping to the spectacular sounds of the Brass Band and our latest woodwind and string recruits showed off their skills on the clarinet, flute and violin. Not forgetting our perfect pianists! I was so proud to hear such talented children, having fun with music. And anyone who takes to the stage deserves a huge round of applause! Well done to you all!

New report format

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the mini questionnaire last week. Your input was really useful in deciding what the content of the annual report should look like and what elements you think are important.

You said you wanted the report to:

- To tell us about your child's strengths
- How parents can help at home
- What children's progress looks like
- Achievements
- How they perform in other academic areas, not just maths and English
- Whether your child is happy in school
- If they have friends

I hope you agree that the new report will reflect all the above.

A visit from the charity FACE

Bobbie Harvey from the charity FACE (Farming and Countryside Education) came into school to visit Year 1 and Year 3/4 as part of our whole school work towards the Silver ECO Award.

The classes have been working together to learn about plants and have planted a range of seeds for the schools vegetable patch and Environmental Area.

Bobbie showed the children how to create bird scarers from unwanted materials. The children cannot wait to hang their bird scarers outside! They look great! Look out for the bird scarers around the veggie patch after half term!

School Council Flag

Our new flag is finally at the top of our flag pole in the rose garden! Thank you to last years' School Council for organising it and to the designers:

All Year 1 - flowers

Yr2 Olivia – flower

Yr2 Charlotte V- Apple tree

Yr3 Matilda – sunshine

Yr 3/4 Ben- School Council badge

Yr4 Izzy – Maths symbols

Yr5 Freya B – canal boat

Yr 6 Hugh – owl

Yr6 Warner – hills

School Council

The School Council have been checking their classes' snacks to ensure staff and children are making healthier choices! Well done to everyone so far for making these choices! What an improvement! The School Council are now waiting for a few classes to hand in suggested questions for a healthy snacks survey which will be shared with parents and children after half term!

School Travel Plan

There will be a meeting after half term on Thursday 16th June at 3:45pm for any parents/carers from WBPS who would like to volunteer to support the school in increasing levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children. We have signed up to the Modeshift Stars Scheme which you can view on <https://www.modeshiftstars.org/> Mrs Jacevicius, our Year 1 teacher, will be leading the initiative as part of her role as ECO schools co-ordinator. If you are interested in becoming a part of the team, please could you call/email/text the office to let them know you will be attending.

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

June

Monday June 6th - School re-opens children back in

Tuesday 7th June – NSPCC Online safety workshop for parents 6-7pm

Thursday 9th June – Y4, Y5 & Y6 Brass Concert 9:30am

Thursday 9th June – PTA Discos

Friday 10th June – Y20 Class assembly, 9am

Friday 10th June, Year 4 Goyt Valley Walk

Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June – Year 6 go to Lakeside

Monday 13th June – PTA meeting with regards to the Sumer Fair

Thursday 16th June – Travel Plan meeting, 3:45pm

Friday 17th June – Year 2T class assembly, 9am

Friday 17th June – Empty Classroom Day – details to follow

Monday 20th June – Governor Week

Monday 20th June – New Reception parents open evening, 6pm

Tuesday 21st June – Local author, Steve Webb in

Wednesday 22nd June – Book fair

Wednesday 22nd June – Year 4 – Youth Presents Music at Chapel High School

Friday 24th June – Year 1 class assembly, 9am

Thursday 30th June – Sports day

July

Friday 1st July – Reception Class Assembly, 9am

Friday 8th July – Annual Report to parents/carers

Saturday 9th July – Summer Fair 12-2pm

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st – Year 6 production

Monday 25th July – Y6 Leaver's day out and party

Tuesday 26th July – Y6 Leaver's assembly, 9am

INSET dates for academic year - 2016/17

- Monday 5th September, 2016
- Tuesday 6th September, 2016
- Monday 19th December, 2016
- Tuesday 20th December, 2016
- Friday 7th April, 2017

Thank you for your support

Mrs Fay Walton
Headteacher