



# WHALEY BRIDGE E.R. PRIMARY SCHOOL

For every child, a chance to shine★

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## Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow – what a busy start to the new school year, already action-packed! We hope your children have established their routines, and we are delighted to see how well the new Reception children have settled into school life.

### Welcome new staff

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new staff to the school – Miss Mycock (swimming teacher covering Mrs Goodall's maternity leave), Miss Carter (Y3 teacher covering Mrs Wilson's maternity leave), Miss Bloor & Mrs Bowen (MDAs).

### Swimming Rotas

As you are aware, we have made necessary changes to the swimming rota, and this can be viewed on the school website. As mentioned above, Miss Mycock will be covering our Thursday lessons for Mrs Goodall, who is now on maternity leave – we all wish Mrs Goodall well!

### New sports equipment

We are thrilled to have been awarded a Premier League Primary Stars sports kit and equipment pack! The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

We received 3 huge boxes full of Nike equipment and can't wait for the children to start using it!



### Visit from a Team GB Paralympic Athlete

We're very excited to announce that we will be welcoming GB Paralympic Sprinter Michael Churm to the school on **Tuesday 17 October**. Michael will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils. Keep your eyes peeled for a sponsorship form and more information about this exciting event very soon!

### Y6 Assembly & European Day of Languages

Bonjour, guten tag, ciao, hola, goddag! As 26 September was European Day of Languages, Y6 used the theme of languages & cultures of Europe for their class assembly on 22 September. They danced the Macarena to music in Spanish, then 3 teams took part in





an EDL quiz – Greek Gods, Funky French Girls and Italian Pizzas battled it out, eventually won by the Funky French Girls, aka Alice and Bethan! The assembly closed with the class's Despacito dance. The rest of the day saw everyone in the school



choosing a theme and taking part in a wealth of interesting activities to do with their chosen European country; Class JB chose French food, Class 1T Spanish dancing and languages, Class 2B looked at French geography & tasted food in rainbow colours, Class 3W selected Italy and pizza, Classes 4W & 4F looked at Spain and learned to count in Spanish, Class 5L learnt about the geography of Germany and baked some delicious cookies, and Classes 6G & 6M chose France and made some very fruity smoothies. A great day was had by all – bravo!



### **After School/Holiday Club**

WBPS Holiday Club will be running this half term on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. We will have a fun-packed itinerary as always! A booking form will be available shortly from either Suzanna King on 07894235778 or via email [asc@whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:asc@whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk) or on the After School Club (ASC) page on the school website. You can also find us (and like us) on Facebook.



We are also pleased to unveil our new ASC logo. This is all thanks to the hard work and talents of ASC committee chairperson, Lucy Twigg. We think it looks fantastic!!!!

### **House Captains**

Congratulations to our newly-elected House Captains & Vice Captains. After some excellent presentations and a closely-run competition, the following pupils have been chosen: Yellow team – Aidan Stenhouse (C), Lillie Thompson (VC); Blue team – George Garratt (C), Hugo Gray (VC); Red team – Nathan Look (C), Seren Adlington (VC); Green team – Amelia Young (C), Sebastian Mooney (VC). Well done to you all!

### **Thank you!**

A huge thank you to all of you for returning your pupil permission forms (if you haven't yet done so, please do as soon as possible so your child doesn't miss out on any activities/opportunities to learn). These will remain in place for the duration of your child's education here so please remember that if circumstances, or your wishes, change, do remember to let us know as we won't be asking you to complete them again.

### **Free Taster Golf Sessions**

We have been made aware of FREE golf sessions through High Peak Community 'Get into Golf' with tuition, balls & clubs provided at no charge. The next course will begin on Saturday 4 November in Buxton as follows:

Session 1 Saturday 4th November ( 10.00am - 11.00am ) (11.15am - 12.15am)

Session 2 Saturday 11th November

Session 3 Sunday 18th November

Session 4 Sunday 25th November

Sessions 5 Saturday 2nd December

Places are limited to 8 places per course. All the family welcome. Please contact David Cullen on 07754 992286 or email [davecullenpro@hotmail.com](mailto:davecullenpro@hotmail.com) for more details.

### **Your PTA AGM**

Come and get involved!! It's the PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**, 7.30 pm at The Cock public house. Please join them to support our school and influence where the money raised goes. The PTA raises thousands of pounds each year to fund projects in and around the school. Come along, bring new ideas for the year ahead, and be part of the team.

### **School Photos**

A reminder that the photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 3 October 2017** to take individual and sibling photographs for children in school.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – October/November 2017**

<b>OCTOBER/NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>3.10.17</b>	Tuesday	Individual/sibling photographs
<b>6.10.17</b>	Friday	Class 6M Assembly
<b>13.10.17</b>	Friday	Mrs Green's Assembly
<b>16.10.17</b>	Monday	Flu vaccinations Rec-Y4
<b>17.10.17</b>	Tuesday	Visit to school from GB Paralympian Michael Churm
<b>20.10.17</b>	Friday	Class 4F Assembly
<b>20.10.17</b>	Friday	School closes at 3.30 pm for half-term
<b>30.10.17</b>	Monday	School reopens
<b>1.11.17</b>	Wednesday	Y2 Production – 2pm & 6pm
<b>8.11.17</b>	Wednesday	Bag-2-School collection
<b>13.11.17- 17.11.17</b>	Monday-Friday	Anti-bullying week

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Fay Walton  
Headteacher