

WHALEY BRIDGE E.R. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Year 4 Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We hope your child is looking forward to this year in Year 4.

This letter contains quite a lot of information, much of it you will be familiar with anyway, but please don't be put off from reading it. The points are in no particular order, and if there is any other information you require please ask; or if there is any way to improve the information given please tell us.

Start and End of the day

It is important that your child arrives promptly at school in the morning, to give them the best possible start to the day. All the children are expected to line up smartly in the main playground with their class at 8:50am to be met by a member of staff. At 8:55am your child will walk into school with their class. If a child arrives after this time and does not enter school with their class, they will be recorded as late in the register. If a child arrives after 9:15am the register will have closed and therefore they will have to be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Any children who are late arriving for school **must** go directly to the office to let the staff know they have arrived. At 3:30pm, Year 4 will exit the school via the main entrance or black Reception gate and will be accompanied by a member of staff from our class. Please inform the class teacher or the office if your child's end-of-day arrangements change. If your child attends an extra-curricular club at school and they are ever cancelled, as much notice as possible will be given. In the event of cancellation, children are reminded to report straight to the office if nobody arrives to collect them from school.

Uniform

Hair accessories should be small, neat and in school colours. In the classroom and playground your child is expected to wear full school uniform with sensible black school shoes, not trainers. Trainers can be worn at **lunchtimes** for sporting activities, but must be changed for afternoon lessons. High heels, open-toe sandals and 'Crocs' are unsuitable wear for school and children wearing these, or trainers, will be asked to change into P.E. pumps whilst in school. To avoid confusion at changing times, it would assist us if all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in a suitable bag at all times. They must change footwear and have a blue/white T-shirt or warm top, blue or black shorts or appropriate trousers (e.g. track suit bottoms). **BLACK P.E. PUMPS SHOULD BE IN THE KIT AT ALL TIMES READY FOR ANY LESSONS.** Hygiene is important, pump bags should go home regularly so that the contents can be cleaned.

Swimming

All pupils will need to bring a named, one piece costume/fitted swimming shorts and a towel in a suitable, labelled bag. We would also recommend goggles for children who are sensitive to chlorine.

Year 4W will swim on a Wednesday afternoon, 1:15 – 2:15 and Year 4F on a Friday afternoon 1.15 – 2.30. Unless an arrangement has been made with Mrs Goodall, Miss Ellis, Mrs Walton or ourselves, and a note has been provided, your child must take part in the swimming lesson as part of their curriculum coverage. If you can help with swimming please let us know as soon as possible, as without support, swimming cannot take place. DBS clearance must be given before you are able to act as a volunteer, forms are available from the school office.

Assemblies

Year 4 W: Friday 10th November and Friday 13th April
16th

Year 4F: Friday 24th November and Friday March

Homework Each term we will be setting a piece of project work for the children to complete using the information they have been learning about during the course of the topic. Weekly practise of spellings, grammar, reading and maths will also be expected. The children will have a homework book which will contain the activities and homework will be sent out on a Friday and handed in on the following Wednesday.

Reading

Each week reading will be undertaken in a range of ways within school (Big Read, guided reading, shared reading, comprehension or 1:1). Every child must bring their folders with their book and reading record into class each day. It is vital to establish a routine as quickly as possible.

Stationery

We provide all stationery in school, however in the juniors your child may bring in a small, well-labelled pencil case that must be able to fit in their tray.

Dinner Money

Freedom dining isn't offered in school now. Payment should be sent in every Monday morning termly/monthly in an envelope with your child's details on the front. If payments fall into arrears by two weeks we will ask you to send your child in with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. Should this re-occur you will be asked to send your child with a packed lunch until the end of the term.

No mobile phones allowed in school at all.

We are a Healthy School

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack and a bottle with water in (not cordial or juice). As a Friday treat our PTA run a cake and toast sale which alternates every Friday. Children can bring in 20p to enjoy this at morning break.

Nut Allergies

We have children in school who suffer from nut allergies, we are therefore a nut free school, please pay serious consideration to this when sending food into school.

Website

Please remember to visit our school website www.whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Notices, updates and reminders are regularly posted for your information.

Scooters/Bike Racks

We have scooter and bike racks installed in the school. If your child is going to scoot/cycle to school please ensure a home-school agreement has been signed and returned to us. If you haven't filled in an agreement form in the past please find them on the school website (see Scooter Code of Conduct).

Holidays

Please note that holidays during term time are no longer authorised and may be subject to a fine.

I do apologise for the length of this letter, but things will run much more smoothly if there are clear routines. If you have any concerns please contact the office via text/email/phone. Everyone in class is looking forward to a busy and exciting year.

We will hopefully see you all next week at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting, this is a great opportunity to find out more about life in Year 4. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child in more detail during our parents evening in October.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C.J.Farrell and Miss J.Worsley