RESPECT RESILIENCE COLLABORATION INDEPENDENCE TOLERANCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to see such a positive start to the term.

Despite the trials of last week's weather, the school remained open throughout. Staff worked extremely hard to ensure the site was safe and accessible, clearing ice and snow whenever needed. Friday's weather was better than anticipated, which was welcomed by all. A particular thank you must go to Mr Byrne, whose efforts ensured the school was fully accessible on our first day back on Tuesday.

Last week began well with our INSET day, during which all staff revisited our behaviour policy. Some adjustments have been made to ensure it is fully aligned with our Whirley values. Once the policy is fully updated, these changes will be communicated and an updated behaviour policy will be available on the school website once it has been ratified by governors.

As part of this work, we have also introduced three clear school rules, closely aligned to our values: **Be Respectful**, **Be Ready to Learn**, and **Be Responsible**. These have been shared with the children in assembly and are now displayed in all classrooms to support a consistent and positive learning environment.

We look forward to another successful term ahead and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, their commitment to our Whirley values and their achievements outside of school. We also celebrate the Dojo house points earned throughout the week and announce the winning house of the week.

Headteacher's Award

Last week, headteacher awards went to Isla and Spencer in Year 5, who shared their fantastic persuasive hot-writes based on the story "War of the Worlds'. Both pieces used a variety of persuasive vocabulary and great imagination. Well done both of you. This week, we look forward to seeing more examples of great work and more headteacher awards.

V.I.Ps (Values in Practice)

Our **V.I.P. (Values In Practice) Award**, recognises and celebrates children who consistently demonstrate our **Whirley Values** in their daily school life.

Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts this week: Evie (Reception) for Respect, Ben (Y1) for Respect, Finn (Y2) for Independence, Alice (Y3) for all the values, Sidney (Y4) for Resilience, Evie (Y5) for all the values and Matilda (Y6) for Collaboration.

Winning House



This week's house-point results are in and after just four days back following the Christmas break, all houses have already shown fantastic effort and teamwork. Leading the way is **Chelford**, who earned an impressive **125 dojo points**. Their House Trophy is now proudly on display in the school hall.

Parking

We would like to bring to your attention an ongoing parking issue during school drop-off and pick-up times at the corner of St Austell Avenue and Birtles Road.

This section of road forms part of a bus route and on several occasions the local bus service (Route 19A) has been unable to safely make the turn at the junction due to vehicles being parked too close to the corner.

We kindly ask that when parking near the school, you are mindful of junctions and bus routes and ensure that vehicles are not obstructing the road. Considerate parking helps keep traffic flowing safely for everyone, including pupils, residents and public transport users.

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who are already partnering with us to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. Your support makes a significant difference and is vital for your child's success. Overall, our school attendance was 95% last week.

- Reception: 98%
- Year 1: 95%
- Year 2: 98%
- Year 3: 93%
- Year 4: 90%
- Year 5: 95%
- Year 6: 95%

Spring Term dates up to Easter holidays

12th January – Y4 Trip (Manchester Jewish Museum)
6th February – Year 5 Road Safety presentation (school)
6th February – Big Sing at Fallibroome
6th February – Valentines Disco (WSA)
9th February – Creativity Week
10th February – Internet Safety Week
10th February – Chemistry with Cabbage – Year 6
11th February – AIM High Maths (Y4/5/6)
12th February – Young Voices Concert (COOP Live)
12th February – Creativity week presentation evening at Fallibroome
13th February – Break up for HALF Term 3.30pm
23rd February – School reopens
23rd February – Burwardsley Residential Year 2
12th March – Tattenhall Residential Year 4
Week beginning 16th March – Parents' Evenings
20th March – Race Night in school
27th March – Break up for Easter/Spring Holiday 3.30pm
13th April – School Reopens

External School Clubs

Monday – Y3 – 6 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Tuesday – Y1/2 Football 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday – Echo Club
Thursday Multi-Sports - 3.30 – 4.30
Friday – Girls Football

Teacher Led School Clubs

Further details of teacher led clubs will be shared later this week.

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher