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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our Year 6 children begin their SATs this week, we would like to wish them all the very best. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout their time at primary school.
The children have worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum and should feel very proud of everything they have achieved already. SATs are simply an opportunity for them to show what they know and celebrate the progress they have made over the years.
We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and encouragement. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and plenty of reassurance will help the children feel calm and confident each day.

Meet our Governors

Each week we will be sharing our Governing body with you. This week we are sharing Craig Holland.

Craig Holland – SEND/PP GOVERNOR



My name is Craig Holland and I'm one of Whirley's Parent Governors; I have both of my children at our school, one in Year 3 and the other in Year 1 and I'm proud of the work the whole team do to make Whirley a great place to learn.
I work for Pearson leading Customer Experience for the many schools, colleges and educational communities they support across the world, so as well as a vested interest in the school from a parent perspective, I also take great interest in the school and Trust as a 'customer' and understanding the challenges and opportunities this presents is incredibly valuable.
As part of my responsibilities as Governor, I've recently taken on the role of Link Governor for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), learning more about the needs of our pupils and parents, what our school needs to do to support and the wider trends and best practices in this vital area.
In my past career I've worked in the Travel and Financial Services sectors for many years and hope that my experience in the corporate world can add value into the role of Governor, which is one I hold with great pride.

50th birthday assemblies

We've already had some fantastic responses to last week's appeal for Whirley alumni volunteers to take part in a series of question-and-answer assemblies.
We are hoping to find representatives from each of Whirley's 50 years, so if you attended Whirley — or know someone who did and might like to take part — please email Mr Carew at m.carew@whirley.ht.school. Please help us spread the word!
Each participant would answer a few light-hearted questions about their time at Whirley, as well as some relaxed questions about their career, hobbies, or an achievement they are proud of. There would be nothing to prepare unless they wanted to. Please help this exciting project come to fruition!

Pottery Club

A reminder that pottery club is on Tuesday this week. Please be aware that the date has changed for next week's pottery club due to a clash with film night. Pottery club will be on Tuesday 19th May next week and Film night is on Wednesday 20th May.

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

We are pleased to celebrate the following pupils for their hard work and achievements across the school:

Reception: Joshua and Evelyn for their super Rainbow Fish writing.
Year 1: Theo C and Sammy for their excellent knowledge of Sir David Attenborough and endangered animals.
Year 2: Stephanie for her super confidence with her maths work. She showed how well she can count in tens from different numbers.
Year 3: Jenson and Thomas shared their super suspense stories, which was full of personification, adverbs and repetition which built tension.
Year 4: Sam played his guitar to show the new chords he has been learning, showing great concentration and resilience.
Year 5: Aiden shared his detailed RE work on the Hindu Dharma creation story and Lola shared her pledges for Earth Day and how she would make the world a better place.

Well done to all of our pupils for their continued effort and positive attitude towards learning.

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: (Reception) Alex for Independence, (Y1) Rohan for Resilience and Respect, (Y2) Harrison for Resilience, (Y3) Amelia for Collaboration and Resilience, (Y4) Oscar for Resilience, (Y5) Luke for ALL the Whirley Values and (Y6) Jacob E for Respect.

Winning House



Birtles House took top spot this week with 179 dojo points and Alderley came second place with 169 dojo points. In third and fourth were Chelford with 161 points and Henbury with 135 points. As always, a big well done to all houses for their continued hard work and teamwork.

Attendance

I would like to thank the many of you who continue to work in partnership with us to ensure your children attend school every day and arrive on time. Your support makes a real difference and plays a vital role in your child's success.
Overall, our school attendance was 97% this week.

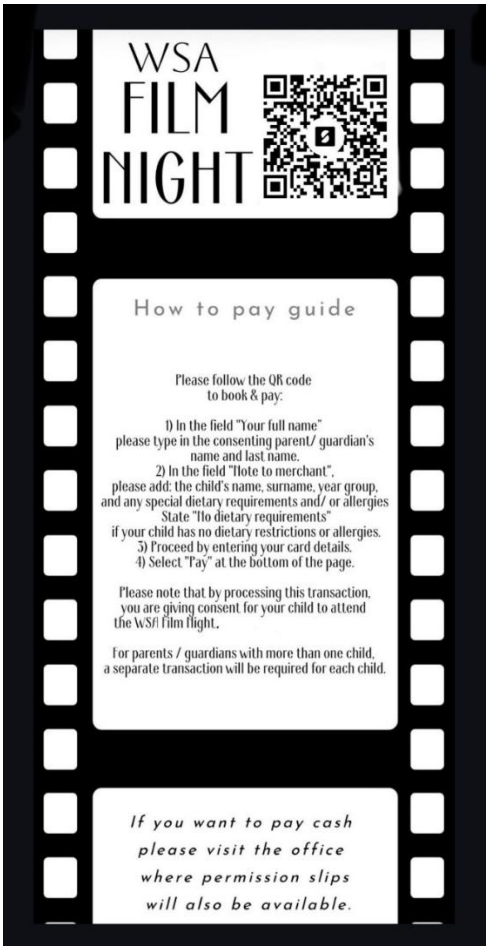
- Reception: 98%
- Year 1: 99%
- Year 2: 97%
- Year 3: 93%
- Year 4: 94%
- Year 5: 98%

- Year 6: 98%

Film Night

Price: £5.50





Summer Dates

11th May - SATs Week
18th May - Year 5 Safety Central Visit
20th May - Film night
Half Term 25th May – 1st June
1st June - School INSET Day
1st June - Multiplication Checks Week Year 4
8th June - Phonics Check Week Year 1
8th June – Quarry Bank Mill Trip Year 4
11th June - Bridgewater Hall Concert – Year 5
22nd June - Great Athletes Day (Further Details to come)
22nd June - Year 1 school trip Peak Wildlife
23rd June - Sports Day
25th June - Day 2 of Brimstone Project – Year 5
29th June - Year 6 Transition Day Fallibroome
29th June - Class Transition Day
30th June - Reserve Sports Day
1st July to 3rd July - Year 6 Residential Conway
7th July EYFS - Holmes Chapel Zoo visit
9th July - Year 6 Performance at KINGS
10th July - Reports sent out

15th July - Rocksteady concert 10.00am
17th July - last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

- Year 3: Thursday 4th June
- Year 4: Thursday 11th June
- Year 2: Thursday 18th June
- Year 1: Thursday 25th June
- Reception: Thursday 2nd July

External School Clubs

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

Teacher Led School Clubs

Monday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Tuesday 15.30 – 16.30 – Y5/6 Rounders club
Tuesday 12.30 – 13.00 Sewing Club with Mrs Hennerley
Tuesday 15.30 – 16.30 Pottery Club KS2 (Y3 – 6) **12th May** and 19th May with Mrs Whalley and Mrs Tomlinson

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher