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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and were able to spend some quality time together.
We're looking forward to an exciting term ahead, with lots of learning, activities and opportunities for the children to grow and thrive. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Whirley Primary School Curriculum

As a school, we have recently taken time to reflect carefully on our curriculum and have worked collaboratively to identify what truly drives it. As a result of this work, we will be sending out an online booklet today for you to explore, which outlines our curriculum drivers and how they underpin everything we do. These drivers shape both how we teach and what we teach, ensuring that our curriculum not only supports strong academic development but also nurtures the personal qualities our children need to thrive.

Here is a link also: https://heyzine.com/flip-book/6159b89d15.html

Big Walk and Wheel Challenge

The results are in and well done, Whirley! A big thank you to everyone who took part.

An impressive 55.1% of journeys to school were made by walking, scooting, or cycling. This was a fantastic effort!

So, where does that place us in the league tables so far? (Some schools are still to submit their data.)

- 1st in Macclesfield
- 39th in the North of England
- 363rd in the UK (out of 1,072 participating schools)

Let's keep up this great momentum and continue choosing active ways to travel. Do you think we can reach 60% in 2027?

Class Assemblies

Looking ahead to the second part of the Summer term, dates have now been set for class assemblies. These are a wonderful opportunity for children to perform, present and share their learning with parents.

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

In addition:

- Year 5 will be supporting Year 6 with their end-of-year production and performing at the Halle on Thursday 18th June.
- Year 6 will perform their end-of-year production on Thursday 9th July.

Sports Day: Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 23rd June, with a reserve date of Tuesday 30th June.

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Meet our Governors

Each week we will be sharing our Governing body with you. This week we start with the Chair of Governors: Mr Pete Walsh.

Chair of Governor



I joined the Governing Board in September 2019 and have the roles of Lead Governor for Health and Safety, as well as Link Governor for Sustainability and Outdoor Learning. These responsibilities are particularly meaningful to me, as they reflect my long-standing commitment to creating safe, supportive environments and promoting a strong connection with the outdoors.

Having lived locally for many years, I feel a deep connection to the community the school serves. Over the past 30 years, I have had the privilege of serving that same community as a member of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. This experience has shaped my understanding of teamwork, resilience and the importance of safeguarding others; values I am proud to bring to my role on the Governing Board.

School Staffing Changes

We have some staffing changes to share. We are sadly saying goodbye to Julie Campbell in her role as a midday supervisor. Julie has supported our school in this role for many years and the children will truly miss her presence at lunchtimes. However, we are pleased that she will continue working with us in the after-school club, so we will still see her around school. We also welcome two new midday supervisors, Jessica Lyne-ley and Rachael Johnson, who will be joining us after the Easter holidays.

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

The following pupils have been celebrated for their outstanding learning and achievements across the school.

In Reception, Chester was recognised for his excellent science work, where he sorted dinosaurs into a Venn diagram based on their diets.

In Year 1, Thea G impressed us with her fantastic writing about making a jam sandwich.

In Year 2, Lina I was awarded for her superb science work on food chains, confidently using the vocabulary *predator*, *prey* and *producer*.

In Year 3, Thea P and Lori W were recognised for their creative outdoor artwork, skilfully using line, shape and tone. Also in Year 3, Lola, Margot, Lila, Chloe, Sophia and Renee shared their excellent group research on the Stone Age.

In Year 4, Theo and Edward were celebrated for their imaginative English portal stories, which showcased rich vocabulary.

In Year 5, Elijah and Sidney were recognised for their biographies about Mo Farah. Both pupils spoke confidently about their writing and demonstrated detailed knowledge.

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.

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Well done to this week's V.I.Ps who will proudly wear our purple VIP sweatshirts: (Reception) Sienna for Collaboration, (Y1) George for Resilience, (Y2) Albie for Collaboration, (Y3) Renee for Resilience, (Y4) Teddy for Resilience, (Y5) Harry for Collaboration and (Y6) Isobel for Independence.

Winning House



The final week of the Spring term saw Chelford take the lead with 164 dojo points. Well done to all houses for their teamwork and hard work when earning dojo points for their houses. Birtles and Henbury took joint second with 151 dojo points each and Alderley achieved 138 dojo points.

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 96% this week.

- Reception: 99%
- Year 1: 95%
- Year 2: 92%
- Year 3: 96%
- Year 4: 96%
- Year 5: 98%
- Year 6: 99%

Summer Dates

22nd April – SCHOOL Class Photographs – Academy Photos
11th May – SATs Week
18th May – Year 5 Safety Central Visit
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
18th June – Bridgewater Hall Concert – Year 5
22nd June – Great Athletes Day (Further Details to come)
25th June – Day 2 of Brimstone Project – Year 5
1st July to 3rd July – Year 6 Residential Conway
9th July – Year 6 Performance at KINGS
17th July – last day of term

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
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Please note the different days for the following new club:

Tuesday 15.30 – 16.30 Pottery Club KS2 (Y3 – 6) **21st April, 5th May, 12th May** with Mrs Whalley and Mrs Tomlinson
Wednesday 15.30 – 16.30 Pottery Club KS2 (Y3 – 6) **29th April, 20th May** with Mrs Whalley and Mrs Tomlinson

A key stage 1 pottery club will take place after half term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Whalley
Headteacher