

## Whitehill Primary School

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# Whitehill Primary School Newsletter



### School News

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter of the year.

A very warm welcome back after the summer holidays and a special welcome to the families who have joined us this September. We have had a fantastic start to the year.

All our children have settled well into their new classes and our teachers are very impressed with positive attitudes of their children.

### Meet the teacher

At the start of each year, we hold an informal “meet the teacher” session, where you can come and discuss the year ahead with your child’s new teacher and find out about expectations for that year group. Even if you know the teacher, it is a good chance to find out key information about that year group. The event will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and start at 3:30pm until 4:30pm – please enter through the front door. You do not need to book for these sessions and you are able to walk between classes if you have children in different classes.

### Attendance

Each year we have a big push on attendance at Whitehill. We cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance to support your child’s progress. We actively promote good attendance through rewards and incentives. These include:

Any class achieving above 97% attendance during the week will be awarded with a non-uniform day the following Friday. You will be informed of our weekly attendance

in our newsletters, on Dojo and on our website homepage.

Each half-term, we hold a raffle for children who have achieved above 98% attendance for that half-term. The prize may be a trip to the cinema, bowling or a play centre!

At the end of the year, ALL children with attendance above 98% for the full year will be rewarded with a trip to Gulliver's World.

We monitor attendance carefully and hold meetings with parents and pupils where attendance becomes a concern. These meetings allow us to provide any additional support that may be needed in order to improve a child's attendance.

#### [After-school clubs](#)

Our after-school clubs will start again next week (week beginning 9th September). Letters have been issued, please note that some of our clubs cost £1 per session, which must be paid in advance for the half-term in order to secure a place. All our clubs finish at 4:15pm, but we do have our wrap around care (fun club) should you require a later pick-up or you are running late.

We have high expectations of our pupils in regards to their behaviour and this extends to after-school clubs. Where behaviour is deemed unacceptable, children will be issued with a warning (the same as in class) and if that behaviour continues then the child will not be able to attend future clubs.

#### [Updated contact details](#)

In line with the new GDPR regulations, we are required to send out annually requests for contact details and permissions (e.g. for photographs). Your child will shortly receive a pack for you to sign and return to school.

One key requirement for schools is to hold at least 3 emergency contacts for each pupil. This can include parents, relatives, friends or neighbours. The person named should be somebody you trust to collect your child from school in an emergency.

#### [Reporting your child's absence](#)

Parents/carers have a statutory duty to inform school when your child is absent from school and the reason for this absence. Parents are asked to report a child's absence immediately either through the gateway app or by phoning the school office and selecting option 1 "to report your child's absence". Where no reason is given, the

absence is recorded as unauthorised, which could lead to an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) being issued. Where contact cannot be made, this can lead to a referral to Social Services or the Police for a welfare check to be conducted.

#### [Appropriate clothing](#)

As the weather continues to keep us guessing, it is important that your child has appropriate clothing in school. All children must come to school with a coat or jacket - we only call wet play where there is heavy rain.

#### [Upcoming events](#)

Monday 9th September 2019 – After school clubs start

Tuesday 10th September 2019 – Meet the teacher

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Class Photographs

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Conversations



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