

Summer Term Update 2

21st June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching the end of another busy and very successful year. Before we get into holiday mode, there are a few things to draw your attention to and no doubt, there will be a few more things in the weeks to come.

Maths in Action – A Parent Information Evening

I wrote to you recently highlighting an information evening we will be running next Wednesday, 26th June, talking you through the approach to teaching maths we use known as maths mastery. The evening is due to start at 6.00pm and promises to be an interesting event with much of the presentation being led by pupils. It will be very interactive and I promise you there is nothing to worry about.

In order to make it a success, we will need enough people coming along. If you haven't yet signed up you can do so using our [online booking system](#) or you can also drop the office an email (admin@whitehill.herts.sch.uk) stating that you wish to come along.

Circus

I would like to thank all of you who came along and supported the Friends' Association summer event on Saturday. This year saw the return of Happy's Circus and despite the weather leading up to the day, the sun came out and it was huge success.

I would also like to thank the committee members and other helpers on the day, including a magnificent team of BBQ chefs, all with matching hats!

Keep your eyes posted for information relating to our Friends Association on twitter, particularly in the new academic year when we will be looking for a couple of new members.

Open Afternoon – Tuesday 2nd July

You have today received your child's annual school report in which is a letter informing you of next year's class teacher and also details of the open afternoon where you will be able to come into school, have a look at what the pupils have been getting up to recently.

We are running the afternoon slightly differently this year. The invite does not extend to parents of pupils in Year 3 as you will be getting a separate invite to a **Year 3 Showcase Afternoon** happening on Friday 12th July.

For parents of pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6, you are invited into school from 2.30pm should you wish. When you are finished looking around the school you are welcome to take your child home. Of course, if you are not able to make it, your child will be looked after until 3.15pm as usual.

The reason for this is to try and create a little more space for when our new Year 3 pupils visit from Highbury straight after school as part of their transition process. There will be a talk in the hall for parents of next year's Year 3s starting at around 4.00pm.

Class Structure for 2019/2020

You have today been informed who your child's teacher will be from September. I thought you might find it useful to see the overall teaching structure to provide some context:

Year 3:	Miss McGurk and Mr Lord
Year 4:	Mr Denney and Mrs Davies (4 days) / Mrs Burniston (1 day)
Year 5:	Mrs Cornell and Mrs Small (3 days) / Mrs Burniston (2 days)
Year 6:	Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bryan
Support Teachers:	Mrs Little (4 days) and Mrs Burniston (1 day)

Dates for Your Diary

As I have mentioned already, the remainder of the term will fly by and therefore I thought I would highlight some key dates between now and the end of the academic year. Details have been or will be sent out as appropriate to those who need them:

Monday 24 th June:	Parent Workshop on 'Transition and Change' - 9.00am
Wednesday 26 th June:	Year 6 Enterprise Day – details to follow
Wednesday 26 th June:	Parent Information Evening – 'Maths in Action' – 6.00pm
Thursday 27 th June:	Year 6 to Café Rouge and Hitchin Swimming Centre
Saturday 29 th June:	50 th Anniversary Ball
Monday 1 st July:	Choir to sing at Hitchin Festival
Tuesday 2 nd July:	Open Afternoon and New to Whitehill Talk – from 2.30pm
Tues 2 nd – Thurs 4 th July:	Pupils to perform at HGS Gym and Dance Display
Thursday 4 th July:	Year 4 Poetry Performance – 1.30pm
Thursday 4 th July:	Parent Consultations for some Lower School pupils – Invite only
Friday 5 th July:	Parent Consultations for some Upper School pupils – Invite only
Monday 8 th July:	Year 6 Production – 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 th July:	Year 6 Production and Leavers; Presentation – 6.30pm
Thursday 11 th July:	Transition Day
Friday 12 th July:	Year 3 Showcase Afternoon – 2.00pm
Friday 12 th July:	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 16 th July:	Sports Day – 12.30pm start (note this is earlier than last year)
Wednesday 17 th July:	Violin / Orchestra Assembly – 9.00pm

I will of course try and keep you all updated via my weekly blog but if you have any questions, then please do come in and have a chat with Mrs Cook or Mrs Lanni in the school office or catch me on the playground in the mornings.

Best wishes,

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