

Spring Term Update 1

14th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

With the Spring Term well and truly underway, it seems appropriate to send out a few reminders and information items as well as an updated school calendar.

School Office

Following on from my email last week relating to Mrs Cook's sad news, I would like to thank you for your support and kind words. Whilst Mrs Lanni will be in the office every morning, cover in the afternoons is still a little limited and therefore I would ask for your continued understanding should you try to telephone. For all non-urgent questions, I would suggest you email us at **admin@whitehill.herts.sch.uk** and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Dates

With this update, you will receive a copy of the updated school calendar. Whilst it is as up to date as possible a more accurate date list can be found on the school website under Parent Info/School Calendar. I will also try and give you information about upcoming events via my blog which is published on the school website each Friday afternoon.

Start of the Day

The softer start to the day is well established and works very well indeed. I have noticed, however, that some pupils are getting to school earlier and earlier and using this time to 'play', unsupervised, which has led to one or two incidents. Can I please remind you that pupils who are not monitors should arrive at school **from** 8.35am when they will be able to gain access to their class. ***No pupils should be 'playing' on the apparatus or netball courts before school starts.***

Brass Lessons

Our brass teacher, Mr Robinson, has asked me to say that he currently has spaces for any pupils who would like to learn a brass instrument in school. If you would like further information, please come and have a chat with us and we will put you in contact with Mr Robinson.

School Reports

I am currently in the process of looking at our school report format and the way we report at the end of the academic year. I hope to be able to consult with parents as part of this process shortly and therefore would urge you to look out for further information. It is my intention to simplify the reports and make them much shorter.

Quiz Night

Our Friends' Association are running a Quiz Night for parents and friends on Friday 7th February. These events are always very popular and you will need to get your tickets as soon as possible. The £10 ticket price also includes your choice of 'fish and chip' supper.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Whitehill and I hope 2020 proves to be a successful year for us all.

Best wishes,

Steve Mills
Headteacher