



Autumn Term Update (5)

Dear Parents and Carers

It is probably unsurprising that we are now on Autumn Update 5 even though we still haven't quite reached half term yet. The following are a few reminders and news items for your attention.

School Lunches

We have been using the new lunch system now for a number of weeks and I am pleased to report that the overwhelming majority of pupils are getting the lunch that has been selected for them at home. Thank you for your support with this new project.

There are still a few things we could do to make it run even smoother, however. Firstly, we have had a number of pupils go through today who had a school meal chosen for them but then also brought in a packed lunch. Would you please check to ensure that if you choose a meal for your child, they do actually take it. Also, if your child is absent from school but would usually have a school dinner, please would you log onto [SchoolGrid](#) in the morning and cancel the lunch for that day.

Finally, and probably more important, there are an increasing number of our younger pupils who are not eating much at all. We will never force a child to eat anything but perhaps you would help encourage your child to eat the meal they have chosen. Perhaps talk through what it is they will be getting at the start of the week or the evening before and encourage them to try it. [Photographs of the menus are online.](#)

Thank you in advance for your support with this, which will ensure waste is kept to a minimum.

Coats

As we head quickly towards the winter months, please would you make sure your child always has a coat in school. We will try to get the pupils outside as much as possible, even if it is a little damp, and therefore it is imperative your child is able to wear a coat.

As I often say, 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing'.

Consultation Evenings

Thank you to those who have booked your appointments for the upcoming consultation evenings, the first of which is this coming Thursday. You can still [book your appointment](#) over the next couple of days and if you are having difficulty, please do get in touch and we will help you.

This term's meetings are all being conducted by video appointment and we trialled the platform last week. It worked really well indeed and I hope you will be equally as pleased. To access your appointment(s), log onto the same platform you used to book it. Just before your allotted time, click to join the meetings and when it is your time, you will have one more button to click. Please remember that each meeting will last a maximum of ten minutes and cannot be extended.

Any questions, please do ask.

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to those parents who have returned the slip expressing an interest in the school pursuing a residential trip for the Year 6s this academic year. At the time of writing we haven't quite reached the minimum number we have set to make this a viable project. Please return the slips or confirm via [SchoolGateway](#) by Friday at the latest.

New PE Top

I mentioned in one of my weekly blogs the change to the school PE kit we have made in consultation with the Junior Management Team (our Year 6 Ambassadors) and their peers.

You **do not** need to do anything at this time but should you need to replace your child's PE top in the future, Beats Uniform will now sell you a blue Whitehill sports shirt rather than the white polo shirt. They look very smart and hopefully will be easier to keep clean.



The new Whitehill PE top

Lost Property

At the present time, we are not running a lost property box. If items of clothing are named, we will return them direct to the owner. For that reason, please would you make sure **EVERY** item of clothing is named in some way.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Mills".

Steve Mills
Headteacher