

# Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Possible and Planned Changes to Year 6 Events

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday in relation to the easing of lockdown and the delay to Stage 4 of the road map, we will need to think about some of the events currently planned for our Year 6 pupils between now and the end of term. I can assure you that a great deal of thought has gone into this and I hope we have come up with sensible alternatives and 'work-arounds' for the pupils and for you.

### The School Production – Jungle Book

As you will no doubt be aware, the Year 6s are working so hard on their end of year play, A Jungle Book. It would be a real shame if they were unable to perform this to a live audience. Under the current guidance (Stage 3), there is scope for restricted audiences to attend performances provided there is suitable social distancing and the adults wear a face covering. I have been in touch with Health and Safety at Herts County Council to get our plans approved. In addition to the face coverings and distancing, they have also suggested that, where possible, parents might like to take a lateral flow test 'just in case' prior to attending.

We are able to seat 36 adults safely in the hall and for that reason we would like to run the show four times:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm\*
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm\*

*\*I am aware that the Euro Semi-Finals take place on 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> July and so depending upon home nation success we may move the start time of the play forward!*

You will have the option of **one or two tickets (per family) for one show only** and I would ask you use the link below to request your tickets.

### [Book Tickets for the Year 6 Production](#)

The Leavers' Presentation **will not** be part of the production and all performances will be the same. You will be asked for a couple of choices and I will do my best to accommodate you. The more flexible you can be, the more chance we have of making this work. The alternative is not to run the show at all (like last year) which would be a real shame.

We will also be filming the play on one of the evenings and so extended families will get to see the show at some point should you wish. We will not be able to accommodate younger siblings this year.

Given the number of performances the pupils are doing, I am happy to authorise a later start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July with registers closing at 10.00am should you wish.



### **Transition Day**

At the current time, I am unaware of the final decisions relating to the Year 6 visits to their new secondary schools on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. I have been in communication with staff from Hitchin Boys' and Hitchin Girls' today and there is still a chance these will run as planned. I have no doubt the schools will contact you directly in relation to this.

If the visits go ahead, this is wonderful. If they don't, we still plan to do ours in school and therefore there will be slightly different plans in school for the Year 6 pupils. Weather permitting, it will very much be a day of outdoor activities. Let's see what the secondary schools say before sharing the detail.

### **Year 6 Party**

This will still go ahead on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6.00pm. The party will finish at 8.00pm. This year, the governors and I have agreed that the school will cover the cost of the party as a treat for two disrupted years for this cohort.

Thank you to the two dads who have volunteered to help man the BBQ. If there are a couple of other parents who could lend them a hand, I think they would appreciate it.

We have a few inflatable activities for the pupils to enjoy, together with the wonderful company of the staff team!

### **Sports Day**

We are also still planning to go ahead with this event. The afternoon activities will start at 12.45 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The pupils are to come to school in their PE kits that day and will be given a house bib in which to compete. Unlike previous years, pupils will be seated in year groups but will still compete for their houses.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the afternoon events arriving no earlier than 12.30pm. We also have to limit numbers and so again, I would ask that no more than 2 adults per family attend and we make use of the space we have when watching. Please adhere to the current social distancing guidelines in relation to family groups etc.

We should be finished by 3.15pm.

As always thank you for your ongoing support during these 'interesting' times.

Kind regards,



Steve Mills  
Headteacher

