Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move at pace towards the end of the academic year, there are a few things to draw your attention to. There will be further details in due course.

Uniform

Since returning after lockdown, I have been a little more relaxed in terms of school uniform, particularly with our older pupils. Clearly, when we return in September and the start of a new academic year, I would ask that all pupils adhere to our policy.

One thing I would ask for now, however, is to ensure pupils have appropriate footwear in school on days they have PE. There have been an increasing number of pupils without training shoes for outdoor lessons and the school shoes they are wearing are not appropriate and hence not safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports Day

Whilst thinking about sport, I promised a further update on this year's sports day. Pupils **will** be taking part in a traditional Whitehill sports day on Tuesday 13th July. We can run this in accordance with the national and local Covid guidelines.

That being said, I will make a final decision as to whether or not we can accommodate parents, on Monday 5th July. At this stage, I must admit it is looking unlikely that we will be able to so, fairly and safely. I am sure you understand the dilemma we face in relation to this, as we wouldn't want to undo all of the fantastic work the Whitehill community has done since March last year.

Final Assembly

On Friday 16th July, I will be leading a final assembly in which we present some of the annual awards and say goodbye to the Year 6s and some staff.

It is my plan to make this assembly available live to any parents who wish to tune in. A Teams' link will be sent out shortly. The assembly will start around 10.30am and lasts just over an hour.

Junior Leadership Team

Next week, I will be talking with all Year 5 pupils to introduce them to the replacement to the traditional Head Boy / Girl arrangements from September. I feel it is a very exciting development and I hope the pupils moving into Year 6 in September will be just as enthused as I am.

If you have a child in Year 5 and they would like to put themselves forward for this new role, they may need your support over the summer holidays to prepare their speeches.

As mentioned earlier, please look out for the final decision relating to sports day, on Monday. Thank you for your continued support of the school and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Steve Mills Headteacher









