

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### Spring Term Update 3

It's been a busy yet very productive week. Here are a few information items for you ahead of my blog which should go live at the end of the school day.

#### Consultation Evening

On Monday morning you will receive a letter detailing how you can book your appointments for this term's consultation evenings. The platform will go live that morning with the appointments taking place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Should you have any problems booking your appointment please feel free to contact the school office.

#### Ofsted

As you are aware, we had our much anticipated Ofsted inspection at the beginning of the week. Thank you for your support via Parent View and also when you saw me on the playground. It was what is known as an 'ungraded inspection' which will result in a much shorter report. As soon as it has been released, I will make sure you all receive a copy. The two days were a very thorough examination of Whitehill and I was incredibly proud of my staff team and the pupils.

#### Teacher Appointment

If Ofsted didn't provide enough challenge this week, we also managed to fit in a day of interviews for a teaching post starting in September.

There was a very strong field and I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Miss Charlotte Smith. Miss Smith will officially start in September but I have no doubt she will spend quite some time in Whitehill this side of the summer break, getting to know everyone.

I am sure you will join me in making her feel very welcome when you meet her. She will be a wonderful addition to #TeamWhitehill

#### Industrial Action

At this stage, one of the teaching unions, the NEU still intend to go ahead with their planned industrial action on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

As far as I am aware, we will once again be able to remain open across the whole week. You may have received notification that Highbury may be partly closed but once again, Breakfast Club will be open to those who usually attend.

#### Communication with the School

As a reminder, where possible, all communication for class teachers should come into school via our [admin@whitehill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitehill.herts.sch.uk) email address as this way, we can make sure it is dealt with in a timely manner. This address is monitored regularly and correspondence can be directed to the right member of staff quickly. All information is dealt with confidentially.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Steve Mills

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