

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Term Update 3

With one week to go before half term – a week in which I am away with the Year 6s in the Isle of Wight – I thought I would send out an update today sharing a few information items.

Staffing Update

I am currently finalising the teaching teams for September and these will be shared with all families when the school reports are sent home on Friday 30th June. On this day, the 'Meet the Teacher' videos on our website virtual tour will also be updated to reflect the teaching structure from September.

One member of staff who will not be with us in September is Mrs Small. Mrs Small is moving on at the end of the school year having secured an Assistant Head's role in a school in Stevenage. She will be greatly missed but we will keep in touch and she will always be welcome back at Whitehill. I know you will join with me in wishing her all the very best in her new job.

There will be two new names joining our teaching team at the start of the next academic year. Miss Smith and Miss Payne will both have fulltime class responsibility and I know are very excited about starting at Whitehill.

School Lunches

Please do not forget that if your child is off school for any reason and usually has a school lunch, you need to log on to School Grid and cancel the lunch. This should be done before 9.00am otherwise you still may be charged.

Key Dates

The website calendar is kept as up to date as time allows with key events for pupils and parents. There are always additional things happening for pupils in the last half term – especially for Year 6s – and so if you think you might have missed something, this is a good place to check.

Can I remind you that we finish for half term a week today – Friday 26th May - and return to school on Tuesday 6th June.

The Junior Leadership Team are organising a music festival and invites are currently coming home with pupils who they would like to take part. Everyone will be invited to watch the festival which takes place on Wednesday 5th July starting at 4.00pm.

The Friends Association 'Summer Social' takes place at the end of that week on Friday 7th July.

The other key, whole school event is our sports day and in particular the afternoon competition to which you are all invited. This takes place on Tuesday 18th July starting at 12.45pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,



Steve Mills
Headteacher