



Thursday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring Term Update 2

I trust you all managed to find time to rest over the half term break despite the weather but saying that the last two days have provided a little warmth and some sunshine. So much so, we could open up part of the school field to pupils this lunchtime.

Mrs Granger

Tomorrow, we say goodbye to Mrs Granger as she leaves us after four years to take up a new post at school in Stevenage. She has been a wonderful member of #TeamWhitehill and has made my life considerably easier with her handle on the finances. Put simply, she knows how to, and isn't afraid to say 'no' to me when I ask to spend money!

I know you will join with me in wishing her all the best in her new job.

The finance manager's baton is being handed to Mrs Bradshaw who has been working alongside Mrs Granger and learning from her. Mrs Bradshaw has been a member of our support staff team for a number of years and is excited by this change of job.

Open Afternoon and Consultation Evenings

This is advance warning that on Monday 9th March, you will receive a letter from me inviting you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher as part of this term's consultation evenings. We continue to use the same platform, but I will send a guide out with the letter to help you.

The appointments can be made for **Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March**, starting at 3.40pm and running through to 6.50pm.

In advance of these, we will once again be opening up the school from 2.30pm on Monday 16th March for you to come in and have a look at the pupils' work on display and in their books.

Should you have any questions or need any help booking your appointments, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

World Book Day

Your child should have brought home their World Book Day token recently which will enable them to get hold of one of this year's World Book Day books before the deadline of 15th March.

Can I remind you that at Whitehill, we do not dress up for World Book Day which I know they do at Highbury. Instead, we will be running a couple of competitions and initiatives, including one organised by my Junior Leadership Team, in school in the coming weeks to promote our love of reading.

Headteacher Interviews

The governing body have been working exceptionally hard behind the scenes as they look to appoint my successor. To this end, the interviews will take place on Friday 6th March. I mention this as the school will be exceptionally busy that day, as I am sure you can imagine, and so would ask that contact with the school during the day is limited to essential communications only.

I am not allowed to be onsite during this process and so have already booked my theatre ticket. In addition, my blog will likely be posted on Thursday evening instead of its usual time of Friday afternoon.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,



Steve Mills
Headteacher