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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a blistering end to the year. Our children have shown great resilience with the scorching temperatures and have enjoyed the last week at Whitehills before the school holidays. Our staff have been really inventive in trying to keep our children cool with foot spas, water spritzes and visits to the spinney. We have been very fortunate to have our new members of staff join us for transition this week. I am sure, meeting and working with the new staff and existing staff will reassure many of our children before they finish school this week and September will be a smooth start to the term.

In the penultimate week of term year four and year six had their annual residential. Both year groups had a fantastic time and were a credit to our school. We have booked residential for next year's year four and year six children and you will get information about these trips early in September for children in those year groups.

Year five and year six have been working alongside an artist, Marvin Mudzongo to create some wall art for the school hall, based on our core values of respect responsibility and hard work. All of the children really enjoyed this experience and we have booked similar experiences for other year groups in the coming year. Once we have the murals completed I will share these with you.

Our new website is now up and running. I hope you get an opportunity to view it. I believe it is much easier to navigate and looks fantastic.

Communication

Next year, we want to ensure we reach out to as many families as possible and improve communication. Currently, most communication is through Parentmail and our newsletters. We use our Facebook page to share photos of events but I would like to have improved communication for all of our parents which is more bespoke to each year group. In September, we will trial an App to share weekly news, class information and it will allow you to communicate directly with your child's teacher on school days. I hope this will give you a more informed picture of what is happening in your child's class on a regular basis.

I will be sending information about the App in a separate Parentmail at the start of the new term.

Gold Sports Mark

I am very pleased to inform you that we have been awarded the gold mark for sport. Mrs Hillier and Mrs Hargreaves have worked hard to ensure our children have opportunities to compete in competitions throughout the year with other schools and also engage in other sports to build on self-esteem. This really is a fantastic achievement and I am so pleased.



Change Maker Award

Our older children in the school council attended a presentation afternoon at Northampton University for the Change Maker Award this month. In assembly today, we presented them with their certificates and badges. Thank you to those parents who have donated uniform to school so we can recycle the uniform to other children. We will be continuing with this project in September.

Go Read App

We really want to continue to promote reading throughout school. We are introducing the Go Read app before we break up. You should have received information about this App yesterday and how you can access it.

Governor election result

Thank you to those who nominated themselves for the governor role at Whitehills. All votes we counted and verified and we are pleased to announce that Mr David Ward-Stokes has been re-elected.

In September, we would appreciate any parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer to support reading, forest school activities or any sporting events. Please do send me an email if you can help.

Class assemblies

This coming academic year, we will have year group assemblies. The dates of these assemblies will be listed in the first September newsletter so you have advance notice should you need to book time off work.

Finally I do have to mention our wonderful year 6 leaving us for secondary school. They have been a lovely year group and we are sorry to see them leave us. I know they will make their time at secondary school a success. We have been so proud of them this year. They have been amazing ambassadors for our school! Thank you to those families who have been on the journey with us and will be leaving us too.

Also, to our staff leaving us for pastures new. Good luck in your new adventures. I know staff, children and parents will miss you.

I do hope you have a lovely summer. We are looking forward to September as it will be an exciting year ahead of us. As ever, thank you so much for your continued support this year.

We return to school on Monday 5th September 2022.

Kind regards,

Mrs James and the Whitehills' Team

