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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

May has been a busy month with statutory tests, visits and the construction of the new adventure playground. The playground will be completed this week, ready for the new term. I will post further photos of the playground on Friday's Dojo update.

In assembly this week, we had Kevin Potter visit from the Northampton Wombles. I do hope he has inspired some of our children to help with litter picking. We had already recognised that two pupils, Mia and Ellie have already supported their local area by litter picking. I am so pleased that we have such consciousness pupils! If you do want to get involved please click on this link for further details: <https://www.northantslitterwombles.co.uk/>

CLASS DOJO

From September, all year groups will be connected to Class Dojo. At present this is where I post photos and write a weekly update / blogs to parents in years 1-6. As a result, next year I will not be writing monthly newsletters and using Dojo instead. Please check the app each Friday for updates. Class teachers also post weekly on the App, keeping you updated with events in your child's class. I do hope, you feel more informed about school life as a result, as this was following feedback from our parental survey earlier this year.

SATS

I am really pleased to let you know that all of the children in Year 2 and Year 6 have now finished their SATs papers. They all worked extremely hard prior to, and during, this assessment period and I am sure they are glad to have them out of the way. We now look forward to an exciting final term in this academic year with sports days, Year 6 production and our Year 4 and Year 6 residential visit. Our school rarely stands still and we are always keen that the children are busy and doing something interesting.

Year 1 will have their phonics tests when we return, so please ensure your child reads daily and practices their sounds and blending (reading the word after sounding out). This will give your child confidence in the tests which they complete one to one with a member of staff.

Year 4 will also have their national times tables tests. Again, over the break, strongly encourage daily use of TT Rockstars. This app develops fast recall of the times tables needed for the tests.

Last week, we invested in another add-on from TT Rockstars, Numbots. The children are enjoying using this and again this is practice to develop their number skills and quick recall which then supports the children in lessons.

WALK TO SCHOOL

Over a week period at the beginning of May, your child was encouraged to walk to school. It has been a pleasure to see so many children taking up this challenge. We always encourage walking to school and it was really gratifying to see so many children starting the school day in an active way.

STAYING SAFE IN THE HOT WEATHER

It looks like we are finally heading into a period of warm weather. Should this turn out to be the case, please will you ensure that sun cream is applied to your child before they come to school and that he/she



has a hat and plenty to drink. We want all of our children to enjoy the sunshine, but not to get sunburnt or dehydrated! Children may bring in sun screen and it would help us if any bottles were named. Please can I request the spray lotions are not brought in. We also will be encouraging children to apply the sun screen themselves.

SPORTS DAY

Sports day for Key Stage 1 and 2 will be on **Tuesday 6th June**. Year 1 to 3 will be from 9:15 and Year 4 to 6 will be from 1:15. EYFS will have their Sports day on **Wednesday 28th June** at 1:30.

NEW INTAKE

After half term, we will have visits for our new families joining us in September. All of our school places have been filled and we are looking forward to meeting the new cohort next term.

PRELOVED UNIFORM

Please bring in any donations for the pre-Loved school uniform on the last day of term.

JACK IN THE BOX

Our very popular breakfast and afternoon club Jack in the Box has recently created a new Facebook page. Please like their page to see what great activities the children have been getting up too.



Jack in the Box 2022

STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR

This is traditionally the time of the year when we think about any staffing changes that are planned for September 2023.

After half term, we will have new members of staff Mrs Webster and Mrs Wilson joining us to support some of our younger children in the school. Both have connections with Whitehills and we are looking forward to them joining us.

I would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who have supported our children in reading and maths and other sessions, giving up their time each week to read to children or support small groups and be part of our team. I know the children enjoy having you in school and the staff have appreciated your support and I value your help too. If you would like to volunteer, please see your child's class teacher.

Finally, I hope you have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine.

With best wishes,

Natalie James
Headteacher

JUNE	
31 st May	School meal order cut off date
6 th June	Sports day Years 1-3 AM from 9:15, Years 4-6 PM from 1:15
8 th June	EYFS new parents visit 4.30pm and 6.00pm
11 th June	Year 6 residential to Osmington, Sunday – Wednesday
12 th June	Y1 phonics screening assessments Y4 Times tables assessments



14 th June	Year 5 quad kids competition
15 th June	Year 2 Warwick Castle visit Year 5 Life Enrichment Day Year 4 multisports event
16 th June	Pre-loved uniform collections
21 st June	Year 4 residential 21 st - 23 rd
26 th June	Whole class group photos
27 th June	Year 5/6 SAS project
28 th June	Sports day FS2 PM from 1:15 Year 5/6 cricket competition

JULY	
3 rd July	Whole school transfer day
4 th July	Whole school transfer day
11 th July	FS2 West Lodge Farm visit
13 th July	Whole school transfer morning
18 th July	Whole school transfer morning
18 th July	Year 6 production 6:00pm
19 th July	Year 6 leavers' beach party 6-8:30pm
20 th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

