

Whitehouse Primary School Newsletter

July 2022



NEWS FROM THE WHITEHOUSE TEAM

I can't quite believe that we are nearing the end of this summer term and academic year. It has flown by. I feel incredibly privileged to be Headteacher at Whitehouse Primary School and over the last eleven months I have got to know the amazing staff team and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of the pupils. As the year has gone on, we have strengthened the team to ensure we are providing the best school experience for your children. Staff development has focused on developing the curriculum in all subject areas and building on the enrichment experiences on offer to the pupils at Whitehouse. This will continue into the new academic year along with further training in supporting children with special educational needs.

We have had an exciting summer term with our school sports day and summer fair being the highlights. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into school and we had a great turn out at both events. I would like to extend my thanks to the PTA whose relentless support for the school ensures successful events and lots of money raised for our pupils. A special shout out goes to Leanne Crichton whose efforts sold over £150 worth of raffle books throughout the community – many thanks Leanne!

All staff and pupils say a sad farewell to our year 6 class on Thursday who leave us ready for a new adventure. We wish them every success and happiness on the next stage of their journey and remind them to 'Believe in yourself!'

We also are saying goodbye to Mr Dudley Rogers, the Chair of our governing body who has decided to retire after many years as a governor at Whitehouse. We want to thank him for the relentless drive to support and challenge the school and wish him every happiness in his retirement. A new Chair of Governors will be appointed in the autumn term. Mrs. Julie Dorr, Vice Chair, will act as interim Chair until that time.

Arrangements for September

Parents and carers received information last week on their child's new class for September, along with information on the removal of staggered starts and finish times and changes to our After School Club provision. If you have any questions about any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0191 6432890 or email office@whitehouseprimary.org.uk

PE Days

You will be informed of your child's PE days on the first week back in September. Children will continue to come to school in PE kit on their PE days from September. PE kit is black shorts, white t-shirt and

trainers. As the weather turns colder children may want to wear a tracksuit, please ensure tracksuits are dark blue or black only.

Attendance

We will continue our drive to support families to improve attendance from September. Good attendance has a direct impact on children's progress and also on children's relationships. It is important children attend school every day. We strongly discourage parents from keeping children at home on birthdays or taking holidays inside term time.

Jewelry

A slight change to our jewelry policy for September means children are allowed to wear studs in their ears and a watch. No other jewelry is allowed in school. On PE days we request that children do not come to school wearing studs.

Wrap Around Care

Our popular breakfast club will continue to run as normal from September. To align with the new timings of the school day, Breakfast Club will be open from 8am – 9am. Children will enter Breakfast Club through the gate on the playground and will be met at the hall doors by Mr Stretton. At 8.55am when the whistle is sounded, Breakfast Club children will be led by staff to line up on the yard with the rest of their class where they will be met by teachers to take them into class.

If you require a space in Breakfast Club and don't already attend then please contact our school office for an application form.

As you will be aware from information sent out last week, there are some changes to our After School Club provision. From September the After School staff will be Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Atrill and Mrs. King. Children will be taken into the club by a member of staff where they will have an opportunity for a snack, drink and take part in fun activities including help for homework. Details on the new booking and payment system will be shared with you very soon.

September 2022

The autumn term begins on Monday 5th September, this will be a Teacher Training Day. Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th September at 9am (8.30am for Nursery children).

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support and wish you all a lovely summer break.

Mrs. Tracy White

Headteacher