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and Creativity*

Whitewater Vision

Developing values and skills of the Christian
faith

Including everyone

Nurturing everyone's talents

Life long learning

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we have not finished this half term in the way we would have liked, I feel that it has been a very positive one. I write this final letter of the half term to pass on my sincere thanks to several groups of people and to share some information for next half term.

Thank you!

Firstly, I would like to thank the entire Whitewater Team. Mr Moore and I have been thoroughly impressed by the quality, commitment and work rate from all members of the team. The fact that they both individually and collectively are delightful people to work with makes coming to work each day a real pleasure. Thank you team, for all you have done this half term, we have asked you to work in different ways, to apply new approaches and be monitored several times a week and you have excelled. Please enjoy a well-deserved break.

Next, I would like to thank you our parents. You have made Mr Moore and I feel very welcome at your school. I am grateful to all of those parents who have passed on feedback regarding how we are doing, the positive and the things to improve. We look forward to working more closely with you next half term.

Finally, I wanted to thank the members of the Governing Body. As volunteers they work tirelessly behind the scenes supporting and challenging the school to improve outcomes for the children, whilst also looking after the staff. Earlier today you should have received a letter from Mr Dan Trill, Chair of Governors, informing you that Whitewater has extended its membership in the Collaboration with Bramley C of E Primary School and The Bishopswood Schools Federation. Both myself and Mr Moore feel privileged to be asked to continue in our leadership role of the school and will do our very best to establish Whitewater as the school of choice in our area, as soon as possible. We thank the Governing Bodies of Whitewater and the other schools in the Collaboration for the confidence and trust that they have shown in us.

Things to look out for to next half term.

Breakfast Club

We will be interviewing for a Breakfast Club/Admin Assistant early next half term with the aim to start running the club by the middle of March. The club will be set up to meet the needs of our working parents and we will try to be as flexible as possible to accommodate anyone who needs to use this service. Information regarding how to book and pay will be sent out early next half term.



The School Office

Connected to the Breakfast Leader role is the Admin Assistant Role, therefore early next half term we are hoping to welcome a new member of staff to the office to support Mrs Fox and the 2 million jobs she does every day. This will allow Mrs Fox more time to support Mr Moore and I with the business/strategic management aspect of the school.

PTA Events.

From the start of next half term PTA events will be frequently taking place. Movie nights, Discos and Fashion shows are but a few of the exciting experiences lined up. I have been thoroughly impressed by the commitment, hard work and professionalism of all the PTA members. For such a small team, they have a massive impact on the school. Some dates of events have already been shared and there will be more to come.

After School Clubs.

Next half term SCL will continue to run sports clubs on a Monday and Friday. In addition, the Enrichment Academy will be offering Dance/Drama club on a Tuesday and we are hoping to set up a Hockey and Athletics Club on a Wednesday as soon as possible. Please note that the Dance club before school on Friday will continue as normal.

School Improvement Projects

On the 11th of April the work starts on redeveloping our EYFS outdoor area. We have secured the vast majority of funds needed through the generosity of some local friends to the school. We are currently fundraising in order to add the finishing touches to the project. Information has been sent out previously regarding fundraising, so if you are interested in supporting the project do get in touch. Any additional help will always be warmly received.

Also in the Easter Holidays the school will be significantly upgrading its ICT infrastructure. Upgrades and the purchase of new devices will help us to improve provision for the children whilst also aiding the teachers by improving the access, speed and reliability of our network.

Staffing update

Following the announcement that Whitewater C of E Primary School will continue its relationship with the Collaboration for an extended period time, we will now look to make more permanent appointments and changes to the leadership structure of the school. Therefore next half term we will be advertising for a new Assistant Headteacher to start in September. For any school to thrive within a collaboration there needs to be a senior leader based full time at that school whose main focus is improving standards and supporting the local community. Mr Moore and I will continue to lead the school and retain overall responsibility as we do now. This appointment helps us to further strengthen the internal capacity of the school and secure long term school improvement.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Louise Onslow. Mrs Onslow was seconded from Bramley C of E Primary School at the start of this term to support Rabbit Class. She has played an important role in helping to improve provision and stabilise staffing. Her secondment has come to



an end and she will be replaced by Miss Clara Miles after half term. Thank you for helping us Mrs Onslow you have been a superstar.

Finally, I would like to wish you all healthy and safe half term break. We really look forward to what next half term will bring, hopefully less Covid cases and better weather.

Yours sincerely

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