



Whitewater Church of England Primary

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and feel raring to go for an action-packed Autumn Term. After the hottest summer break, I can remember, the thunderstorm the night before the children returned to school cleared the air making the heatwave seem a distant memory.

The children are all looking very smart and have settled incredibly well into their classes. Every time I have walked around the school, it's been great to see so many smiles – from both adults and pupils alike. We are all really looking forward to the year ahead. It looks like society is coming to terms with living with Covid meaning there will be lots of opportunity to welcome you all into school to share the incredible learning your children will be doing.

I would like to thank all members of the Whitewater team for their hard work during the summer holidays. The teachers and LSAs have been preparing rooms and lessons, Mr Morgan (Site Manager) has been decorating corridors and filling skips whilst the office team have been ploughing through vast amounts of work sorting registrations, orders and a thousand other admin tasks. Lastly, I'd like to thank the PTA who managed to smash the fundraising target last year which means we have a shining new minibus parked in school. The signage should be completed very soon and it will soon be on the road. Well done team!

A Big Welcome

This week we will be welcoming the latest additions to the Whitewater School Family when our new Yr R children join us for their taster sessions. The home visits have gone very well, both the children and the parents have been really brave in taking their first steps into primary school life. I very much look forward to watching them grow and develop as they journey through the school.

We have also welcomed a number of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to our school who have either moved into the area or have relocated from other schools as well as some new adults who have joined the team. They have all done remarkably well and settled very quickly into the Whitewater way.

PE

We would like to ask children to arrive in PE kits on their allocated PE days. Please refer to the class welcome letter for your child's PE day. We have made this change to ensure that children are getting the full amount of PE time allocated to them. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that PE kits are part of the uniform and we would ask that branded hoodies etc are not worn. In the cooler weather the children can wear their school jumper over their PE kits or a plain sweatshirt or hoody would also be acceptable.

Wrap around care

Our Breakfast Club is already up and running and can be booked through the school office. We plan to get our after-school clubs up and running within the next couple of weeks once the staff are fully trained. We will send further information in due course.

Year Group Curriculum Evenings

We are holding our year group curriculum information evenings next week. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and hear about what your child will be learning throughout the year. Information will include the curriculum, expectations, homework, the timetable, outcome events and trips and visits.

We will be hosting these meetings in person in the school

- Year 1 and 2 – Thursday 15th September – 3.40pm
- Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 14th September – 3.40pm
- Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 21st September – 3.30pm

If you are unable to make it, the presentation will be emailed out following the meeting.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we operate an open-door policy here at Whitewater C of E Primary School, as we very much value the relationship we have with our parents. Despite this, can I ask that try to avoid lengthy conversations with teachers on the classroom door in the morning please? Our priority at this point in the day is to ensure that we welcome the children into school so they feel confident and settled. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please email the school office on adminoffice@whitewater.hants.sch.uk and they will get back to you. Alternatively, you can often catch Miss Pepper, Mr Golding or myself on the gate in the morning.

Please find below dates and times of future events this Autumn Term.

Many thanks

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Key Dates for Autumn Term 2022 Whitewater C of E Primary	
12.9.22	EYFS – Start full time
14.9.22	Hedgehog Welcome Meeting for Parents (3.40)
15.9.22	Otter Welcome Meeting for Parents (3.40)
16.9.22	Homework Issued
21.9.22	Fox Welcome Meeting for Parents (3.40)
11.10.22	Parents Evening (3.30 – 6)
13.10.22	Harvest Worship Parents Evening (3.30 – 6)