

2nd June 2020



June Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have started the wider opening of school, with children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 gradually joining the key worker children over the next few weeks. It has been wonderful to see some of the children back inside the school building with their enthusiasm and chatter under challenging circumstances. However, we are very aware that many of our children are starting another half term of Home Learning and we are committed to continuing our support for these families. Thank you for all your hard work at home, we are very proud of our Whitewater community.

This newsletter outlines a few key events and procedures, which usually occur at this time of year.

INSET Days

The Inset days for next academic year will be as follows:

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Monday 4th January

Monday 22nd February

Monday 7th June

Reports

Class teachers have started the long and important process of writing your child's report. These will be sent to you at the end of the academic year. Your child's report will be significantly different this year as the attainment and progress information in relation to Age Related Expectations cannot be reported this year due to lockdown. The Secretary of State for Education announced on 18 March 2020, that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This means that all early years foundation stage, key stage 1 and key stage 2 assessments and moderation were cancelled. As a result, we are not able to provide end of year attainment or progress assessments. The comments in the reports will reflect the achievements and next steps as they stood on 20th March 2020. It was fortunate that we held Parent's Evenings just a couple of weeks before lockdown so you received the most up-to-date information about how your child was doing at this point in the year. The written report this year will be a summary of this information. We will send out further details and information when the reports are ready in July.

School Value

Our new value for this half term is **RESPECT**. Valuing and respecting others during this challenging time will be a great focus for the children. The School Home value sheet will be sent home for you to share with your family.

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Class lists for September 2019

The class lists for September will be given out later this term. The class teachers begin thinking about the new classes towards the end of June. The lists then need to go through several checks and drafts before we pass this information onto parents. It is a very carefully considered process, particularly now when we are considering the possible impact of children not being in school this term. We ask for your patience during this half term whilst we work on assembling the lists and arrangements for next year.

Final word...

Enjoy the sunshine (do not think about the drought and the grass beginning to turn brown!) and I hope that you will be able to meet up with members of your family and friends soon.

Miss Edwards