



HARDWORKING

Whitehill Primary School

07 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

The staff at Whitehill would like to extend a very warm welcome to parents, carers and children returning to school. I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable summer.

We have had extensive work done to the school over the break. The largest project has seen French doors installed in the infant building classrooms leading onto a state of the art outdoor learning environment. To achieve this we have had to install a new heating system which will now mean that the classroom temperature can be far better regulated. The biggest impact of this development will be in Reception and Nursery where Mrs French is developing a fantastic new curriculum.

Other works at the school include a refurbishment of the year 6 café, an extension to our limited car parking and painting of all of the external features of the school.

The school minibus has arrived. This will give us more flexibility to open up more learning opportunities for the children.

This year I really want to engage parents and carers much more in the children's learning. I am delighted that many of you are reading regularly at home with your children and you will be seeing more homework this year as well. This year instead of parent reading in school with the children on a Friday morning I want to provide opportunities for parents and carers to spend more time in school in the form of open morning and afternoons where parents can stay and work with the children. I envisage at least one opportunity a term for most year groups. This means that parents and carers can experience Reading, Writing, Mathematics and the foundation curriculum over the course of a year. I will send out a timetable for the whole year with these activities on by end of next week. Please do not see this as taking away an opportunity to come into school as I believe what we are proposing will be more effective.

Thank you to those that returned the questionnaire at the end of last term. The feedback in general was really pleasing and I thank you for your incredible support. I also recognise that there are some things we can do better and I will be addressing these with my staff. I will send out the results of the questionnaire separately so that you can see the views of the parent body.

A separate letter regarding after school clubs will be sent home this Friday.

This will be my first full year in charge I am determined that the school continues to improve and that your children have a truly outstanding experience. There are challenges but I am also confident that by the end of this academic year the school will be judged as at least good.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Moaby, Headteacher



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