



# Whitehill Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful summer holiday. As you know, reading is one of the most enjoyable and important things that we teach. Our goal this year is to keep parents involved as much as possible in the promotion of reading. A key part to allow children to grow is how we inspire children to love reading challenging and thrilling books for pleasure. So, as well as ensuring that your child reads every day, we ask that you check our Facebook page in order to keep up to date with some of the fun activities going on in school.

We will be having, once a term, Reading Parties where the KS2 Hall will be transformed into an exciting setting and children will be able to read and celebrate reading in a fun environment.

Furthermore, each term there will be a poll of 4 classic children's books selected by members of staff for children and parents to vote on. Please keep an eye out for these polls and vote for your family's favourite out. At the end of each term, these books will be presented in an assembly and the children will get a chance to explore other books by the same author.

Additionally, in response to request from our English Champion Pupil Leader, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September it is Roald Dahl day. We will be celebrating this by looking at his work in lessons and through a whole school assembly. We are inviting children (and staff) to dress up as a Roald Dahl character for the day.

There are also going to be exciting displays for Extreme Reading. Children can bring in pictures of them reading in weird and wonderful books. These displays will be in central parts of both KS1 and KS2 building and celebrate reading being fun. These can come in hard copy via class teachers or by email to the school office ([admin@whitehillprimary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitehillprimary.kent.sch.uk)) marked for my attention. These are welcome as of now and we will keep adding to the displays, and building these further, over the next few weeks.

Finally, I would like to say a big well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and remember the Challenge doesn't officially end until 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 so there is still time to read the last few books and ensure that Whitehill wins the challenge this year.

Yours Sincerely

Mr W Forder

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