



Newsletter

July 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support for the school. I have now been at Whiteley Primary School for 21 years, 9 of those as Headteacher, and I remain so grateful to work in a place where the work we do as a school is valued. It was lovely to see so many of you come and visit our open evening, chatting to staff and taking an interest in the work your children have been doing over the year. Events such as the summer fayre and sports day also bring home the wonderful support that we are shown by the school community. My staff work incredibly hard over the year to help achieve our Whiteley Primary School vision, and your continued support is also a valuable part of helping us to make Whiteley Primary 'A Place to SMILE'!

May I wish you all a very happy and sunny summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you back on **Thurs 5th Sept**. To our Y6 leavers, and those from other year groups going on to pastures new, we hope we have given you the best start possible to your education and wish the very best for the future.

Lesley Pennington—Headteacher

Year Group Parent Information Meetings

We have arranged year group information meetings for the first few weeks of term—please be aware that Y5/6 meetings are on the first few days back and so please pop the dates in your diary now if you would like to attend—all meetings will commence at 2.30pm:

Y1—17th Sept, Y2—9th Sept, Y4—10th Sept, Y5—5th Sept, Y6—6th Sept.

Citizenship Award

Many congratulations to Nell Waite who was voted for by staff as the final citizenship award winner of the year and wins a £10 book token provided by AJ Embroidery.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the questionnaire which closes at the end of term. Analysis will be carried out by the SLT and governors in the Autumn and we will let you know of the outcomes.

Reading Challenges

Well done to all the children who have continued to work on their reading challenges. Children in Y1/2/3 may wish to continue their rocket reader challenge over the summer holiday—this will end on Friday 6th September, so there is still time to earn their next badge or complete the super sonic reading challenge to earn a book, before we launch the next challenge in the Autumn. Children in Y4 and Y5 may continue with their reading ambassador challenge into the next academic year as they have until they leave in Y6 to try to achieve their house, onyx, amethyst and topaz awards.

New Staff

In my last newsletter, I let you know of a number of staff changes. I can now confirm more of our new starters: Mr Marc Gear is joining the teaching team for the year whilst we wait to appoint a new phase leader for Sept 2020 to replace Mr Evans. We welcome Mrs Holly Trueman, who will be our new senior midday supervisor—she will also be working part time as a teaching assistant in KS1. We have also just appointed three new midday supervisors to join the staff team for September.