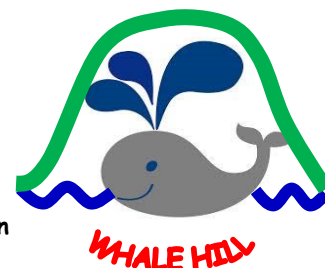


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Chair of Governors: Mrs K. Dobson.



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School uniform from:

www.motif8.co.uk

The school office have some polo
shirts-£5
And waterproof fleeces-£8

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children continue to be very settled and focussed on their work. Thank you for attending parents evening; if you missed it please contact school for an appointment at another time. The children are so proud of their work and love to share it with you.

Dates for your diaries:

School photographs: 24th October

Flu immunisation: 12th Nov

Fluoride varnishing: 13th 14th 15th Nov

Book Fair week: 19th Nov

Christmas Fair: 29th November

Raffle tickets are on sale in school at lunchtimes →

Christmas Parties w/c 17th Dec

**Don't forget we have a PD day on Friday 7th
December when school will be closed.**



Attendance



Lisa Johnson
Attendance and Welfare
Officer.

Many of you have met our new
Attendance Officer Lisa Johnson, who comes
to school every Wednesday to check registers.
At Whale Hill School we have an attendance
target of 96% as we don't want any of the
children to miss out on learning and special
events. However we appreciate that children are
poorly occasionally especially as the cold
weather approaches but don't forget school
staff are happy to administer medicine to help
them to keep going. Please check that
prescribed inhalers kept in school are full and in
date.

Email: schooloffice@whalehill.rac.sch.uk
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Designated Safeguarding Leaders:
Mrs M. Mellor & Mrs S. Marsden

Lisa has asked you to help us to improve school attendance by:

- Trying to make medical appointments outside of the school day.
- If daytime appointments are unavoidable- bring children straight back to school after their appointment.
- Bring children to school if they are slightly under the weather - often seeing friends in school is remedy enough for the winter blues.
- Do not ask for a holiday in term time as we cannot authorise this and it will result in a fine.

Please arrive on time.

We have noticed that since installing the new registration system a large amount of children are arriving late. Please make sure the children are on the school yard in plenty of time each morning; we ask that children are brought onto the yard at:

- **Lower school 8:50**
- **Middle/Upper school 8:35**

This way they are all ready to start lessons on time each day.



Christmas Fair 29th November

We would really appreciate donations such as: **Bottles** (full) of anything, soft drinks, alcohol, tomato ketchup etc. craft stall goods; unwanted gifts and books.

Cakes would also be gladly received and can be dropped off at the main reception at any time through the day.

Raffle tickets. The children are selling raffle tickets in school now at lunchtimes at the cost of £2 for some incredible prizes. 1st prize is an X Box 1X and 2nd prize Nintendo Switch. We do hope that you can come and support us.

Reading

Mrs Dunn and Miss Evans have recently restocked the book bank with lots of lovely new books including Goosebumps and Pokémon. Books are priced at just £1 each- a perfect way to own a brand new book to have all to yourself and enjoy any time you like.

Sponsored Read

We have decided this year to hold a sponsored read from 22nd October to 9th November. We hope to:

- a) Raise money for the reading sanctuary
- b) Encourage reading and promote a love of reading

Usborne Books will give us a % of money raised and there will be prizes for best efforts.

Staff

We had a special assembly last week for Mrs Partington who left the school at the end of the summer term. The children read poems and presented her with gifts. In the 20 years that Mrs Partington has been a teacher at Whale Hill School she has taught hundreds of children and many of their parents too! It was lovely for us all to see her again and we look forward to welcoming her back to school as a volunteer reading assistant.



Mrs Partington

Safeguarding



Online Safety

The children enjoyed a drama production by an online safety group last week and we hope they shared the safety messages with you at home.

In school we have filters and systems in place to make sure the children are safe online, however the children tell us, that some of them access unsuitable material when at home or visiting friends. Unfortunately there are social network APPS that are easily available to people who aren't who they say they are.

Please visit the NSPCC site for online safety advice.

Parent and Carer's contact details

If your child becomes ill or is involved in an accident we need to be able to contact you or another family member. Children can become very upset if they are taken ill in school and no one comes to take them home. **Don't forget to let us know if you have changed your telephone number.**

Safe Arrival

Please make sure that your child arrives safely in school each day. Children in lower school need to be accompanied by an adult who must supervise them on the yard until they are brought into school at 8:50. If you bring your child to school in a car always consider others and park legally and please resist from performing what parents have described as 'the American drop off'!

School Dinners

We have noticed that more children are choosing to bring packed lunches rather than have a school dinner. Please make sure that healthy food is included and limit high fat or high sugar items to a minimum. School dinners are very good value priced at £2 a day and many parents prefer the option of a hot meal for their children in the winter. Please contact the school office if you would like to change to school dinners but remember to give us 2 weeks' notice as all ingredients are fresh and need to be ordered.

Dinner money needs to be paid in **advance** at the start of each week and not the end. Please ask Mrs Lee for dinner money envelopes.

PD days for 2018-2019

Friday 7th December 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Break up for Christmas: Friday 21st December and return to school Monday 7th January 2019

Be sure to check our Facebook page, See- Saw and your child's bag regularly for information about your child's class.

Yours sincerely,
M. Mellor and S. Marsden