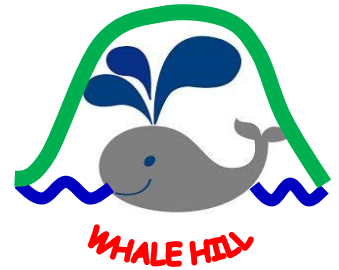


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Spring 2 Newsletter March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with Parent Mail and thank you for your patience. We know many of you are keen to pay for dinner money etc via the app; we are happy to say that this facility will be available after the Easter holidays. We plan to move to be completely cashless by September.

If you owe dinner money please pay us before the end of term-we can discuss individual payment plans as all dinner money debt must be cleared before the new system is in place.

Once the new system is established parents must remain in credit for dinner monies- you will receive a reminder if dinner money is not paid and your child will not receive a meal if payment is not cleared.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your contributions we raised £329-56 to support the good cause.

Transition

All our Y6 children have been allocated a place in secondary schools and will be involved in transition at the end of the summer term. The rest of the school will move to their new classes also during the last week of term July 15th to July 19th

End of Key stage assessments

Everyone is now working really hard to prepare for SATS in Y6 and Y2. Staff will offer free breakfast in classrooms for Y6 and Y2 during SATs week and will send more information home closer to the time. The Y1 children are working hard in their phonics lessons to prepare for the phonics tests in June, so please remember to read for 10 minutes every day with your child, always encouraging them to sound out new words. Visit the Letters and Sounds website for fun phonics activities.

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Attendance and Safeguarding



Our whole school attendance is currently just above 96% which is in line with national expectations. Attendance officer Lisa Johnson and Miss McGee are doing a fantastic job improving it and this term 238 children have 100% and will each be given an Easter egg.

Please do not ask for leave of absence for a holiday as we cannot authorise this.

Please remember that our school policy for reporting absence is for parents and carers to telephone school each morning of absence-there is usually someone here to answer the phones from 7:30 onwards. If we have not had a call we will try to ring you -so please may we have at least 2 up to date numbers for you. The government require us to account for all children every day which sometimes means that staff will call at your house if we haven't heard from you or can't contact you.

Thank you for continuing to monitor your child's activity when they are online-it's really important that you know who they are talking to and that they are not accessing the internet after bedtime. School staff receive regular internet safety updates from the police and other agencies and we will share all updates with you. Don't forget to check into the website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk which has some useful links to online safety for both parents and children.



We have received our academy order which means that the Department for Education agree in principle to Whale Hill Primary School becoming an academy. Our conversion date is 1st September 2019. The consultation period is ongoing; if you have any thoughts please let us know.

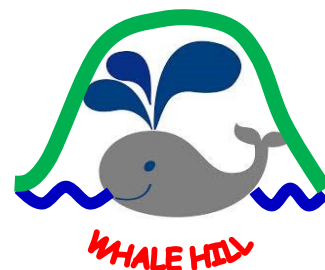
Easter egg raffle

The Easter egg raffle will be drawn on the last day of this term- tickets still available at 50p each in school.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th: Y5 children to Boggle Hole Youth Hostel

Friday 5th: break up for Easter holiday

Tuesday 23rd: Children return to school

May

Monday 6th: School closed for May Day holiday

Monday 13th SATS week for Y6 and Y2

Friday 24th: School closes for half term

June

Monday 3rd: Children return to school

Starting Monday 10th: Year One phonics screening test

Monday 17th - 21st: Y6 children to France

July

Thursday 11th: Open afternoon for all classes

Friday 12th: Y6 leavers' concert for parents

Friday 19th: School closes for children for the summer break.

Tuesday 3rd September: Autumn term begins

Many thanks for your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

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