Whale Hill Foundation Primary School Sandsend Road **Eston** Middlesbrough

TS6 8AD

Head Teachers: Mrs M. Mellor and Mrs S. Marsden

Deputy Head Teacher: Mr P. Forster Chair of Governors: Mrs K. Dobson







Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are once again approaching the end of the school year and we are already thinking ahead to the new term in September. End of year assessments have been completed and everyone has made fantastic progress and are ready to move into their new classes during transition week at the end of term and the Y6 children to secondary schools.

Transition week beginning 15th July

We have adjusted the times of the day so that the children can come into school at around the same time to make morning arrangements easier for parents. *The new starting times will be effective from transition week and continue next year as follows:

8:40: Doors open so that children are in class and ready to start at 8.45 am

3pm: School finishes

*Nursery times are unchanged.



Parentmail

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with Parent Mail. There are only a few parents and carers who are not yet using the App.

If you are one of them and you need help registering and downloading the App please call into school and staff will be happy to help.



Congratulations to Mrs Mahon and Mrs Bradbury!

Last week marked the 40th anniversary of their long service at Whale Hill School nursery. Mrs Mahon and Mrs Bradbury have taught a whole generation of children and their parents over the years. They are well known for their kindness and patience as well as their playdough recipe!

We are so lucky to have such dedicated and committed superstars in our school leading the way with a smile.

The first experience of school is such a special time for children and for parents; so we are delighted that our early years' superstars will continue to bring joy to our nursery each day.

Other Staff News

We said good bye to Mrs Laverick at half term who has taken up a post elsewhere; but we are really pleased that in her free time she will be coming into school as a volunteer to help with lower school reading.

At the end of term we will also say goodbye to Mrs Conroy, Mrs Abel, Mrs Bird, Mrs Findlay and Mrs Richards. Most of them are long serving members of staff especially Mrs Abel who has been here for almost 30 years! Most of our staff are so committed to Whale Hill School children and families that they continue in their school role for long periods of time providing a safe and stable structure in which the children can learn.

We wish them every happiness in their retirement and new ventures and I'm sure parents join with us in sending our most sincere thanks for their dedication to everyone at the school over the years.

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The academisation process will complete on 1st September 2019. We have had fantastic support from members of governing bodies of all 4 schools who have met at regular steering groups to make sure that the fundamental principles and ethos of Steel River Academy match those of our schools. Thanks especially to our Chair and Vice Chair of the governing body, Kelly Dobson and Alex Duncan for their unwavering support of the school.

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Monday 8th: End of year reports to parents Thursday 11th: Open afternoon for all classes 1:30 Friday 12th: Y6 leavers' concert for parents at 10am

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. M. Mellor & S.Marsden (Head Teachers)

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Y6 France Trip 2019

Another fantastic Whale
Hill residential! The children
had an amazing time
experiencing new things,
visiting new places and
having lots of fun.

The staff are so proud of the children for the way they conducted themselves whilst away from home and the coach driver awarded them 10/10 for their outstanding behaviour throughout the journey!

Many thanks to all parents and carers for supporting the trip and staying up until the early hours of Saturday morning to meet the group on their return.