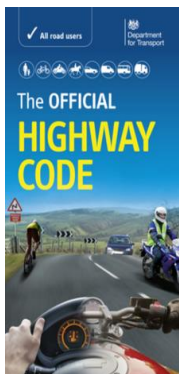




Summer Newsletter 1
May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is well underway and I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 and Year 2 children for their outstanding attitude and hard work with their SATs. We are proud of each and every one of them for doing their best!



KEEPING SAFE

We know that many of you are rushing off to work after dropping your children off at school but please help us to establish a culture of **safe parking** in the locality.

Please remember Highway Code rules 238 and 145:

- You MUST NOT wait or park on double yellow lines at any time.
- DO NOT stop or park near a school entrance
- DO NOT stop or park anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- **You must not drive or park on the pavement.**

We have regular complaints from residents whose driveways have been blocked by parents dropping off and collecting and would appreciate it if you can refrain from doing this.

School Attendance

Attendance at Whale Hill School continues to be good and we will again be rewarding those children with 100% attendance with a trip at the end of the year (details will follow).

Children with 100% for the term will also receive a reward.

We appreciate that COVID has had a huge impact on attendance but hopefully we can put this behind us.

Well done to the 87 children that had 100% attendance in the Spring term.

Transition arrangements

We have begun planning transition for the children ready for September and this will take place in the last week of term, 18th, 19th and 20th July. The children will be introduced to their new teacher and classrooms, which always alleviates some of the uncertainty and anxiety that we used to have in September. Details will follow.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We are excited to be taking part in a 'Royal Mash Up' tomorrow. Children in Y1-6 will be learning a dance and then performing to parents at the end of the day (please see previous parent mail message). Please remember that the children are invited to come in to school wearing red, white and blue (this includes nursery and reception).

NEW Phonics/Reading Scheme

We are excited to share with you our new reading scheme, Read Write Inc, which we are gradually implementing in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the first instance. Reception parents have already attended a meeting last week to hear all about it. You will see some significant changes in the way that phonics/reading is taught and Miss Marshall is excited to share this with you.

Parents' Evenings

As we were unable to hold face to face parent's evening in early spring, we would like to invite you in the week commencing 11th July to speak to class teachers and look at the amazing work the children have completed this year. Appointments will be released on Parent Mail at 6pm on Thursday 30th June so please keep checking and book your slot.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

27 th May	Break up for half term
6 th June	School reopens
6 th - 10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening check
6 th - 24 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
1 st July	School closed for PD day
4 th July	School closed for the Jubilee Day (in lieu of the extra day)
8 th July	Annual reports out to parents
21 st July	Break up for summer holiday

Kind Regards
Mrs Marsden