

'Ready to learn, inspired to succeed, prepared for life.'



# West Hill Primary School



## Newsletter May 2018



We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Natalie Caraccio has been appointed as our new Deputy Head teacher , effective from September. We are delighted that she will be stepping in to the role.

### Attendance Matters

Every school day counts towards a child's progress and attainment.

For your child to achieve their full potential they need to have 95%+ attendance and 95%+ punctuality.

Unfortunately the whole-school attendance figure for September 2017-April 2018 will be the lowest attendance figure over the last three years.

The United Nations Charter for the Rights of the Child states that 'every child has the right to an education'.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that 'right' is available to them.

We have a school attendance and punctuality policy (available on the website) that provides both statutory information and guidance for parents and carers.

Where cause for concern arises School Attendance Panel meetings are held with the Head teacher or Deputy Head teacher, the school's Education Welfare Officer and the School Nurse to help support parents and carers to improve children's attendance.

Benny the 'be there' Badger is our attendance mascot- attendance guidance leaflets are available on the school website

### Punctuality Matters

The school day begins at **8.50am**. "In the line at ten-to-nine". A punctuality guidance leaflet is available on the school website.

The school day ends at **3.15pm** and after school clubs end at **4.15pm**.

Parents and carers are expected to be ready to collect their children at these times

We now have a 'late pupil' electronic signing in system. The system registers all late pupils, it records the time they arrive and the reason for their lateness. This system will allow us to target support for parents and carers enabling children to arrive on time and ready to learn.

When we return to school week beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, we shall use the system to help improve punctuality in school.

Parent/carers of children late to school more than three times in a week will receive a late notice letter.

If the punctuality improves there will be no further action

If the punctuality does not improve and lateness continues a School Late Arrival Meeting (SLAM) will be held attended by the Head teacher or Deputy Head and a member of the Pastoral Team. The meeting will seek to address the concerns raised and support the parent/carers to improve attendance.



### ***Please be ready for school***

*We have recently noticed a big increase in the number of items being brought into school for pupils after school has started. We are sure you can appreciate that our busy office and reception staff do not have time to deliver ten or more packed lunches or PE kit or books to pupils all over the school during the morning and this also means that our Reception desk is left unmanned whilst this is happening.*

*It is very important that your child comes to school with everything they need for the whole school day by 8.50am. Please do not bring in items for your child once school has started. Thank you for your consideration.*



### ***Help us raise money for the school***

Don't forget help raise funds for West Hill Primary School whenever you shop online!

Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,300 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com – and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

**Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westhillprimwand/>**

### ***Please pay on time***

As you are aware the budgets have been drastically cut this year. We have no spare money to be able to pay for anything that we have asked parents and carers to pay for. It is extremely important that when we ask for money to be paid for trips etc, that it is paid on time.

Please help us to continue to provide your children with valuable learning experiences by paying on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **London History Dress Up Day**

This Wednesday is London History Dress Up Day which is an initiative developed by the Mayor Sadiq Khan. It is a chance for us to celebrate the history of London and acknowledge the people and communities who have contributed towards its heritage. Children can join in by coming to school **dressed as their favourite historic Londoner** or as an individual from a specific community within London. There is no need to buy something new, see what you already have around the house or make a prop!

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 which will be used to buy new history books for the school.



### **Mufti Day Friday 25th May**

Don't forget that this Friday is a Mufti Day!

Remember to give your child £1 and they can wear their own clothes for the day.

All money raised will be used to pay for new water fountains for the school and has been organised by the pupils in the School Council.



*Well Done Everyone!*

*Congratulations to everyone in year 6 for approaching their SATs with a growth mindset, determination and hard work.*

*Year 6 now have the school journey to the Isle of Wight to look forward to at the beginning of July as well as lots of events and activities to celebrate the end of their primary school careers.*

*Congratulations too must go to year 2 for all their hard work and effort for their Key Stage 1 SATs.*



The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 is called **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title *Beano*, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. We are starting on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July and finishing on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### How it works

There is a different theme each year. Children can read whatever they like – fiction, fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books – just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

### School Newsletters



This is the last newsletter which will be printed and sent out to all pupils. As you can appreciate with over 300 pupils in the school, to print copies of the newsletter that many times uses a lot of paper!

Therefore we will be sending out future newsletters by email through our communication provider teachers2parents.

Hopefully this will make it easier for you to refer back to a newsletter as it will be available electronically for you but it will also save the school money in printing costs which can now be used to benefit your child's learning instead.

**Dates for your diary (all dates are on the website)**

23rd May—London History Dress Up Day

24th May—FOWH Vauxhall City Farm visit

25th May—MUFTI Day

**Half Term: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018**

First day back: Monday 4th June 2018

7th June—Reception trip to Deen City Farm

13th June—Sports Day

18th June—Year 2 Science Museum Trip

20th June—Reserve Sports Day

22nd June—Year 3 Baker Street Class Assembly

27th June—Early Years Fun Day

28th June—Year 4 Trumpet Concert, Royal Festival Hall.

29th June—Year 3 Charing Cross Class assembly

2nd—6th July Year 6 School Trip to the Isle of Wight

5th July—Year 2 Assembly (both classes)

10th July—Year 6 Play (6.30pm)

11th/13th July—Year 4 Trip to Chelsea Physic Garden

12th July—Reception Classes Graduation (9.15am)

12th July—FoWH Picnic

19th July—Year 6 Disco

Last day of Summer Term: Friday 20th July 2018 (2pm finish)

**Autumn Term 2018**

INSET Day : Monday 3rd September 2018 (school closed)

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**First day back: Wednesday 5th September 2018**

1st—3rd October Year 6 PGL School Journey

**Half Term: Monday 22nd October—Friday 26th October 2018**

INSET Day : Monday 29th October 2018

First day back : Tuesday 30th October

Last day : Friday 21st December 2018 (2pm finish)

**Spring Term 2019**

**1st day of Spring Term: Tuesday 8th January 2019**

**Half term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019**

First day back: Monday 25th February

Last day of Spring Term : Friday 5th April (2pm finish)

**Summer Term 2019**

1st day of Summer Term: Wednesday 24th April 2019

**SCHOOL CLOSED : Monday 6th May 2019 (May Day Bank Holiday)**

**Half Term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2019**

First day back: Monday 3rd June 2019

Last day of Summer Term : Tuesday 23rd July (2pm finish)

