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West Hill Primary School



Newsletter September 2018

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another exciting year at West Hill Primary. We hope you all had a good summer and are feeling rested and ready for the term ahead. We are really looking forward to working with you and your children as Co-headteachers to make sure your children reach their full potential in the nurturing environment that is West Hill. We should like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks.



Anna Healy & Lisa Carmen, Co-headteachers

School lunches and how to pay for them



The daily cost of a school lunch is £2.15. **When paying for school lunches, payment MUST be made a minimum of a week in advance on a MONDAY and will be online only through www.schoolmoney.co.uk.** If you think you are entitled to free school meals, the school office can provide you with a form to complete or you can find it on the school website www.westhillprimaryschool.org/Infoforparents and contact the office who will advise you of the procedure for applying.

Since the introduction of Universal Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2), we have noticed a significant drop in the number of applications for statutory free school meals. For every child who is entitled to free school meal funding the school gains extra money to support these children but only if they are identified. Please could you fill in a free school meals form even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage One. This will mean the school can spend more money through increased staff and resources on your child.

After School Care

After School Care is now provided by an organisation called Young Stars based at St Joseph's Primary School, on Oakhill Road. <http://www.young-stars.co.uk/afterschool-clubs.php> and they run sessions as follows:

3.30pm – 5pm at a cost of £7

3.30pm – 6pm at a cost of £12

Bookings made on the day will be £8 and £14.

A member of Young Stars staff will come to West Hill to collect children at 3.15pm and will be accompanied to St Joseph's by a member of our staff so there will always be two adults to bring children to the After School Care. Because the pick-up time is 3.15pm it will not be possible to provide after school care for a child who is attending a club at West Hill until 4.15pm.

If you are interested in this service please contact Young Stars directly on 0845 2221313 or 07957 107264. All bookings are via their website www.young-stars.co.uk

School Gate Opening Times

The times are:

7.55am –8.10am for Early Birds children

8.40am—9.00am for everyone else.

Please note that school starts at 8.50am.

All children must be in school by 8.50am for registration.

Safeguarding

Please can you make sure you observe the following points to ensure all our children are kept safe.

Scooters and bicycles must be pushed and not ridden in the school grounds;

Climbing and playing on the school equipment is not allowed before or after school;

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds;

If your child is ill and is not going to be in school, it is the parent or carer's responsibility to call the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

The school must be informed if your child is to be picked up by someone other than a parent / carer.

Mobile phones should not be brought into school by pupils unless permission is given by Mrs Healy or Mrs Carmen. They will then be kept in the school office.

Uniform

Let's get the new school year off to a great start and ensure that our children are wearing the correct school uniform. This is very important. If you are unsure of what is required, the information is on the website or you can ask at the school office. As you are aware **NO TRAINERS** are allowed. **Black shoes only please.**

Please also make sure your child brings their PE bag to school every day with plimsolls. PE tops must be white with the school logo. **Please write your child's name on every item of clothing and bag that they bring to school.**

New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome the following new staff to West Hill:

Mr McVeigh who is our new Nursery teacher

Mr Lake who joins us a class teacher in Year 5

Miss Morgan who returns to West Hill after maternity leave to take up the position of part-time Year 4 teacher, working with Mrs O'Brien;

Chloe Burton, Teaching Assistant in Year 5

You will be meeting your child's new class teacher at our meet the teacher meetings which are taking place shortly (please see the last page of this newsletter for dates).



Punctuality

It is very important that all children arrive at school in time for registration at 8.50am so that they do not miss any of their learning time.

If your child is late they must report to the school office and sign in on our electronic system stating the reason why they are late.



Dates for your diary

All upcoming events are listed at the end of this newsletter but if you are unsure you can also check the website calendar at www.westhillprimaryschool.org. We have a parents' evening **on 17th and 18th October** and Meet the Teacher meetings are coming up shortly for each class.

Year 6

The Wandsworth Test for our Year 6 pupils is on **20th September** in school.

The secondary school transfer meeting for parents is on **18th September** after school in the lower hall.



School Games Mark Silver Award

We are delighted to announce that West Hill Primary School has achieved the School Games Mark Bronze Award for the 2017/18 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. With many more children competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

PGL—School Journey



It's not long until our new Year 6s embark on their residential stay at Windmill Hill PGL Centre for three days of zip wire, raft building, aeroball, canoeing, abseiling and other activities. We intend to offer the same school journey opportunity in October 2019 for our current year 5 pupils and we will be in touch after half term with lots of information about this.

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Learn to Love to read

West Hill has a partnership with the organisation Learn to Love to Read which is an initiative in Wandsworth offering literacy opportunities for Preschool and Year 1.

Do you have a toddler? Would you like to help them get ready for reading? Join 'Learn2love2read' for an hour of songs, sounds and stories every Monday 9.15am at West Hill. If you are interested please leave your name at the school office or just come along!

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

Autumn Term 2018

17th September - Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
18th September—Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
18th September—Year 6 Secondary School Transfer meeting
19th September—Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
20th September—Year 6 Wandsworth Test
21st September—Year 6 Meet the Teacher 8.30am
21st September—Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
25th September—Reception Meet the Teacher 9.10am
25th September—Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.20pm
26th September—Year 3 trip to Hindu Temple, Neasden
1st—3rd October Year 6 PGL School Journey
8th October—Year 1 Bright Sparks Concert Royal Festival Hall trip
17th & 18th October—Parents' Evening
18th October—Reception & KS1 Scooter Training
Half Term: Monday 22nd October—Friday 26th October 2018
INSET Day : Monday 29th October 2018
First day back : Tuesday 30th October
5th November—School Photographs (individual)
6th November—Reception parents Read, Write, Inc Introductory meeting 9.10 –10.10am
12th—16th November—Anti-bullying Week
16th November—Children in Need
11th December—Reception Christmas Performance 9.15-10.15am
14th December—KS1 Christmas Production 9.15-10.15am
14th December—Nursery Christmas Performance 11.20am and 2.40pm

18th December—KS2 Christmas Singing Concert 9.15-9.45am

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

Spring Term 2019

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

8th February—Year 1 Assembly 9.15am

13th & 14th February—Parents' Evening

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

First day back: Monday 25th February

4th-8th March Book Week

15th March—Red Nose Day

29th March—Reception Assembly

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)

13th—17th May KS2 SATs Week

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

First day back: Monday 3rd June 2019

3rd—7th June Arts Week

12th June—KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

19th June—Reserve Sports Day

21st June—Year 5L Class Assembly

26th June—Early Years Sports Day

3rd July—Early Years Reserve Sports Day

3rd & 4th July —Year 4 Chelsea Physic Garden trip

12th July—Reception Classes Celebration Assembly

18th July—Year 6 Production

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



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