



October 2018

Whetstone Field Primary School

Dear Parents,

### **Safety**

Some children have reported a man in a white van acting suspiciously recently. Please ensure children are aware and that they must not approach any strangers.

### **Parents' Evening**

We will be using the online booking system again and we will give out details after half term. Dates are Wednesday 21st November (6pm-8.30pm) and Thursday 22nd November (3.30pm-6pm).

### **Uniform**

Please remember that we will be changing to our 'Winter' uniform after half term which is white shirt/blouse and tie. Red polo shirts are not to be worn until after Easter.

### **Parent Governor Election**

Thank you for all of your votes in our recent election. I am pleased to announce that Mr Viridi has now been elected to our Governing Body. Congratulations to Mr Viridi and a huge thank you to Mr Perry and Mrs Palfreyman for putting themselves forward.

### **Music - Percussion**

Miss Slominska is sadly leaving us this week due to her extremely busy work schedule for the BBC. We have been able to employ a new percussion teacher so lessons will continue as normal. Mr Kindon will be carrying out lessons every Monday afternoon. He has already met with the children and a new timetable will be sent to parents after half term. Lessons will take place every Monday in the afternoon.

### **School Fund**

As you are aware school budgets across the country are incredibly tight, ours being no exception. We have reduced our staff numbers and reduced our resources budgets due to the unsustainable funding currently given to schools. We have a pot of money called 'School Fund' which we always use for the benefit of children across the school and this year we are asking parents if they would be kind enough to donate £10 per term per family in Years 1-6 towards this fund (Nursery and Reception have their own system for contributions). Many other schools have asked for donations of this type for a while and in the current financial climate we feel that any extra income that can be generated for the school will be of huge benefit for all of the children at Whetstone. This is now available via the school gateway app to pay online.



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### **Sporting News**



We entered the Streetly Netball competition and came second!

Football matches with Meadow View results: Years 3 / 4 won 8 – 2 (Team A)  
Team B drew 2 – 2. Years 5 / 6 lost 2 – 1 (Team A).  
Team B drew 2 – 2.

Well done to all who have taken part!!

### **Harvest Donations**

Thank you for your kind donations for our Harvest Festival. The food has been collected by The Thomas Project and will be distributed to those in need in the local area.

### **Paws**

Can you please make sure that all sessions (morning and afternoon) are booked in advance. We understand that there may be times where you need to book your child in at late notice but please try wherever possible to book in advance – thank you.

### **Collection of children**

If you have arranged for another person to collect your child at the end of the day, can you please notify the office in advance so that staff are made aware of any changes.

### **Sickness/Illness**

If your child is ill, you must contact the school office by 9:30am to let us know so that our attendance is up to date. If your child has a hospital, dentist or doctor's appointment, please bring in written confirmation in advance if at all possible.

### **Match Attack Cards**

We have had a number of children bringing in 'match attack' cards to swap. Unfortunately, we have had a number of issues with cards getting lost or swapped unfairly and some children have had them confiscated during lesson time. Can we please ask that children do not bring in these cards from now on – thank you.

### **Poppies for Remembrance**

Just to let you know that we will be selling poppies on our return. Suggested donations are a minimum of 20p onwards. A remembrance parade will be taking place from the Community Centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:45am.



**Diary Dates**

**October**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Break up for half term

**November**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November Return to school and return school photo orders  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Parade and Service at 9:45am from Community Centre  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November Venture Week (Year 6)  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Parents' Evening (6.00-8.30pm)  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Fayre during school hours and for Parents' Evening  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November Bags2school  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November Flu Vaccinations (Reception-Year 5)

**December**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Frosty Fayre (3.15-5.15pm)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Rec/KS1 Xmas performance (2.00pm-3.00pm)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Rec/KS1 Xmas Performance (5.30pm-6.30pm)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Xmas performance (2.00pm-3.00pm)  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Xmas performance (6.00-7.00pm)  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Film Club (3.30pm-5.00pm)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Break up for Christmas Holiday

Dates for trips arranged will be sent out after half term.

**January**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January INSET day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January Return to school

Have an enjoyable and safe half-term break.

**Mr S. Cox**  
**Headteacher**