



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

The end of the school year is approaching rapidly, life in school remains busy alongside our planning for September.

### Transition

Earlier this week information about class movements and teachers for next year was sent out via parentmail. Now this is shared knowledge we will be arranging for transition meetings in school for children to visit their new classrooms with their new teachers, and we will ensure we support those children requiring additional visits. Next week our Year 6 children have their transition visits to their new secondary schools and these have been communicated separately. Please remember it is the responsibility of parents to get their children to their new school as transport is not provided.

### Activity Week

Next week is our school activity week. Unfortunately, this has been impacted due to the strikes announced by the NEU. Please can all children attend Whinstone next week each day in their school PE kit – school PE kit consists of black shorts, black tracksuit trousers/leggings and a **plain** white T-shirt (or their House colour) and a **plain** black hoody/sweatshirt. There is a timetable in place and most children will have activities each day, but there may be last minute timetable changes. Next week we will have a climbing wall, pole vaulting, archery and football, but some of these activities are not age appropriate for all children.

### Sports afternoons

Our sports afternoons take place in the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, all starting at 1.30pm. Please come along if you can to support your child.

- Monday 10th July 2023 - Reception
- Tuesday 11th July 2023 - Y3 and Y4
- Thursday 13th July - Y5 and Y6
- Friday 14th July 2023 - Y1 and Y2

### Strike Days

As you know next week school is closed to the majority of children next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Remote home learning will be sent for children to complete if you wish. Unfortunately, it appears that strike days will continue in the autumn term due to no apparent progress being made between the DfE and all trade unions.

### End of Year Results

End of year results will be shared with children who have taken end of Key Stage or the phonics screening check in Year 1.

- End of Reception reports will be sent out week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July with their end of Foundation Stage assessment.
- Year 1 phonics screening results will be sent next week.
- End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) results will be sent next week.
- End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) results will be sent after 11<sup>th</sup> July when they are returned to school.



## Parent Survey Results

Thank you to the many parents who completed our recent parent survey. The following table summarises the results:

	Agree/Strongly Agree	Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	
My child is happy at this school	93%	5%	2%	
My child feels safe at this school	94%	1%	5%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	88%	7%	5%	
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	27%	7%		66% responded "my child has not been bullied"
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	63%	26%	11%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	75%	7%	18%	
FOR SEN pupils: "My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed"	41%	6%	53%	
The school has high expectations for my child	78%	5%	17%	
My child does well at this school	93%	4%	3%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	81%	7%	12%	
The school supports my child's wider personal development	80%	7%	13%	

In addition, we received a number of qualitative statements, thank you. Within these statements are several areas for us to consider as we strive to make improvements. A key area from this survey is the view that many parents feel unaware of their child's learning. Whereas we endeavour to keep our website up to date with learning expectations in each year group, we will look at additional ways of sharing this information next year.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Poppitt