



## **Newsletter 34**

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## Message from the Head

## **Diary Dates**

#### **SPORTS DAYS**

#### Monday 10th July 2023

Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning: 9:15am - 11:15am Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon: 1:00pm - 2:45pm

#### Tuesday 11th July 2023

Year 1 & 2 Sports Morning: 9:15am - 11:15am Reception Sports Afternoon: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

#### Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 18th July 2023: 2:00pm-3:00pm Wednesday 19th July 2023: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Thursday 20th July 2023: 4:00pm-5:30pm

## Last Day of Term and Picnic Lunch

Friday 21st July 2023

Please see ClassDojo for further information. If you would like your child to have a School Provided Picnic Bag, please ensure you complete the form by 11:00am on Friday 14th July.

## School Dinners

Please see our school website for a copy of the School Dinner Menu.

w/c Monday 10th July

Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our sports days on Monday and Tuesday next week. The events are as follows:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Years 3 & 4 - 9:15am - 11:15am Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Years 5 & 6 - 1:00pm - 2:45pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Years 1 & 2 - 9:15am - 11:15am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Sports Day 2:00pm - 3:00pm

As we have 4 classes in year 6, we have decided to extend the timings for the year 5 and 6 events.

Sports Day will take a different format this year. In line with our ethos of each class being a community, they will compete in the sports day as class teams. The competitive element will be based on every child taking part in a sprint and a relay race. The points earned through these two events will contribute to the following:

- Overall Sports Day Winning Class
- Key Stage 1 Winning Class
- Key Stage 2 Winning Class

The children will also be taking part in a carousel of activities which will be just for fun.

The White Hall Academy PTA will be selling hot and cold drinks on both days. They will only be able to accept cash.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, we would like to invite you into your child's classroom to see their work as the end of the term approaches. You are welcome to come and see your child's work from 3:10pm until 4:30pm.

There will also be an ice cream van on the KS2 playground if you wish to treat your child and yourself.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr.Bradley, Headteacher

## **ATTENDANCE**

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Children should be sitting at their desks for registration by 8:50am. Please be aware that any child who arrives after this time and registered at the office will receive an unauthorised mark. This will affect your child's attendance and could inevitably lead to intervention by the Education Welfare Service.

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office and reporting the absence directly to a member of staff, which is in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

May we please remind all parents/carers that the school has a nut free policy, as we have several pupils with severe nut allergies. Please ensure your children's lunch boxes/snacks <u>do not</u> contain nuts or products containing nuts.

Please also be aware that with regards to sun cream, almond oil is included on the ingredients list as 'Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil'. May we please ask that you check the ingredients of ALL your sunscreen products before applying this to your child or bringing this into the school. We thank you for supporting us in keeping our children safe.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your children are wearing sun cream and bring hats to school. It is really important that every child brings a water bottle each day to school.



Dear all Year 2 Parents/Carers,

Your child's Universal Free School Meals will cease on Friday 21st July 2023.

For Parents/Carers who receive a Free School Meal food voucher over the half terms, your child's Free School Meal entitlement will continue until the end of their primary school education. Therefore, no action is required.

For Parents/Carers who do NOT receive Free School Meal vouchers over the half terms, you will need to pay for any school meals taken from **5th September 2023**, when your child starts Year 3. If you believe your child is entitled to receive Free School Meals, via eligible benefits, please contact the school office, so an application can be made to check your eligibility.

The deadline for us to check your entitlement is **Friday 7th July 2023**. This is to enable your child to receive ongoing Free School Meals in September.

## LATE CLUB/WRAPAROUND & SCHOOL MEALS

Please be aware, if you are late collecting your child from school, the following charges will be applied:

3.15pm to 3.45pm - £1.50

3.45pm to collection - £8.00

If you would like to access the Wraparound provision, please book a place, or places, at:

https://forms.office.com/e/N0Ockf58bd

Please note, we do not hold a credit facility for the late club/wraparound service and school meals. Please ensure payment in ADVANCE is made for your children to continue to use these services. Failure to do so WILL result in your children being refused a place/school meal. All payments are to be made through our online payment system, 'Pay360'.

## **PAY360**

We have had an overwhelming amount of queries with regards to accessing PAY360.

We request parents/carers keep login details and passwords safe as the school office cannot help with passwords set up on the account. If you have forgotten your password, and registered using Microsoft, please sign in to Microsoft to reset passwords. You cannot change your password directly in PAY360.

If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school office as soon as possible, as you will have to re-register PAY360 with your new address.

Pay360 have recently changed their login details for parents/carers who have registered for PAY360 since September 22. Please follow the SIMS ID Information to access your account.



All the children who took part in creating front cover posters will receive a free wristband. This will be available in class next week.

To purchase tickets for this family fun day out, please follow the link below:

https://www.tendringshow.co.uk/about/tickets-admission/



**FREE PLACES** for White Hall Academy Nursery children available from SEPT 23, as our current wonderful Nursery children move up to school.

Please tell your friends, neighbours and family: -

Free places available for 3-4 year olds (term after child's 3rd birthday) with universal funding and FREE places available to 2yr olds (term after child's 2nd birthday), subject to eligibility.

Additional sessions available at family - friendly rates, no more than the funding rate. 30hrs available for working parents subject to eligibility, with lunch session available at a small extra cost.

High quality teaching and learning in a warm and friendly, multi-sensory, enabling environment with a strong key person approach so your child settles quickly and is confident, safe and happy.

Come and look around and join up soon to give your child an outstanding start - 'Let your Little Star shine, where children and families come first'.

Read our school OFSTED report.

https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/2770645



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# YOUR CHILD CAN NOW JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND!



#### **Enrol today!**

Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian.

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

#### How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play
  the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will
  guide your child through every session.
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- \*NEW\* Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!
- \*NEW\* Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting <a href="www.irockschool.com">www.irockschool.com</a>, email <a href="mailto:info@irockschool.com">info@irockschool.com</a> or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin Founder iRock School of Music

I haven't seen our child this inspired for a long time. His dad and I are very impressed and this is really helping his confidence!

PROUD PARENT



