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Dear Whitesheet Families,

A warm welcome back to you all, another school year is underway. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. I would like to thank you all for ensuring the children were school ready. We are very impressed with the start they have all made. Also, an official welcome to Miss Lannin, who has also settled into our school life wonderfully.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will also have additional information to share with you about what your child is learning this term through a curriculum newsletter but in the meantime, here are key dates for your diary in detail until the end of the autumn term and a few key ones beyond that.

### **Communication (Arbor/Dojo/Office/Facebook)**

We are always striving to ensure that our communication is as effective and easy as possible as we know how busy and hectic family life can be. All dates below are set for the year, we hope advance notice will enable you to join us where and when possible.

We have communication across a variety of platforms and will endeavour to use them as follows:

- Arbor App – formal emails and letters will be sent via Arbor. It is used for booking and paying for trips, wrap around care and lunches. You can also keep informed of your child's attendance via here too.
- Class Dojo – snippets of class life and specific class messages will be shared via your child's class page. The whole school page will be used for informal reminders and whole school moments.
- Facebook – this is for the highlights – give us a like and share.
- Office – please email any enquiries to [admin@whitesheet.dsat.org.uk](mailto:admin@whitesheet.dsat.org.uk) and we will get back to you ASAP.

### **Home Learning/Reading**

As ever our biggest focus continues to be on reading. Where possible, please read with your child 3 times per week and record this in reading records. Children should go from sounding out newly learnt sounds to being fully fluent before a book is changed. They can also have a library book from the library bus to read with you for pleasure.

They will also be bringing home a spelling home link book to support with spelling learning. This just a quick small task to complete at home.

Over the course of the year, we will set some creative topic related projects for you to enjoy together should you wish to.



## Lunches

New order form for lunches was sent out yesterday. Please complete by Monday. For pupils with allergens, Apetito have a free app that you can download to check the ingredients. It is called Nutridata.



## PE/Forest School Days

Children need to come in ready for Forest School on Wednesdays and in PE kit on Fridays. Please note that PE kit is not non-uniform. Pupils should wear a plain black or navy jumper, trousers/shorts/leggings, and sports trainers. Hair should be always worn up. We will send home PE t-shirts next week.

For Forest School they must be in trousers and long sleeves. They will need waterproofs and wellies in a carrier bag as the weather gets more Autumnal. They do go out in all weathers so please pack spare clothes, especially socks if it looks to be especially wet so they can change when they get in.

## School Day/Uniform/Absence

Just a reminder that the school is open to pupils to enter from 8:45am with our register officially closing at 9am by which point all children should be in school with lessons and worship starting at this point. Please be as punctual as possible to ensure pupils have that valuable settling in time.

Please also be mindful of parking at drop off and pick up. No cars should be using out car park.

Our uniform is an important aspect of our school community and creates a sense of belonging and readiness to learn. Children should be in black school shoes, a blue or white polo shirt and grey or black trousers/skirts or dresses. They should have a blue school jumper. Please make sure everything is named.

Any absence can be reported via our absence line or email to admin address. This should be done every day unless we know they will be off for a set period e.g. 48 hours for a sickness bug. This is a full 48 hours from the hour that they were last sick. Just a reminder that no term time holiday will be authorised. Known absence request forms should be completed at least 2 weeks in advance where possible.

## Website

Our website platform is currently being re-designed. I will share when the new platform is live, but we will continue to update key information in the meantime in relation to polices and curriculum.

## Governance

Our Academy Standards and Ethos Committee are looking for members to join as Governors. We are in need of Trust appointed governors, these are typically people from local businesses or active members in the community. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please send them in my direction.

## ASDA

ASDA are running a cash scheme for you to get involved with.



## Key dates:

Here are key dates up to the end of the Autumn term. This does currently not include trips we are waiting for conformation for. Specific information about events will come out nearer the event time.

11 <sup>th</sup> September	9- 10am PTA Coffee Morning to welcome new parents
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for tombola prizes for the fete
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Beat Boxing Workshop Year 4/5 ISIngPop Workshop
27 <sup>th</sup> September	9-10am Macmillian Coffee Morning
28 <sup>th</sup> September	12 -4pm School Fete
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Formal fire drill – class informal practice until this point
4 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30am Forest School Session New EYFS Sept 25
8 <sup>th</sup> October	From 2pm Parents’ Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm Harvest Festival Service St Martin’s Church Zeals
16 <sup>th</sup> October	History Day
17 <sup>th</sup> October	2:30pm Celebration worship - parents welcome
21 <sup>st</sup> October	The Big Draw Art Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3:30-5:30pm Friends Film Night
25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return To School
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Classroom Day – Forest School Clothes
11 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Remembrance Day Service at the Memorial
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – Home clothes for £1 donation
15 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm Celebration worship parents welcome
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations
6 <sup>th</sup> December	September 2025 EYFS Christmas Art Day 9.30-10.30
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Production – Christmas with the Aliens
10 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm Christmas Production – Christmas with the Aliens
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day including Class Christmas Party and Gift Shop
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Disco 5-6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Science Week
14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Neurodiversity Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Return to School
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to School
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – no children in school
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – no children in school
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

As ever, our door is always open. We are really looking forward to working with you this academic year and seeing what our school community can achieve.

Yours sincerely



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