

# WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year! I hope that all our families have had a relaxing summer break which I am sure has been filled with lots of visits and activities that your children have enjoyed. As with all September starts, I would like to extend a most warm welcome to our new children and families joining our academy this year.

As always, we already have lots of events planned for the autumn term. I have included as many advance warnings of dates for events so that you're able to plan your own diaries. On behalf of all the staff here at the academy, I am looking forward to working with you all, existing and new families, to ensure your children have a happy and fulfilling year at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Clewes  
Head Teacher

## MEET THE TEACHER SESSION

Next week we shall be holding a short drop-in session from 3.30 to 4.00 for you to meet with your child's new teacher. This will take place on Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please come into school and say 'hello' to your child's new teacher who is looking forward to working with you over the coming year. Please plan your time accordingly – especially if you have more than one teacher to visit during this time!

*All teachers will be in your child's new classroom.*



## PROSPECTUS 2017/18



Your child will receive a copy of our handbook next week when you meet your child's teacher; please take the time to read through this as it shares all of the academy aims. You should find most answers to your questions here!

## ACHIEVING EVERYDAY

We believe in children being immersed in their learning from day 1! Over the holidays the staff have been preparing exciting and engaging lessons for them to enjoy. Therefore, please ensure your child arrives on time every day and aims for 100% attendance; I was pleased with the silver and gold awards for attendance last term, so let's make it even better this year!



## VISITS THIS YEAR



Please remember that next Thursday (September 13<sup>th</sup>) is the deadline for your £30 contributions to be made for this year's visits. Please pay at the Office or online at your earliest opportunity before this date.

## PARIS 2019

Please keep up with your payments at the office – more details will be sent home during the term ahead of our February visit which will be here sooner than you think!



**Visit Date: Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs start week commencing Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> – a timetable of clubs taking place will be put on all notice boards around the school. Your new brochure to showcase all the exciting extra-curricular activities your child can participate in has been sent home with this newsletter. There are more clubs on offer than ever before which are sure to be popular; please note that if your child misses three sessions, they will be asked to leave the club and their place given to someone on the waiting list. If you could return your club requests as soon as possible that will help us get places allocated quickly! Please ensure that you are prompt when collecting your child from

## WHAT THE CHILDREN TOLD US!

Before the holidays, all children completed a questionnaire to find out their thoughts about life at Whitfield Valley...here are the results!

	Yes 😊	No ☹️	Sometimes 😐
Do you enjoy school?	88%	4%	8%
Do you feel safe at school?	92%	2%	6%
Is the work interesting and challenging?	96%	1%	3%
Do you think that you are making good progress in your work?	88%	2%	10%
Do you think that behavior of pupils in our academy is good?	86%	4%	10%
Do you enjoy taking part in out of school activities, events and clubs?	87%	5%	8%

As you can see the majority of what the children told us was overwhelmingly positive! Over the coming year there will be even more new clubs and I will be investing in some more lunchtime play equipment for the children to enjoy. In addition, our SMSC focus days will include an ongoing revisit of the school's golden rules and computing sessions will have a large focus on e-Safety. We will ask the children their thoughts once again later in the school year! In the meantime, please do not hesitate to pass on information about how your child is feeling in school to your child's Class Teacher or the Assistant Head Teacher responsible for overseeing their class.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> – Meet The Teacher: 3.30 – 4.00pm

Week Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> – After school extra curricular activities begin

October 15<sup>th</sup> (3.30-6.00pm) & 16<sup>th</sup> (3.30-6.00pm) – Parents' Evenings

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – **SCHOOL DISCO NIGHT!**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day (Academy closed to children)

October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup> Half term – academy reopens: Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

