



# White Spire School

## Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new term, and it is lovely to see all of the pupils coming together and being part of the White Spire family. Over the course of the first half term, classes 1-3 have had a successful parent engagement day and coffee morning in which the sixth form pupils supported amazingly. There have been a variety of class trips which include Hazard Alley, Moulton College and Bletchley Leisure Centre. These trips help to enrich learning and allow pupils to put into practice what is learnt within lessons.

Within the next half term, there are many more trips, fun activities and school events including the nativity. Further information for these will be provided closer to the time.

Congratulations to our new school council reps and our new head pupils. I look forward to hearing their ideas over the next year.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Michelle Bartle (Headteacher)

## Medical Information

If there is a change in your child's circumstances, can you please complete a new medical form.

## PE Kit and uniform

Please ensure your child's PE/DofE kit and uniform is clearly labelled and that the PE /DofE kit is appropriate for the weather at this time of year. There should be no large logos on PE/DofE kit.

## Attendance

At White Spire School we recognise the importance of good attendance. Good attendance also positively impacts mental health and well-being. It develops positive relationships, confidence and resilience. At White Spire School we work with families to ensure attendance is as high as possible.

How you can help -

- Please inform the school office of any pupil absences and the reasons why.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Safeguarding

At White Spire School we are committed to safeguarding. We recognise our responsibility to respond appropriately and support the pupils and families in our school community. Evidence shows that happy, healthy and safe children participate more fully in lessons and therefore learn more effectively. We have a group of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) who ensure that a team approach to safeguarding is adopted. If you would like any further support please contact the school office and ask to speak to a DSL.

## Curriculum

Our curriculum offers the pupils the balance of developing and securing everyday life skills, combined with the awe and wonder of exploring the world around us and new skills. Curriculum highlights so far this term include learning to walk safely next to roads, exploring crime and punishment across time, creating simple rhythms on a set of drums, developing watercolour skills in Art, contributing to the community as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and considering our personal safety whilst out and about. The development of core English, Maths and PSHCE skills continues to run across the curriculum.

### School Gateway

**We are making communication easier, faster and more effective.**

White Spire School have introduced a new service for staying in contact with parents called 'School Gateway'. This means that we can now share information with you via email, text and a new **free** smartphone app. Parent and carers will also be able to pay for school lunches via the app.

If you have not already signed up, please see further information below.

#### **Download the app:**

If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). With the app you can message the school for **FREE**.

#### **Or Visit the Website:**

[www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

### Clubs

The school offers a range of lunch and afterschool clubs. Lunch clubs include a range of sports activities, drum club and Ragdolly Annas. The afterschool club form comes out termly for you to book your child on.

### New school admins email address

The school are moving across to a new email system from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 25. The new email address is

[admin@whitespireschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@whitespireschool.org.uk)

### Forthcoming Whole School Events:

- 4<sup>th</sup> November-Odd sock day
- 12<sup>th</sup> November-Class 1-9 parents evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> November- KS4 WW1 Workshop
- 19<sup>th</sup> November- Class 10-17 parents evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> November-Class 4 & 5 parent engagement day
- 21<sup>st</sup> November- Class 4/5/6 coffee morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> November-Children in Need non uniform day
- 24<sup>th</sup> November- KS3/4/5 career's week
- 1<sup>st</sup> November-Theatre production group in school
- 5<sup>th</sup> December-Class 7/8/9 parent engagement day and coffee morning
- 16<sup>th</sup> December-Class 1-5 nativity performance
- 18<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> December-School disco and Christmas jumper day.



There are also a range of curriculum and end of term rewards trips within the next half term. Further information will to be sent out closer to the time.