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Dear Parent / Guardian,

School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and will re-open to pupils on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**.

I would like to reassure you that, at the time of writing, we intend opening school as usual after the summer holiday. Any changes to this will be published on our website [www.whinneybanks.org.uk](http://www.whinneybanks.org.uk) and Twitter. Please visit our website regularly for up to date information.

### **School Holidays**

The two days before the start of the school year (i.e. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020) are training and preparation days for teaching staff. In addition, the school will be closed on the following days while teachers are involved in training: **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home and following guidance, when your child returns to school. Please note; children cannot attend school if they, or a family member they live with, have symptoms of Covid 19.

When we return to school in September, the children will enjoy a picnic lunch and we will write to you when hot meals are available in our dining hall. Please also note that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 the price of school meals will be increased to £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week).

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please complete this form:

[https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Benefits-free\\_school\\_meals\\_application.pdf](https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Benefits-free_school_meals_application.pdf) and send it to Free School Meals, PO Box 2, Middlesbrough, TS1 2YL or alternatively bring it into school and we can process it on your behalf.

### **Email address**

School email address is [whinneybanks@mcschools.org.uk](mailto:whinneybanks@mcschools.org.uk).

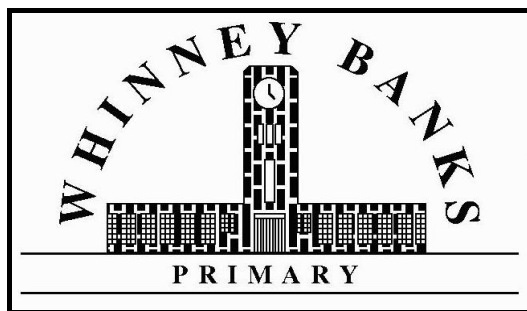
Please make sure school have your email address for future correspondence.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer break, looking forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs S Thorpe  
Head Teacher

Please see overleaf for school term dates.





## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020/21

School re-opens on

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

### HALF TERM

School closes

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

School re-opens

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

### CHRISTMAS

School closes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

School re-opens

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### HALF TERM

School closes

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

School re-opens

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

School closes

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

School re-opens

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### MAY DAY

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### HALF TERM

School closes

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

School re-opens

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### SUMMER

School closes

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**The Y6 SATs will take place during the week of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It is very important that children are in school for these and they should not take holidays during this period.**

The two days before the start of the school year (i.e. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020) will be preparation days for teaching staff. In addition to the holidays shown there will be three additional days when the school will be closed while teachers are involved in training. These will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **What to do if your child is absent...**

Under current laws your child will be regarded as truanting from school if you do not let the school know why he/she are absent. **Please let school know if your child is absent for any reason.** Messages can be left on our answer phone and these are checked daily. This will prevent the Education Welfare Officer being asked to call upon you.

