



Nursery & Y1 Applications

We have produced three short videos in lieu of Open Night. A day in the life of WPSNU and a focus on Nursery & Y1 are available on our school website www.whiteheadps.com. If you would like to chat to me, please don't hesitate to contact me on 02893353280.

Online applications (www.eani.org.uk) opened on Thursday 7 January 2021 at 12.00 noon. **ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY AT 12 NOON. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE IN NURSERY OR Y1 YOUR APPLICATION ISN'T LATE.**

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher Consultations were due to take place the week of Monday 8 February. Due to school being closed and remote learning ongoing, consultations will **BE POSTPONED** and will take place at some point between Half Term February & Easter. The exact dates will be confirmed in due course and will depend on any further decisions by the Executive regarding school closures.

However, as Miss McWhirter will finish teaching in WPS on Friday 12 February, (Mrs Hagan is due to return from maternity leave on Monday 22 February), she will conduct her parent/teacher consultations by telephone on Thursday 11 & Friday 12 February. Further details will be issued closer to the date.

In addition, Y7 consultations will take place on Thursday 25 & Friday 26 February in order to support parents as they begin the Post Primary application process. Again, further details will be issued closer to the time.

Remote Learning

I would encourage all children to engage with the tasks set through Seesaw, however I also understand that every family will manage remote learning in different ways. I know that some parents will complete the work with their children in the evenings, at the weekends or just at any time they can.

Teachers keep a record of the tasks that children complete but not when they completed the task. It may not be possible for you to complete a task on the day that it is sent. We fully understand. There may also be times when you cannot complete the tasks at all. I have spoken to a family this week and both mum and dad have tested positive for COVID-19. If you find that you are having difficulty completing the tasks due to illness or other family issues just be in contact with the teacher. Let them know the situation and agree a date when you will re-engage.

Please be assured that all of the teachers will continue to be very flexible regarding Seesaw. The teachers fully understand, as some of them are also trying to manage home-schooling their own children, while teaching their class remotely.

If you have any concerns about remote learning, please don't hesitate to contact me.

School Development Days

A School Development Day planned for Monday 22 February **will be postponed until Thursday 27 May**. The training day will be led by GL Assessment and focuses on the use of and analysis of data. Due to unplanned school closures in October and January we have been unable to complete all of the necessary assessments with the children that will allow us to undertake the training. The children will complete the outstanding assessments when they return to school.