



# Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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## Positive Responses From Our Parents' Survey

You will remember a few weeks ago, we invited parents to complete a survey, in line with surveys that we have conducted in previous years. Although we have many opportunities to hear from parents in more detail, such as the termly Parents' Forum, Parents' Evenings, email discussions and conversations that we have at school events and activities, this is a very valuable exercise for us because so many parents take the time and trouble to respond.

The percentage of parents who agreed or strongly agreed with the survey statements was as follows:

My child enjoys school.....	85
The school provides a safe environment for my child.....	95
The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best.....	94
My child is making good progress at school.....	88
My child has access to help and support if they need it.....	91
The school helps me to support my child's learning.....	80
The school provides an interesting and varied range of activities, clubs and sports outside of lessons.....	84
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.....	64
The school promotes attendance and punctuality.....	98
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future, e.g. careers and options advice.....	86
The curriculum is broad and varied, and meets the needs of my child.....	84
The school informs me about the progress of my child.....	93
I find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems concerning my child.....	84
The Newsletter is helpful and informative.....	90
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.....	79
Behaviour at the school is good.....	88
The school deals effectively with bullying.....	85
The school is led and managed efficiently.....	87
The school is well thought of in the local community.....	77
My child is well looked after.....	93
My child is taught well.....	90

It is pleasing that the trend is upward from previous years, and that there are many aspects of school life across the Federation that are clearly highly regarded by parents, including the fact that we provide a safe environment and that we have high expectations of students and teach them well. It was also gratifying to see so many parents recognising that we try to keep you well-informed, and I hope that the introduction of Go4Schools has supported that. The work that Mrs Bosley, Mrs Philpott and Mrs Rigley do to promote attendance on all sites is also clearly recognised, as is the help and support that is provided to individuals.

As you would expect, we will also try and use the outcomes of the survey to support our improvement, and continue to build our relationship with parents. The three areas where we had fewer than 80% of parents agreeing or strongly agreeing were helping students to have healthy lifestyles, taking account of parental suggestions and concerns, and having a positive reputation in the local community. I write a couple of weeks ago about the additional measures we are putting in place to promote healthy lifestyles, and I hope that you will see the impact of this work in the coming weeks.

I would also like to discuss with Parents' Forum the ways that we can make sure we are hearing your suggestions and responding to them. We are very conscious of the opinions of parents, and even when decisions are taken that have not had a unanimous positive response from parents, such as the uniform change, we consider seriously how to respond to and incorporate parental views. It may be that we need an additional system to receive and respond to comments from parents, and we will look into this. Finally, our reputation in the local community is obviously very important to us. We believe that the improvement in our results and the positive trends in our schools are moving this in the right direction, and this is the feedback we have had from many parents. However, it is important that we ensure that the positive view of the schools is communicated to our local community, and I know that parents are our greatest advocates with this, for which we are very grateful.

*Paul Heery* Executive Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

January	FED	AWS	TBS	BC
30th	Deadline For Specialisms Choices			
30th - 1st Feb	Year 11 French Speaking Exams			
February				
1st	Year 8 Sutton Scholars Campus Visit The University Of Nottingham			
2nd	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge			
4th	Debating Competition University Of Nottingham			
6th	Careers Event at Queens Medical Centre			
6th - 10th	Geography Field Trip Portugal			
7th	Business Breakfast			
9th - 20th	German Exchange			

*Please see our websites or login to our free app to view a full calendar of events and important dates.*

## Lost Property

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Please remember to put your child's name in their school clothes and belongings. We check lost property at the end of each week, and if an item of clothing is named it can be easily returned to its rightful owner.

If there is no name, it will be washed and given to either the PE department or Inclusion to be loaned out to other students if they have forgotten their kit or uniform.

## Sports News

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### Athletics

A big well done to the Year 7 indoor athletics teams from both Alderman White School and The Bramcote School who competed in the annual Broxtowe indoor competition at Hall Park Academy this week.

For many of the pupils it was their first experience of representing their school and it was in the one of the biggest Year 7 competitions of the year. With all the schools from Broxtowe represented, the competition was of a very high standard and unfortunately neither school were placed in the top 3 of either the boys or girls competitions. We are still waiting to see the full results to see which school won the inter-Federation rivalry.

### Mr R Bateman

### Netball

The Year 7 Alderman White Netball team played their second round of matches in the South County league this Wednesday at NUSA. After a smashing performance last month, and with three wins under their belt, the girls went in with high confidence and in a strong position.

They didn't disappoint - a slow start and a few near misses didn't matter as they won 2-1 against a strong Fernwood side.

Hall Park were our second opponents who put up less of a fight against our strong and well organised defence. With our passes starting to flow and the shooting much more accurate we eventually won 5-0.

The final game of the league was against Bluecoat school. In the first half Hema and Hannah, our shooters, scored a handful of cracking nets from over two metres out. Next came some stunning set pieces, some tight marking and a few more goals. Full time result 8-0. Another great win.

Having coming top in our league and undefeated, we are now through to the finals on 15th March, where the title of Champions is up grabs.

Watch this space.

### Miss A Kilbane

## Youth Theatre Performers Shine

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Congratulations to all the students from the Bramcote youth theatre group who took part in the excellent Nottingham Playhouse Shine performance extravaganza on Thursday night.

The Playhouse's Shine appeal aims to create and sustain free community youth theatres for children between 8 and 16 across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The Bramcote youth theatre group is free to all and we are keen to recruit new members from Years 5 - 8 to join the existing crew.

Next session is Monday 6th February from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.

Please feel free to email [colin.morley@whpfederation.org](mailto:colin.morley@whpfederation.org) with any questions.

### Mr C Morley



## Exam Invigilators Wanted

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Are you interested in becoming an Examination Invigilator for The White Hills Park Federation Trust?



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We are seeking to recruit new Exam Invigilators to work with the existing team in the running of all internal examinations at the school.

The post would be ideally suited to applicants who feel a sense of responsibility for today's young people and who are able to work flexible daytime hours. Full training will be provided and working hours will be negotiated for each exam period.

The role may include scribing or reading for students who have qualified for access arrangements because of special educational needs and disabilities. Training will be provided.

Interested? We would love to hear from you, visits prior to application/interview are welcome.

Further details and an application form are available under the Vacancies section of our website: [whpfederation.org](http://whpfederation.org) or for more information please contact Tracey Tacey:

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### Christmas Card Competition Winners

Thank you to all the students in Years 7 and 8 who participated in our Christmas card scheme. We were delighted with the finished cards and hope you really liked them too. We promised a prize for the best design. Our judges Nadia Rizk and past-student Sorcha McCay were hard-pressed to choose a single winner, so they awarded three prizes in total. The runners up are Maddie Lamb and Millie Walton who each receive a £5 voucher. The winning design is by Sacha Hilton who receives a £10 voucher. The top 10 designs will be displayed on our PTA noticeboard in the School Office from next week, along with news of our fundraising activities and forthcoming events.



1st Prize:  
Sacha Hilton



Runner Up: Maddie Lamb

Runner Up:  
Millie Walton



### Fundraising News

The students have requested outdoor seating and so we are planning to buy tables and benches with the proceeds of our next events. Please note that the Beer and Curry night has been postponed (until after the clocks go back!) and the new date will be announced. Our Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 8th July** this year.

### Raise the Roof

The students' annual Raise the Roof charity event is on **Friday 24th February** at school. We provide support by staffing the doors, so if anyone is free to help for an hour, please get in contact with us (via email to [majoreilly@gmail.com](mailto:majoreilly@gmail.com)).

### The Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 7th March** (not February) from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the School Meeting Room. All parents, carers and staff welcome, and we would particularly like to encourage any interested Year 7 parents to come along.

### Finally

If you received any Christmas presents that weren't quite "you", do please think about donating them to us. Thanks as always for your support.

### Emmanuel Church Bramcote's 10th Birthday Celebration

Emmanuel Church Bramcote, which meets each Sunday in the hall at Bramcote College is celebrating its 10th birthday this Sunday (29th January).

We warmly invite all members of the school community to be with us for this special birthday service as we give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

Services are informal and last around an hour and a quarter. The service begins at 3:30pm. If you've never been to a church service before or not for a while and wonder what it's like: this would be a great service to come to!

**Richard Hopkins, Senior Minister of Emmanuel Church**

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