Dear Parents/Carers/Families,

Welcome back. It’s great to be back at school and we hope this will be an increasingly normal term where we can hopefully start to do some of the other things that we have not been able to do this past year. We have some exciting plans that we’ll share with you soon.

Hopefully we will be able to have lots of our usual events such as Sport’s Day, Summer Fair and a leaver’s performance. We have put dates in the diary and will share them with you once we’ve checked they work.

**After-school clubs**

Starting next week, we will have after-school sports provision for children from Year 1 upwards. There are limited places (24 per session). Please only request a place if you are sure your child will be attending every week.

Y1/Y2 Multi-Sports and Games Club (Monday 3:15-4:00)

Y3/4 Cricket (Tuesday 3:20-4:15)

Y5/6 Multi-sports club (Tuesday 3:15-4:15)

We will be emailing you with further information on how to request a place.

**Attendance**

Please can you make sure your child is in school by 9:00am at the latest, children start work promptly when they arrive and we would hate your child to miss out on important learning.

**Reading**

This is a bit of a nag. It’s vital that children are practicing reading every day, it has been really noticeable since children returned that some of those who haven’t been reading at home are now struggling and are starting to fall behind their classmates. For children to become good readers they need to practise every day, this helps them become fluent and is especially important with younger children (Reception/Year1/ Year2) as this is where the biggest gaps are appearing. It is however equally important that older children read daily as well and it would be great if you could listen to them read and talk to them about the books they are reading.

15 minutes of reading every night would mean 90 hours of reading practice over a year and would help your child do really well in East Whitby and beyond. Please make it part of your daily routine, it will really make a difference.

**Parents Evening**

We will be holding our virtual parent’s meetings on the week beginning the 4th of May. Teachers will be in touch shortly on how to book times.

We look forward to an exciting term and the children really moving their learning on. If you have any problems, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Mr Smith