



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**November 2018** ISSUE 2

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The children and staff have been very busy since half term and there are now only 5 weeks left until the end of term. We have lots of festive events coming up.



## New Vision Statement

### Poster competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster for our New Vision Statement competition.

There were so many wonderful posters and it was difficult to choose the winners. The winning posters were selected by members of our Governing Body and were submitted by:

Alisha (Year 2), Samhitha (Year 2), Choa (Reception), Zain (Year 2), Tiara (Year 1) and Safa (Year 2).

Everyone who entered this competition will be presented with a prize in a special assembly soon.



## Nursery Parent Consultations

These will take place on **Friday 14th December**.

The nursery will be **closed** on this day. An appointment sheet will be displayed soon.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come in to school in a Christmas jumper (or festive clothes) on **Friday 14th December** for a donation of **£1**. Donations will be made to Save the Children.



## Christmas Production Dates



Thursday 6th December at 2:45pm - Reception

Friday 7th December at 9:15am - Reception

Monday 10th December at 2:45pm - Year 1

Tuesday 11th December at 9:15am - Year 1

Wednesday 12th December at 2:45pm - Year 2

Thursday 13th December at 9:15am - Year 2

**Please note, a maximum of 2 adults per child can attend. Please arrive 5 minutes before start. Also, please help your child by not eating, talking or using your phone during the productions as this can distract them.**

## Christmas Lunch



You will have now received a letter regarding the children's Christmas lunch on Friday 14th December. Please complete the menu choice slip and return to the school by **Wednesday 21st November**

## Parents' Association Christmas Fair



**Friday 30th November 3:30pm - 5pm**

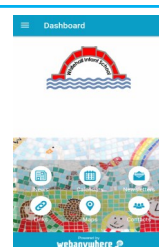
The PA need volunteers to help on the day as well as donations of baked goods, pre-owned toys and filled chocolate tombola bags. Please ask in the main school office for more information.

Please return your Santa Grotto slip and payment in a named envelope to the PA letterbox next to the main school office.

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### Parent Governor

I am pleased to announce that, following the recent Parent Governor election, a new Parent Governor has been appointed. I would like to welcome Mr Andrew French to the school Governing Body.

### Message from Welfare

#### **Chickenpox Advice:**

- Children can return to school once all the spots are scabbed over / dried.
- You should expect your child to be absent from school for approximately 5-8 days.
- Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/> or speak to your local pharmacist or GP for more advice

#### **Dental Care:**

I am very sad to say that there are a number of children missing time at school because they are having to have teeth removed. Dental care is very important at all ages. Please avoid giving your child too many sugary snacks and ensure that they brush their teeth regularly. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/> for more advice.



I would like to thank the Parents' Association for providing Year 1 and 2 classes with 'Golden Time' boxes. These are boxes with items in such as art and craft materials, games, dressing up / role play outfits to support children's creative development. The children get to use these boxes in class.

## **ADMISSIONS**

### Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2019, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2019, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Attendance

It is vital that children are in school every day. If your child is absent from school, please remember to call 01895 590112 every day until they return to school.



### Punctuality

Your child starts learning as soon as they enter their classrooms in the morning. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they are missing out on 25 minutes of education every week. Over the course of a school year this would equate to 13 hours of missed education. Don't let your child miss out and help them to reach their full potential by getting them to school on time.

### The Power of Positive Parenting Seminar

Thank you to everyone that attended the recent seminar at the Junior school. I hope you found it informative. Over the next few newsletters, we will be sharing some 'Top Tips' with you that were discussed at the seminar. The 'Top Tip' for this newsletter is:

*'Create a warm, loving, safe environment for your child.'*

### Reminder for Reception Parents

There is only one way in and one way out of the Reception area when dropping and collecting your child from school. Please help to make smooth drop off and pick up by ensuring that you use the correct entrance and exit. This is to ensure the safety of all parents and children.



### Walk to school poster competition

Well done to the winner's of our Walk to school poster competition. They were each presented with a pedometer. Thank you to Mrs Bir for arranging this competition.



### Diwali Dress Up Day

It was so lovely to see our children and staff taking part in our Diwali dress up day and learning about how the festival is celebrated.



### Remembrance Day

Thank you for supporting our poppy appeal. All donations have been sent to the Royal British Legion. To celebrate Remembrance Day, the children made Poppies in their classes.



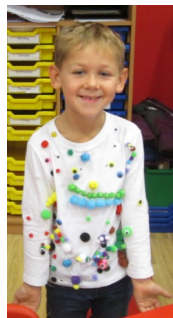
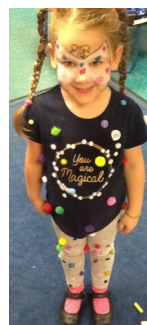
### Lunches with Parents

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to school and have lunch with their child. It was wonderful to see so many people.



### Children In Need Dress Up Day

It was lovely to see our children being 'Spotacular' for Pudsey! We raised £284. Thank you to everyone who donated. The best dressed in each class were presented with a special Pudsey book to take home.



### News from Nursery

Nursery have been looking at the different colours we see in Autumn. We have been on the field to see the trees changing colour and we have talked about the colour and noises of the fireworks we have seen and heard. Last week during friendship week we painted pictures with our friends, made friendship stars and played ring games together in our outdoor area.

### News from Reception

We have been very busy in Reception this half term. We have been learning our RWI set 1 and 2 sounds as well as learning about 2D shapes. We have also celebrated the festival of Diwali and have learnt how to be a good friend as part of Friendship week. Soon we will be learning how to cross the road safely and we will be practicing our Christmas performance 'The Sleepy Shepherd'.

### News from Year One

This week, Year One have been learning to identify the 4 countries of the UK. We played lots of fun games to help us recognise the flags and capital cities.

In Maths, we have been using number lines to take away. We found it tricky at first, but used Don't Give Up Dylan and now we are subtracting super stars.

In English, we loved creating and filming an advert to sell a new chair for Baby Bear. We used adjectives to describe our chairs.



### News from Year Two

This half term, children have been set a challenge to create a stable bridge in DT. The children have thoroughly enjoyed testing different materials. Year 2 have continued looking at materials in Science, testing the absorbency of different materials. They made predictions and tested to see if they were right. Kitchen roll was the best and paper towels were the worst.



In literacy, children are learning to write a newspaper article on the Gunpowder plot. They have learnt the features of a newspaper article such as headline, picture and caption. They have been using drama and role play to learn about the different characters in the story.

In maths, year 2 have just finished learning about money and being able to use different coins to make the same amounts. Children will now be learning about multiplication, division and time.

Over the next couple of weeks, children will be learning lines and songs for our Christmas performance. Please could you help your child learn their lines and songs.

### Lunch Menu

Week of 26th November (Week 3 of menu):

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Spaghetti Bolognese (Beef)	Chicken & Vegetable Pastry with New Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Shepherd's Pie (Lamb)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
Spaghetti Bolognese (Quorn)	Halal Chicken & Vegetable Pastry with New Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Halal Shepherd's Pie (Lamb)	Salmon & Broccoli Fish Cake with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt
Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Beetroot Cake	Oat Bar with Fresh Fruit	Pineapple & Coconut Sponge with Custard	