



Headteacher's Newsletter

December 2018 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Autumn Term is fast approaching and our Christmas celebrations have begun. We have celebrated the start of Advent by decorating our school Christmas tree! Advent marks the start of the Christian year and begins 4 weeks before Christmas. This is the time for Christians to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.



Important Dates

Thursday 6th December 2:45pm	Reception Christmas Production
Friday 7th December 9:15am	Reception Christmas Production
Monday 10th December 2:45pm	Year 1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 11th December 9:15am	Year 1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 12th December 2:45pm	Year 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 13th December 9:15am	Year 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 13th December	Nursery Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14th December	Reception, Y1 & Y2 - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 14th December	Nursery parent consultations - Nursery CLOSED all day
Wednesday 19th December	Class party for Nursery
Thursday 20th December	Class Parties for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 20th December	NURSERY LAST DAY Nursery singalong 11am & 3pm
Friday 21st December	LAST DAY School finishes at 12:30pm
Monday 7th January	Back to school - Normal time

Nursery Sing a Long



Nursery parents are invited to the Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long on **Thursday 20th December** at **11am** (for morning session) and **3pm** (for afternoon session)

Class Parties

Wednesday 19th December - Nursery Party Day
Thursday 20th December - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Party Day

Children can come to school in party clothes on their party day. Please ensure they wear sensible clothing and footwear. Parents will be asked to sign up to bring food in for the parties nearer the time.



Christmas Production Reminders



- * A maximum of 2 adults per child can attend.
- * Please arrive 5 minutes before start.
- * Do not eat, talk or use your phone during the productions as this can distract the children.
- * You can take photos and videos of the production for your personal use only. Please do not post them on social media sites.

Reminder

The deadline for applications for Primary School (Reception) and Junior School (Year 3) is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Please submit your application well in advance of this date.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please remember to call **01895 590112** and select option 1 every day until they return to school.



The Power of Positive Parenting Tip

The 'Top Tip' for this newsletter from the Power of Positive Parenting Seminar is:

"Say only positive things to your child to encourage their learning."

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to give Christmas cards to their class, there will be a postbox available in school for them to put the cards in. Cards will then be distributed to the classes. Please ensure that the child's name and class is written on the envelope.



Health and Safety Notice

Due to the upcoming Christmas Productions, some of the equipment from the hall has been moved outside and placed under the shelter. **Please do not allow your children to climb on this equipment.**



Copies of Letters

Some parents have requested that copies of letters are made available on our website. Within the parents section, you will find a page called 'Letters Home'.

All letters that have been sent this school year are available for you to download on this page. <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/letters-home>



New Vision Statement Poster competition

The winners of the Vision and Value poster competition were presented with a pack of special pencils each. Everyone who entered this competition was also presented with a special pencil. I would like to thank all the children who entered this competition for embracing our new vision statement.



Parents' Association Christmas Fair

The Parents' Association would like to thank all of those who helped at or attended the Christmas fair. We will share with you soon the total amount raised.

I would like to thank the Parents' Association for all their hard work in ensuring it was a wonderful Christmas fair.





Christmas Tree Assembly

We recently held our Christmas Tree Assembly where each class got to decorate the Christmas Tree with decorations that they had made. The children really enjoyed this assembly and loved seeing the Christmas tree decorated and lit up at the end.



Black History Month winners

Well done to everyone who submitted work for black history month. A winner was chosen from each year group and they will be presented with a certificate in assembly.

The winners were: Zoha (Reception), Aisha (Pine) and Samhitha (Kingfisher)

School Lunches

I would like to thank our caterer's, Harrison's Catering, for providing healthy, nutritious and appetising meals over the last term and for providing a special Christmas lunch for us next week.

I would like all of our children to take advantage of the free school lunches and for them to try some of the delicious meals on offer. If your child would still prefer a packed lunch then please ensure that the lunch is balanced and nutritious.

If your child does have a school lunch, please discuss the menu with them at home so they know what choice to make when they come to school.

Lunch Menu

Week of 10th December (Week 2 of menu):

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY - Christmas Lunch</i>
Cornish Pasty with Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Breaded Fish & Chips with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Beef Lasagne with Focaccia	Roast Turkey, Chicken Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy
Tuna Pasta Bake	Moroccan Style Roasted Vegetables with Couscous	Mixed Bean Chilli Wrap with Chips	Savoury Rice	Quorn Roast, Quorn Sausage, Stuffing & Vegetarian Gravy
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Yoghurt Bar: Natural Yoghurt with Various Toppings	Halal Beef Lasagne with Focaccia	Served with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
Ginger cake with Custard	Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges		Pear and Chocolate Marbled Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Festive Chocolate & Orange Log, Mincemeat Slice or Christmas Pudding

Staff News

We have welcomed two new members of staff to Whitehall Infant School.

Mrs R Perry has joined as a Special Educational Needs keyworker.

Mr Eladchumanan has joined us as a cleaner.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both to our school.



The London Borough of Hillingdon have an opportunity to work as an apprentice in the Highways technical support department . Please see the following link for more information: https://ig24.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_lbh01.asp?newms=jj&id=130220&



School Terms and Holidays

2018/2019

Whitehall Infant School

Please only book holidays during school closure times

AUTUMN TERM – 2018

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Monday 3rd September 2018

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Half Term Holiday

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th October 2018

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Monday 29th October 2018

Term Ends at 12:30pm

Friday 21st December 2018

SPRING TERM – 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term holiday

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd February 2019

Term ends at 12:30pm

Friday 5th April 2019

SUMMER TERM - 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day (Public Holiday – school closed)

Monday 6th May 2019

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Friday 24th May 2019

Half Term holiday

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2019

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Monday 1st July 2019

Term Ends at 12:30pm

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Wednesday 4th September 2019