



Headteacher's Newsletter

December 2018 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work over the Autumn Term. The start of an academic year brings much challenge and change and I am impressed at how well the children settled into the term and how much progress they have made. I would like to wish all of our families a happy holiday.

Last Day of Term

All children who are in attendance for the morning on the last day of term will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon. In addition, rather than provide a cooked meal, all children who have a school meal will be provided with a packed lunch.

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 remember the following:

-  No high heeled shoes, heelys or sandals
-  School shoes or trainers only please
-  Please sign up to bring in food
-  No items containing nuts
-  No items containing gelatin

Lunch Menu

Based on feedback from the children and lunchtime staff, we will have a revised lunch menu next term. The revised menu will be sent out to you later this week by email and will be available on our website.

Nursery Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of those parents who attended the Nursery Parent Consultations. If you were not able to attend, please speak to a member of nursery staff to arrange an alternative date and time.

REMINDER

Term ends at **12:30pm** on
Friday 21st December

Last day for nursery children is
Thursday 20th December

Children will be back to school on
Monday 7th January 2019

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)

Applying for Reception or Year 3 (Juniors)

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. If you have any queries, please contact Hillingdon council on 01895 556644.

Attendance

Please remember that all children should come back to school on **Monday 7th January**.

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

We are launching our new attendance theme next term - be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day Ready On time). To celebrate this, we are having a **non school uniform day on Friday 11th January**. Children can come to school in Superhero clothing or their own clothes. Sensible clothing and shoes only please.



Christmas Cards

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



Breakfast Club

From 8am every morning during term time.

£3 per child per day or free if you are eligible. Breakfast is provided and children take part in play activities. Children are then taken to their classrooms at the start of the school day. Limited places. Please visit the main school office to register your child.



Parents' Association Christmas Fair

The total raised at the Parents' Association Christmas Fair was £1,100! This is fantastic. Thank you to the Parents' Association for all their hard work.

The Power of Positive Parenting Tip

The 'Top Tip' for this newsletter from the Power of Positive Parenting Seminar is: *"Have reasonable expectations of both your child and yourself."*

P.E. Kits

All P.E. kits will be coming home at the end of term. Please ensure these are washed and returned to school on Monday 7th January 2019. Every child needs a P.E. kit in school. Please label all items in the kit.



Petition for Traffic Calming for Whitehall Road

We have been in contact with the Local Authority regarding the traffic concerns on Whitehall Road, near the entrance to the school. After the Christmas break we, together with the Junior school, will be organising a petition to be presented to the Local Authority. We will provide you with further information regarding this in January.



I would like to say thank you to all of our staff for their hard work over the Autumn Term. A special thanks goes to Mr Heath, Mr Brooks and all of the premises team for working so hard to keep the school clean, tidy and safe.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in our Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. We raised £170.



Save the Children



Christmas Presents

Thank you to the Parent's Association who have purchased Christmas presents for every child. The children will be visited by Santa on Thursday who will give them their present.



Christmas Productions

I would like to thank the staff and children for all the hard work they put in to making the Christmas productions so wonderful. They were such high quality performances and the children all did so well in learning their lines and songs. It was great to see so many parents come along to watch their child perform. I hope you enjoyed the performances as much as I did. The Year 1 children were very lucky to have the Mayor and his Consort watch one of their performances.



Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch last week, provided by our caterers. I would like to thank Harrison's catering for the delicious, nutritious lunch, the Parents' Association for providing the table decorations and the lunchtime staff for ensuring the children had an enjoyable meal.



Christmas Pantomime

The children were very lucky to receive a visit from Chaplins Pantomime who performed a wonderful show to the children. It was lovely to see the children all enjoying the show and getting involved when asked to. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this event.





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

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