



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**January 2019** ISSUE 2

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are already half way through this half term. Hopefully, we can look forward to some lighter evenings. However it is still very cold so children should continue to be wrapped up warm. Please do read the letter we sent this week regarding winter weather



## Spring Term Dates

**18th - 22nd February - Half Term**

**Friday 5th April - Term Ends at 12:30pm**

## Year 2 Maths Workshop

**Tuesday 29th January at 9:15am**

**OR Thursday 31st January at 2:50pm**

This is a great opportunity to learn about the maths methods we use at school and how you can help your child at home.



## Role model day -

### Wednesday 30th January

We are having a 'role model day' on Wednesday 30th January where children will be learning about what it takes to be a good role model. **Children should come to school on this day in their normal school uniform.**

We would like parents / carers to come to school on **Wednesday 30th January at 2:15pm** to take part in activities with their child. A separate letting regarding this will be sent out soon.

## Family Reading and Breakfast morning

We are very excited to have joined with a Government backed



scheme called 'Magic Breakfast'. The aim of this scheme is to ensure that no child is hungry at the start of the day and that every child has access food at the beginning of the school day.

From Monday 4th February, every child will be offered a piece of bagel when they come in to school from 8:40am until 8:50am.

On **Monday 4th February** we invite you to come in to your child's class at **8:40am** for a Family reading and breakfast morning. You can read a book with your child and try a bagel which will be offered to your child in the mornings.



**Available to everyone!**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**



**Thursday 31st January Elm Class**

**Thursday 7th February Pine Class**

**Thursday 14th February Willow Class**

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at **9:10am**. Please ensure that you arrive on time. Also, please do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can distract the children.

## Vision and Values

We would like to invite you to come and collect a free Vision & Values pencil and share ideas on



how to work together as a school. You will meet with myself and Trusha Dabba (one of our Governors) for a short tour of the school, tea and chat which will take place on **Thursday 28th February 9am - 10am**.

We are also interested in setting up a parent Group to work with the school for the rest of the academic year. Please speak to the main school office if you are interested in attending the Vision and Values session or joining the parent group.

### Attendance

We launched our new attendance theme earlier this month, be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day Ready On time). I would like to thank those parents who ensure their child is an attendance HERO!

The children are enjoying the weekly attendance assemblies where children with 100% attendance for the week are entered in a raffle to receive a prize!

There are only 3 weeks left of this Half term, please ensure your child is in school every day. If your child is absent from school, please remember to call 01895 590112 option 1 every day that they are absent. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please bring them to the main school office at 8:40am where they can be checked by welfare.



### Spring Learning Overview meetings

Thank you to those who attended the recent Spring Learning Overview meetings. We hope you found it useful to find out what your child will be learning over this term and how to help them at home. The presentations from these meetings can be found on our website:

<http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/noticeboard>

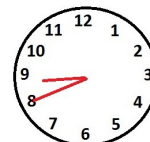
### Read Write Inc Workshops

Thank you to those who attended the recent Read, Write Inc Workshop. If you were unable to attend, the link to the presentation can be found on our website:

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### Punctuality



Please remember that school opens at **8:40am** and children must be in class by **8:50am**. Well done to all the families for making a great effort to arrive at school on time.

Any children that arrive after 8:50am must be **taken to the main school office** to sign in the late register.

From Monday 4th February, all children that arrive in class by 8:50am will be offered a piece of bagel to have in class.

### Applying for Nursery

Children born between September 2015 and August 2016 are eligible to start Nursery in September 2019.

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place for your child, please collect an application form from the main school office as soon as possible.



### Message from Welfare

Please ensure that you return any items of clothing borrowed from Welfare. Donations of packs of new underwear would be greatly appreciated.

### Weather

In the event of snow or severe ice, the entrance on Whitehall Road will not be opened. Please enter the school through the main entrance on Cowley Road.

If the school is closed, we will inform parents as early as possible via email and on the website.

For further information, please see the winter weather information on our website homepage.



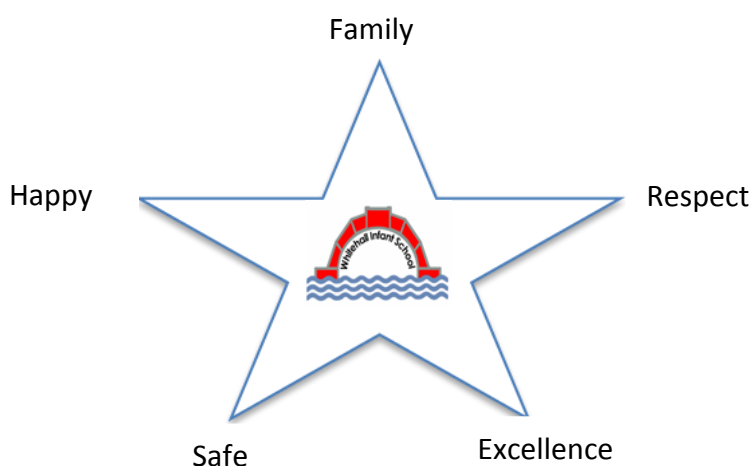
### Lunch Menu

We had a great uptake of school lunches on our Census Day last week. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the delicious hot meals that our cooks prepare. If your child normally has a packed lunch, why not get them to try some of the hot food that is on offer?

Week of 28th January (Week 1 of menu):

<i><b>MONDAY</b></i>	<i><b>TUESDAY</b></i>	<i><b>WEDNESDAY</b></i>	<i><b>THURSDAY</b></i>	<i><b>FRIDAY</b></i>
Lamp Pasta bake with herb focaccia bread	Cottage pie	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips
Lemon & pepper crusted fish with new potatoes	Quorn Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Roasted vegetable pasta bake	Jacket potato with cheese
Baked potatoes with Baked beans	Halal Cottage pie	Pasta Neopolitan	Halal Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fruit Friday: Selection of fresh fruit with greek yoghurt
Apple pie with custard	Frozen strawberry yoghurt & fruit puree	Lemon & Yoghurt cake with custard	Oat & Raisin cookie with fruit wedges	

### Our School Improvement Priorities 2018-2019 'A five star school with a F.R.E.S.H approach'



Continue to improve our reading and writing outcomes across the school

Continue to close gaps in attainment and progress between different groups of children.

All adults ensure all children make good progress

Leaders will support all to embed our new vision and values

Improve attendance and punctuality across the school



### Superhero Dress Up Day

It was wonderful to see the children and staff come to school dressed up for Superhero day. They spent time in class learning about what it means to be an Attendance HERO.



### Nursery visit from the Library

The Nursery children were very lucky to receive a visitor from the Library. The visitor read them a story and gave story packs for each child to take home



### Pedestrian Training

Some of the Road Safety team at Hillingdon came to visit Year 2 and take them out on the local roads to learn the importance of Road Safety. The children learnt how to safely walk along the pavements and cross the road, looking out for potential dangers.



### Year 2 visit from the Mayor

The Year 2 children received a very special visit from the Mayor, Councillor John Morgan and his official escort, Pauline Bianca. He came in to look through the Year 2 job applications and to help choose the children that would be first to do their chosen role. He held a special assembly where he spoke to the children about his role and answered questions the children had prepared.

Thank you to all of those children who filled out an application form. They will each get a chance to take part in your chosen role throughout the year.



### Library Trips and Visit

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful library very close to our school. Some of the classes in Year 1 and 2 have been to visit Uxbridge library recently and have all enjoyed seeing the range of books on offer. We hope that you will join your local library to enhance your child's reading.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel one of the library trips due to bad weather which we will reschedule soon. Reception children will visit the library later this month.

