



Headteacher's Newsletter

February Newsletter - 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new look school newsletter! It is hard to believe that it is already February and the half term holiday is almost upon us. I would like to wish those of you who observe the Chinese calendar a Happy New Year!

I hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 20th February.

Half Term

For children, this half term will end at 3:25pm on

Thursday 9th February.

Back to school on

Monday 20th February

Mrs M. Bringan (Head Teacher)

TRAINING DAY

School is **closed** on
Friday 10th February
for Staff Training.

This term's class assemblies

Date	Time	Class
Thursday 23 rd February	2:55pm	Flamingo
Thursday 2 nd March	2:55pm	Peacock

Shining Stars

Well done to Sauda from
Kingfisher Class and
Eleftheria, Sofia, Hakim, Zara,
Jabril and Aniya from Flamingo
class



Parent Governor vacancies

We recently sent out a letter advising we have vacancies for parent governors on our Governing Board. To support interested parents we have arranged for a parent governor and myself to be available to speak to you about the role on **Tuesday 21st February at 3pm**. Please come to the reception desk.

PARENTS' EVENINGS



It was pleasing to see so many families attending parents evening. I hope you all found the event useful and informative.

Our apologies to those of you who have children in **Larch Class** for the short notice or postponement, A new date will be arranged as soon as possible.

Does your child suffer with a recognised illness? Do they have a care plan?

*If so, it is **vital** that the school is provided with appropriate medications, such as inhalers or epipens so we are able to treat your child.*



Medicine Mrs Castle-Mason can give medicine to children provided they are prescribed by a Doctor and labelled with the child's name. A consent form needs to be completed. Children are not allowed to bring in Medicine from home.

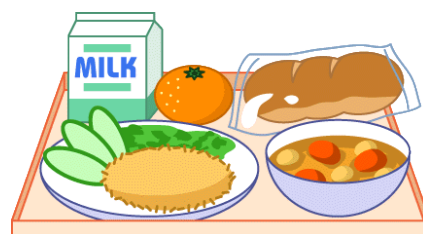
School Dinners

Are you taking advantage of our FREE school dinners?

All children at our school are entitled to a free hot dinner everyday.

The meals are carefully prepared to be nutritious and fuel the body and minds of hungry learners!

If your child does not currently have a hot dinner, start by encouraging them to choose one each week to try.



Safer Internet Day 2017 | Tuesday 7 February
Be the change: Unite for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org.uk

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet day.

Mrs Caba (Computing Coordinator) will be sending out more information!

Absence -Thanks for letting us know!

Mrs Chana (attendance and admissions officer) would like to say a big thank you to all parents who contact us in the morning when their child is unwell.

Please remember to call and leave a message if your child will not be in school for any reason. The number is **01895 590 112**. Choose option 1 to leave an absence message.

You will need to contact us each morning that your child will be absent.



School Times

School starts at **8:50am** for Reception, Year One and Year Two.

The school day ends at **3:25pm**.

News from Nursery

Fairy Tales

Our topic this half term has been fairy tales and Nursery Rhymes. We have been listening to and retelling our favourite tales, learning new songs and singing our favourite Nursery Rhymes.

We have made porridge, pizzas and gingerbread men. And also celebrated Chinese New Year!

News from Reception

Chinese New Year

In Reception the children have been learning all about Chinese New Year! They have been busy making Chinese fans, pictures and lanterns.

There is a display about Chinese New Year in the inner Reception. Our caterers also prepared a special menu.



News from Year One

Traditional Tales

In Year One we are learning traditional tales. We have learnt the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and 'The Little Red Hen' off by heart!

We have talked about the good and bad characters and written character descriptions of The Big Bad Wolf! Over the half term, why not go to the library and see what other traditional tales you can find?

News from Year Two

Pole to Pole

In Year Two, our topic for this half term is 'Pole to Pole'. We have learnt about the North and South Pole and the animals that live there and the weather—which is very cold!

We have learnt about The Dolgan Tribe who live in the Arctic. It is very cold there so in Design Technology we are making vehicles to help the Dolgan's travel through the snow!

Staff News

And finally, at the end of the half term we will be saying goodbye to some staff and welcome to some new faces...

Goodbye

Miss Bains (supply teacher)

Welcome

Ms St Claire (SEN Keyworker)

Ms Douka (Birch Class Teacher)

Mr Douglas (Willow Class Teacher)

Appeal from Mrs Castle-Mason (Welfare Officer)

Please return any clothes borrowed from the welfare room so that we can loan them out again if needed. We would also appreciate any donations of clothing, particularly girls clothes including pants, tights, skirts or trousers.

Come and join in a maths lesson with your child!

If you'd like to find out how we teach maths in KS1 you will have an opportunity to join in a lesson with your child. Year 1 children have already brought home a letter, which is also on our website, and we will have more information about Year 2 after the half term break.

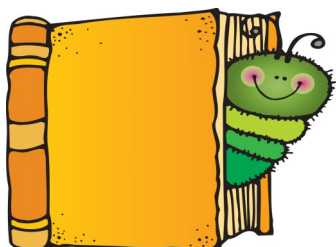
The dates and times are as follows:

Kingfisher Class	Thursday 23 rd February	10-11
Toucan Class	Thursday 23 rd February	11:15-12:15
Peacock Class	Friday 24 th February	10-11
Flamingo Class	Friday 24 th February	11:15-12:15
Year 2	Monday 13 th and Friday 17 th March	Details to follow

It is vital you 'book' your place at a lesson. Please see the separate letter to find out how to do this.



Half Term Holidays



Library Events:

If you are stuck for things to do over the holidays, try popping into the Library where they are running various activities and sessions such as:

- Bookstart Bear Club
- Rhymetime
- Storytime

<http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/events>

For more ideas, why not try:

- Netmums (www.netmums.com)
- Hillingdon Sports & Leisure Centre (www.fusion-lifestyle.com) for ideas.
- Iver Environment Centre (www.iverynature.com)
- Hounslow Urban Farm (www.hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk).

If the weather is kind and we wrap up warm, there is also plenty to enjoy in the local parks or along the canal.