



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**September 2017** ISSUE 1

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to the new school year and I do hope all of our families have had an enjoyable break.

To all those families who celebrated Eid recently, I would like to wish you Eid Mubarak!

The Autumn term is always busy, with many children just starting school and older children getting back into the school routine after the holidays. I am pleased to say that the children all seem to have settled in really well.

**Mrs M. Brington (Head Teacher)**



## Meet the Teacher sessions

Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to meet their child's teacher at **2:45pm on 12/09/17** in your child's classroom.

## Nursery Open Day

This will be held on **Tuesday 12th September** at **9-11am** and **1-3pm** in the nursery.

## Reception

A reminder that reception children will be staying for lunch from **Monday 18th September** and will then be **full time** from **Monday 25th September**.

**Reception Parent Consultation Meetings** will be taking place week commencing 18/09/17

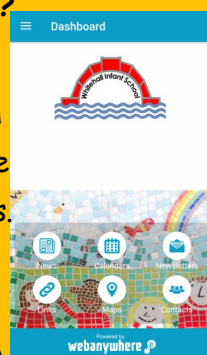
**Please remember that children must be walked to their classroom doors in the morning. I have witnessed some children walking to class on their own which is not something that we permit.**

## **Have you downloaded our App?**

Access information such as the calendar, contacts and notices with ease! You will also be able to receive notifications of any upcoming events.

To download, visit the Google App store or the Apple App store and search for our postcode (UB8 2LX)

Please remember to check our website regularly for updates.



# Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival later this month and would appreciate any contributions for our harvest boxes which each class will make up. We ask for non perishable food items which will be donated to our local food bank for families in crisis. We will be holding two Harvest Festival assemblies:

**Wednesday 27th September 2:45pm Year 1**

**Thursday 28th September 2:45pm Year 2**

## Class Assemblies

Each class will have the opportunity to perform a class assembly and parents of the children performing are invited to come along and watch.

**Flamingo Class Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Peacock Class Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Kingfisher Class Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**Toucan Class Thursday 2nd November**  
(after half term)

Assemblies will take place in the school hall and we ask that you arrive promptly and are seated by 2:55pm.

### Breakfast and After School Club

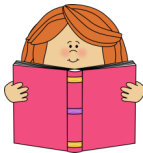
The breakfast and after school club will be held at the Junior School.  
Please see our website for contact details.

### Golden Time

Golden time takes place every week. This year, we will be providing the resources for golden time so no one needs to bring in their own toys or games.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Some children have taken part in the library's 'Big Summer Reading' challenge over the holidays. We would love to celebrate your child's success so do please ask your child to bring in their certificate.



### Message from Welfare

Please note that we can only administer prescribed medicine during the day if it is necessary. If medicine can be taken at home before and after school then please do not send it in.

Please ensure that fingernails are kept short to avoid children injuring themselves and others.

### Car Park

Please remember that the car park is for use by staff only. Over the summer, we have had a barrier installed at the entrance to the car park. Please do not attempt to enter the car park as you will be stopped at the barrier and have to reverse back.

Please note that we do not have any toilet facilities available to anyone that is not a member of staff.



The Parents' Association will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning followed by their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21st Sept at 9am in the hall.

Please come along after dropping off your children to meet other parents and support this good cause. There will be a raffle, quiz and refreshments with donations being made to MacMillan Cancer

Support. They will need contributions of baked goods to help make the event a success - please bring them along on the day.

The Annual General Meeting will then start at 9:45am.

If you would like more details about volunteering or joining the committee, please leave your details at school reception or email [pawwhitehallinfants@gmail.com](mailto:pawwhitehallinfants@gmail.com).



### Birthdays

We appreciate that children like to celebrate their birthdays but please remember that we are unable to hand out any food items. If your child would like to share something with their class then we ask that you provide a small gift such as a pencil or a book to share with the class.



## **Staff**

A quick reminder of our teaching staff and key personnel for this year:

### **Nursery Team**

Mrs McLucas (Nursery Teacher), Mrs Rout, Mrs Fawssett & Mrs Witcher

### **Reception**

Larch Ms Bir (Year Group Leader) & Mrs Sini

Cedar Miss Caba & Ms Aukett

Spruce Mrs Perkowska & Miss Lyford

Birch Mrs Summersell & Miss Alley

Please note that Mrs Summersell is currently off of work after having an operation during the summer Holidays and will return next week Miss Cann is currently teaching Birch Class.

### **Year One**

Willow Mrs Chavda (Assistant Head & Year Group Leader) & Miss Hewitt

Elm Ms Jangra / Ms Ibrahim & Mrs Marke

Beech Miss Wright & Mrs Sidhu

Pine Ms Attia / Ms Trenholme & Mrs Handa

### **Year Two**

Toucan Ms Downie / Mrs McDaid (Assistant Head & Year Group Leader) & Mrs Young

Kingfisher Mr Ball & Miss Woolley

Flamingo Mrs Aqbarawi & Miss Blake

Peacock Miss Lee & Miss Thompson

### **Senior Leadership Team**

Mrs Bringan Headteacher

Miss Cheshire Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Chavda Assistant Headteacher

Mrs McDaid Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Luth SENCO

Mr Coleshill School Business Manager



### **Support Staff**

Finance & Admin Officer

Mrs Mayo

Receptionist

Mrs Malik

Attendance / Admissions Officer

Mrs Chana

Welfare Officer

Mrs Castle-Mason

### **Premises Team**

Manager Mr Heath

Assistant Mr Carter



## School Terms and Holidays

# 2017/2018

### Whitehall Infant School

#### AUTUMN TERM - 2017

*Staff Development day (Holiday for children)*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Half Term Holiday

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Term Ends

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

(Not Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> as previously advised)

#### SPRING TERM - 2018

*Staff Development day (Holiday for children)*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018*

*Staff Development day (Holiday for children)*

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018*

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*Staff Development day (Holiday for children)*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

Half Term holiday

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Term ends

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### SUMMER TERM - 2018

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Half Term holiday

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

*Staff Development day (Holiday for children)*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018*

Term Ends

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018