



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**November 2017** ISSUE 2

**Dear Parents and Carers**

There are only 4 weeks left until the end of term with lots of festive events coming up.



## **% ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

**6th November - 17th November 2017**

Cedar	86.73%
Larch	89.54%
Birch	87.78%
Spruce	86.47%
Beech	87.50%
Willow	90.00%
Elm	90.77%
Pine	93.14%
<b>Toucan</b>	<b>96.67%</b>
Peacock	92.59%
Kingfisher	95.34%
Flamingo	95.36%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>91.0%</b>

Well done to **Year 2 Class Toucan** for the highest attendance—keep up the good work! At this time of year, we have a number of children off sick. Please remember to call in every day before 8:30am and leave a message on the attendance line if your child is going to be absent.

## **Christmas Production Dates**



Thursday 7th December at 2:45pm - Reception  
 Friday 8th December at 9:15am - Reception  
 Monday 11th December at 2:45pm - Year 1  
 Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am - Year 1  
 Wednesday 13th December at 2:45pm - Year 2  
 Thursday 14th December at 9:15am - Year 2  
**Please note, a maximum of 2 adults per child can attend. Please arrive 5 minutes before start.**

## **Nursery Parent Consultations**

These will take place on **Friday 8th December**.  
 The nursery will be **closed** on this day.  
 An appointment sheet will be displayed soon.

## **Christmas Lunch**



You will have now received a letter regarding the children's Christmas lunch on Friday 15th December. Please complete the menu choice slip and return to the school by **Wednesday 22nd November**

## **Reception Parent Workshops**

Thank you to those who came along to our Reception Parent Workshop last week. The next Reception Parent Workshop for parents of Reception children will be on **Tuesday 21st November at 2:45pm**.

## **Meet the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)**

Would you like to talk about your child's development?

We will be holding 2 sessions where you will have the opportunity to come in to the school and meet our SENCO. These will be in the school hall on:

**Tuesday 28th November at 2:45pm**

**Wednesday 29th November at 9:00am**

Younger children are welcome to attend these sessions and refreshments will be provided. Please call the school on 01895 590112 or come in to the school office if you would like to attend.

## Parents' Association Christmas Fair

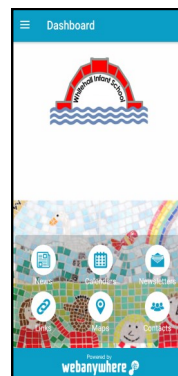
**Friday 24th November**

They need volunteers to help on the day as well as pre-owned toys and baked goods. Please ask in the main school office for more information.

## Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your donations to our poppy appeal. We managed to raise **£50** for the Royal British Legion.



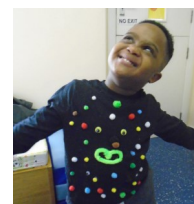
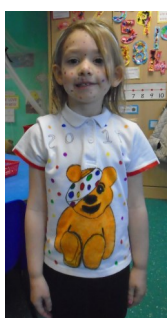
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## Children In Need Dress Up Day

It was lovely to see our children being 'Spotacular' for Pudsey! We raised **£264**. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## Parentview

Parentview is an Ofsted run survey where parents can give their views on their child's school. The link to Parentview can be found on our website under Key Information, Ofsted.

<http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/ofsted>



We have recently said goodbye to Mrs Summersell. We wish her all the best for the future.



## Celebrating 20 years

This month saw our site manager, Mr Heath, celebrate working here for 20 years.

We would like to thank him for all of his hard work maintaining the school buildings and grounds. Some of the children made special pictures for Mr Heath to thank him for his commitment.



## Michael Sobell Hospice

We are now selling small cuddly toys in aid of Michael Sobell Hospice. These will be available to purchase from the main school reception at a cost of **£1.50** each.



## Parent Governor

We will share with you soon the result of the Parent Governor nominations

## Lunch Menu

Week of 20th November.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacket Potato with Savoury Mince	Mediterranean Chicken with Penne Pasta	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes	Turkey & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Margarita Pizza with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Bean Burger with Spicy Baked Wedges	Sweet Potato and Parsnip Slice with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Salmon Fishcake with Lemon Mayonnaise and Chips
Savoury Rice	Lemon & Parsley Baked Fish	Stir Fried Noodles	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Fruit	Apple & Cinnamon Cake with Custard	Wholemeal Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Banana Cake with Custard	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt

Please contact [ann.doherty@harrisoncatering.co.uk](mailto:ann.doherty@harrisoncatering.co.uk) with any feedback regarding lunches.

### Calling the School

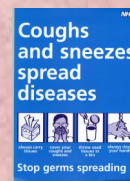
Staff are on duty on our main reception desk from 8.30am-4.00pm. There are times, particularly at drop off and collection times, when reception is busy and we may not be able to get to the 'phone because we are dealing with other enquiries. You can always leave a message if the phone is not answered.



On occasion, we may need to call you and if we cannot get through, we will always attempt to leave a message.

### Welfare Reminders

- ♦ The school nurses will be coming in soon to do annual check ups - starting with Reception height and weight checks. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff.
- ♦ If your child has a runny nose, please send in a packet of tissues with them for them to use throughout the day.
- ♦ If your child has asthma then please ensure that we have TWO pumps in school.
- ♦ The NHS are currently running a campaign called 'Keep Antibiotics Working'. The aim of this campaign is to reduce overuse of antibiotics so that people do not build up a resistance to them. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/antibiotics> for more information.



### Hillingdon's Countdown to Christmas

Each year the London Borough of Hillingdon do a 'Countdown to Christmas' with free events on throughout the borough in December. These include things such as Meet Santa's Reindeer, a Festive Magic Show, and Acrobatic Ice Elves.

Details of all of the events and their locations can be found at :

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



### News from Nursery

In Nursery the children have been talking about Autumn. They have explored the different features of Autumn on our field and had great fun collecting leaves, putting them in to a pile and throwing them up in the air! Back in Nursery, we have been talking about the colours that we see, painted pictures and printed with leaves.

Last week we celebrated Friendship Week. We have been making friendship stars, talking about why we like our friends and how they make us feel.

This week we will be thinking about how to keep ourselves safe on our roads.

### News from Reception

In Reception, we have been celebrating Friendship Week by discussing what it makes to be a good friend.

We have also been learning all about Bonfire safety and the importance of Remembrance Day.

The Reception children have all been working very hard practicing for the upcoming Christmas production.

### News from Year One

Year 1 have made firework safety posters and have had a competition. The Year 1 winners were: Furquaan (Elm), Aleeza (Willow), Mya (Pine) and Hassan (Beech). Well done to all of the Year 1 children for making some lovely posters.

We have also made poppy wreaths to remember all the soldiers who fought for us.



Year 1 will be going on their local area walk in a few weeks time and we will be taking the wreaths to the cenotaph.

The whole school have been celebrating Friendship Week and the children in Year 1 have produced some fabulous writing about how they can be a really good friend.

### News from Year Two

In Year 2 the children have been using their investigative skills to find out all about The Great Fire of London. They have all been really enthusiastic about this topic and enjoyed learning all the associated facts.

They have also made firework safety posters and have had a competition. The Year 2 winners were: Janisha (Toucan), Mishty (Flamingo), Annie (Peacock), Amelia (Kingfisher), Afia (Peacock) and Aliza (Kingfisher).



Well done to all of the Year 2 children for making some informative posters.

Last week for Friendship Week, the children have taken part in discussions and role play exploring what it means to be a good friend and ways in which we can be kind to each other.