



Headteacher's Newsletter

December 2017 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the Autumn Term. Winter is closing in on us with colder days and darker nights. Remember to wrap up warm in this cold weather!



REMINDER

Term ends at 2:00pm on **Wednesday 20th December**

Last day for nursery children is **Tuesday 19th December**

ATTENDANCE

It is essential that children are in school every day, enjoying their learning.

There are only 10 days left of term and we have lots of exciting things planned.

Children can be in school if they have a cough, cold, sore throat or runny nose.

A high temperature can be managed by giving your child medicine before school.

Nursery Parent Consultations

Nursery will be closed on **Friday 8th December** for parent consultations. A timetable is available in nursery for parents to sign up to a suitable time for their consultation.

Christmas Productions

Reception - Thursday 7th December at 2:45pm

Reception - Friday 8th December at 9:15am

Year 1 - Monday 11th December at 2:45pm

Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am

Year 2 - Wednesday 13th December at 2:45pm

Year 2 - Thursday 14th December at 9:15am

Please observe the following regarding the productions:

- For Health and Safety reasons, only 2 adults per child can attend.
- Please arrive on time
- Please do not talk, eat or use your phone during the production
- If you bring young children with you, please try to keep them quiet. You will be welcome to use our reception waiting area if you need to take your child elsewhere at any point.
- Please stay seated during the production
- If you do take photos / videos during the production then please do not share them online on any form of social media.



I would like to say a big well done to Ritvik in Year 1 for taking part in the 'Santa Dash' to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Christmas Parties

Nursery Party Day - Monday 18th December

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Party Day - Tuesday 19th December

Children can come to school in party clothes on their party day. Please ensure they wear sensible clothing and footwear. Parents will be asked to sign up to bring food for the parties nearer the time.



Christmas Jumper Day



Children can come in to school in a Christmas jumper (or festive clothes) on **Friday 15th December** for a donation of **£1**. Donations will be made to Save the Children.

Nursery Sing a Long

Nursery parents are invited to the Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long on **Tuesday 19th December** at **11am** (for morning session) and **3pm** (for afternoon session)

Reminder

The deadline for applications for Primary School (Reception) and Junior School (Year 3) is **Monday 15th January 2018**. Please submit your application well in advance of this date.

Christmas Lunch

The children will have a special Christmas lunch on **Friday 15th December**. Please see menu for week commencing 11th December attached.

Parents' Association Christmas Fair

The Parents' Association would like to thank all of those who helped or attended the Christmas fair. This year, the Christmas fair raised **£1250!**

I would like to thank the Parents' Association for all of their hard work in putting together a wonderful Christmas fair.



Christmas Tree Assembly

We recently held our Christmas Tree Assembly where each class got to decorate the Christmas Tree with decorations that they had made. The children really enjoyed this assembly and loved seeing the Christmas tree decorated and lit up at the end.



Staff News

The end of term always bring about some staffing changes. We will shortly be saying goodbye to Mrs Marke. Mrs Marke is the current teaching assistant in Elm class and has been a part of Whitehall Infant School for nearly 8 years. She is moving away from the area and has found a job closer to her new home. We wish her all the best for the future.

Christmas Cards

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



Lunch Menu

Week of 11th December - Please note that the menu has changed as this is Christmas Lunch week.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacket Potato with Savoury Mince	Mediterranean Chicken with Penne Pasta	Margarita Pizza with Chips	Turkey & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	<u>Christmas Lunch Day</u>
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans	Bean Burger with Spicy Baked Wedges	Homemade Salmon Fishcake with Lemon Mayonnaise and Chips	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Turkey with chicken sausages and gravy
Savoury Rice	Lemon & Parsley Baked Fish		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Festive Vegetable Parcel with vegetarian gravy
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Fruit	Apple & Cinnamon Cake with Custard	Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt	Banana Cake with Custard	Both served with stuffing, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables
				A choice of Chocolate Orange Brownie, Fruit Platter, Mincemeat Slice or Christmas Pudding

Please contact ann.doherty@harrisoncatering.co.uk with any feedback regarding lunches.

School Lunches

I would like to thank our caterer's, Harrison's Catering, for providing healthy, nutritious and appetising meals over the last term and for providing a special Christmas lunch for us next week. I would like all of our children to take advantage of the free school lunches and for them to try some of the delicious meals on offer. If your child would still prefer a packed lunch then please ensure that the lunch is balanced and nutritious.



Are you a parent or grandparent? Are you looking for a new challenge?

Then Home-Start Hillingdon might just be what you are looking for...

A little of your time could make a BIG difference to a local family

Are you a parent (Mum or Dad) or grandparent with 3-4 hours per week to spare?

As a parent you'll know just how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. Why not use your experience and skills to help families in Hillingdon?

Home-Start Hillingdon is currently recruiting new volunteers.

Home-Start trains volunteers to support families with at least one child under five and under stress. Volunteers visit families in their own homes, to give support, befriending, and practical help. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Our next volunteer preparation course is starting in **January 2018**.

The 10 session course takes place over 5 weeks, running on Wednesdays and Fridays,

9:45am—14:30pm, with break for the February half term.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Home-Start on 01895 252804

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