



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the children and staff for their hard work over the Autumn Term. The start of an academic year brings much challenge and change and I am impressed how well the children settled into the term and how much progress has been made. I would like to wish all of our families a happy holiday.



Reception Christmas Production

The Reception children produced wonderful performances of 'Whoopsie Daisy Angel'. I am so impressed by how well they performed the songs and how clear the children all were with their speaking and singing.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to all children who achieved 100% attendance over the Autumn Term. We will present certificates in January. Some families are taking holidays during term time which is disappointing. Please avoid taking unnecessary leave during term time. Please ensure that everyone returns to school on Thursday 4th January.



Christmas Parties



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. Please send in the food you signed up for.

REMINDER

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

Last day for nursery children is
Tuesday 19th December

Children will be back to school on
Thursday 4th January 2018

Year 2 Christmas Production

Year 2 performed a beautiful Christingle Assembly. The songs were all sung beautifully and it was so lovely how the children remembered what the Christingle represented.



Year 1 Christmas Production

Year 1 performed 'The Bossy King' for their Christmas production. The singing and acting were excellent. Year 1 had a special treat as the Mayor and her Consort came to watch their performance.



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)

Christmas Jumper Day

It was so lovely to see the children and staff come in to school in their Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save The Children. Thank you for all of your support - we raised just over £200.



Christmas Lunch

I would like to thank Harrison's Catering for providing a delicious Christmas lunch and the SMSAs for their hard work in making it enjoyable for the children. Thank you to the Parents' Association for providing the table decorations and Christmas cups and napkins.



Father Andrew Assembly

Father Andrew from St Margaret's Church performed a special Christmas assembly for the Year 1 and Year 2 children about being kind and loving to one another at Christmas. This was Father Andrew's last assembly with us as he will be moving away in the new year. I would like to thank him for all of his support over the years. The Year 2 children made a card for Father Andrew and presented it to him at the end of the assembly.



Chaplin's Pantomime

Today, the children were very lucky to receive a visit from Chaplin's Pantomime. The children really enjoyed this. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this event.



Thank you

I would like to say thank you to all of our staff for their hard work over the Autumn Term. A special thanks goes to Mr Heath, Mr Brooks and all of the premises team for working so hard to keep the school clean and tidy and to keep the premises clear of snow and ice during the recent weather.

Reminder

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

Staff News

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Jamil as the new teacher of Birch Class in the new year.

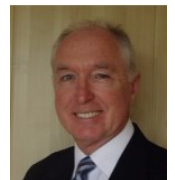
Whitehall Infant School Governing Board

In our first note in the school's newsletter, the Governing Board of Whitehall Infant School shout-out a warm hello to pupils, parents, friends and staff of the school.



For those who might not know, we are a group of volunteers who meet regularly with Mrs Bringan and her staff. We try to ensure all children do well in their learning and that the school continues to thrive. For example, we make sure that the school's budget is used wisely and that all children are taught effectively and treated fairly. You can find out more about each of us on the school's website.

As governors, we've held several meetings this year with the headteacher and school staff. We're really pleased with the great efforts our teachers make to settle the children into the new school year and support their learning. Not surprisingly, children are making strong progress.



It is very rewarding being a governor. There are lots of obstacles for schools to tackle at the moment and we want to make sure Whitehall Infant School continues to improve. Recently, we've received three applications from parents who want to become governors. We'll announce changes to the Governing Board in the New Year.

In the meantime, we extend warmest wishes for the upcoming holidays and look forward to what 2018 will bring!



Peter James (Chair) and Man Tsuey (Manny) Tse (Vice Chair) on behalf of the Governing Board of Whitehall Infant School