



# Headteacher's Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

A warm welcome back and I wish all of our families a happy New Year. I trust you all had an enjoyable break. The first half of the spring term is only 5 weeks. Please ensure your child attends school as much as possible to make the most of this precious learning time.



## Spring Term Dates

Friday 9th February - Staff Development Day (school closed for children)

12th - 16th February - Half Term

Thursday 29th March - Term Ends at 2pm

## Thursday 18th January - Non Uniform Day

Thursday 18th January is census day where all children attending the school will be counted. Attendance on this day will determine how much money the school receives from the Local Authority.

We would also ask that you encourage your child to take a hot meal provided by our caterers (it is free for infant children) on this day. The school receives additional money from the Local Authority for every hot meal taken.

The menu for **Thursday 18th January** is:

|                       |                 |                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Fish finger and Chips | Pizza and chips | Jacket Potato and beans |
| Jelly and Ice Cream   |                 |                         |

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is on **Wednesday 31st January** from **3:45pm—8pm**

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Appointment sheets will be displayed in classrooms soon.

Nursery parent consultations took place on 8th December - please speak a member of the nursery staff if you missed this.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to support the children's learning at Whitehall Infant School. If you are interested in applying then please pick up an application form from the main school office.

## Shining Stars

Shining stars are rewarded to children who show examples of good behaviour, hard work, good listening, helpfulness, kindness to others and perseverance. When a child has achieved

20 shining stars, they will be presented with a certificate

A very well done to our shining stars

**Reception** - Max, Kyra, Safia, Idil, Alisha, Mikayla, Rayan, Frankie, Falisha, Arif, Hafize, Nimah, Scott, Estera, Danny, Thomas, Veera, Feyza, Jashan, Taha, Elsie, Amelia, Ruxandra

**Year 1** - Yasin, Yusraa, Ahmed T, Zirru, Choyi, Olivia, Hassan, Ritvik, Jack M, Maaida, Anas M, Tia D, Joman

**Year 2** - Leonardo, Jana, Hadi, Erin, Jasper

### Punctuality

The school day starts at 8:50am and children should be in class at this time.



The school day finishes at 3:25pm.  
Children must be collected on time.

### Spare Uniform Appeal

We are in need of any spare uniform that you no longer use. Please hand this in to the main school office. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



### Reminder

The deadline for applications for Primary School (Reception) and Junior School (Year 3) is **Monday 15th January 2018**.



Please do not smoke outside the school entrances or in the vicinity of the school. This is to protect the health of the children at our school.

### Contact Details

If you change your phone number or move house then please remember to update us with your new contact details.

We send our letters and newsletters via email. If we do not already have your email address then pop in to the main school office to provide us with it.

### Labelling

Please ensure that the following are labelled:

- All items of your child's clothing
- PE kit
- Water Bottle
- Book Bag
- Lunch box

### MEND - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do It!

MEND helps children aged between 5 and 7 to become fitter, healthier and happier. Year 1 and Year 2 children have taken home a letter regarding MEND. Free places are available on the next MEND programme. To book please call 01895 484900 - places are offered by the nurses on a first come, first served basis.

### Lunch Menu

Week of 15th January - please note change in menu due to Census Day.

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                       | WEDNESDAY             | THURSDAY                                       | FRIDAY  |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|
| Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy | Lamb Bolognese with Spaghetti                 | BBQ Chicken with Rice | Fish Finger with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Chips | Shepherd's Pie  |
| Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy    | Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise          | Vegetarian Noodles    | Pizza and Chips                                | Cheese & Onion Roll   |
| Vegetable Casserole with Mashed Potatoes              | Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake with New Potatoes | Vegetarian Lasagne    | Jacket Potato and Beans                        | Jacket Potato and Beans                                       |
| Apple Crumble with Custard                            | Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce         | Jelly & Fruit         | Jelly and Ice Cream                            | Fruity Friday:<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt |