



Headteacher's Newsletter

January 2018 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already half way through this half term so hopefully we will now avoid any severe weather and can look forward to some lighter evenings. However it is still very cold so children should continue to be wrapped up warm.

Attendance

Well done to **Year 2 Class Flamingo** for achieving the highest attendance this week.

Keep up the good work!

Thank you to all of the parents who make an effort to ensure that their children attend school every day. I would especially like to thank you for making an effort on our Census Day last Thursday. The following classes achieved 100% attendance on Census Day and will be rewarded with a new book for their classroom:

Nursery Morning Session

Birch Class

Flamingo Class

Toucan Class

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

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (except Kingfisher Class - to be arranged) 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.

Please arrive promptly and report to the main school reception where you will be taken through to meet with your child's class teacher.

Borough Election

School Closed

The school will be closed on **Thursday 3rd May 2018** as it will be used as a polling station for the Borough elections.

welcome

Mrs McWhinney-Tripp has recently joined us as an Assistant Head Teacher. She is also teaching Elm class on a Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Taha is the new teaching assistant in Flamingo Class.

Last term we welcomed 2 new SMSA's - Shumana Al-Rashid and Gulshan Begum.

I am sure you will join me in making them feel welcome at Whitehall Infant School.



Shining Stars

A very well done to our shining stars

Year 1 - Eduardo, Mohammed H, Richard

Year 2 - Afia, Rimaz, Rye, Mishthy, Nour D, Maha, Muhammed D, Nour A H



Attendance Awards

Each term, children who have achieved 100% attendance are awarded with a certificate and a prize. Well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance over the Autumn Term:



Nursery - Suha, Dawud, Amelia, Kyan, Barakah, Leon, Marli-David

Reception - Abdirahman, Alisha, Elliot, Yuvraj, Layan, Yusuf Emre, Neal, Estera, Rhys, Sayul, Hamzah, Mikayla, Ahmet, Harley, Evan, Sara

Year 1 - Naeema, Mya, Zain, Brandon, Sahil, Tia, Rosie, Ali, Hayia, Mohammed H, Anwar, Syfan, Choyi, Sai Charan, Furqaan, Abdoulahi, Daniel, Richard

Year 2 - Sabrina, Ghadah, Hakim, Noor, Holly, Lakai, Nour, Muhammad, Keyla-Mae, Bianca, Mariam, Ryan, Richards, Ismah, Imeth, Jasper, Amelia, David, Anna, Trishana, Jahaanullah, Yasin, Samuel, Aleena, Christie, Amira

There were also **152** children who achieved 95-99% attendance. Keep up the good work!



Parents' Association Cake Sale

The Parents' Association will be holding a cake sale on **Wednesday 7th February**. Cakes will be available to purchase from 3:25pm in the school playground. Please bring in donations of cakes on the day.



School Lunches

We had a great uptake of school lunches on our Census Day last week. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the delicious hot meals that our cooks prepare. If your child normally has a packed lunch, why not get them to try some of the hot food that is on offer?

Message from Welfare

Please ensure that you return any items of clothing borrowed from Welfare. We are still in need of some spare **girls clothes** (skirts, tights, pinafores) for ages 3-6 years. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

There are some children at our school with nut allergies. Please do not bring in any nut products.

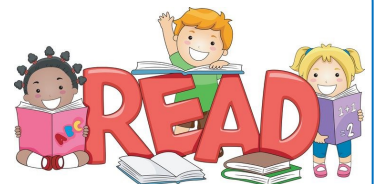


**Safer
Internet
Day 2018**

Children will be learning about the importance of internet safety to celebrate Safer Internet Day. Please remember the importance of internet safety at home.

The Importance of Reading

Please ensure that you make time to read with your child every day. This is very important for their learning development. Why not take a trip to your local library where your child can borrow some new books to read?



Safeguarding

We are committed to the Safeguarding of our children here at Whitehall Infant School.

If there are any accidental injuries or upsets that occur at home, please make sure you inform an appropriate member of staff.

Please also let us know if there are any changes at home that will affect who can collect your child or anything that will affect your child's mood or behaviour at school.

Our Child Protection Policy has recently been updated and approved by Governors. A copy is available to view on our website, within the Policies section

Learning Powers

We use 8 learning powers to encourage the children in their learning. One of these is

Concentrate Connor

Feel your neurons connecting!

Concentrate Connor encourages children to concentrate.

Examples of good concentration will be rewarded with certificates.



Lunch Menu

Week of 29th January.

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Jacket Potato with Savoury Mince	Mediterranean Chicken with Penne Pasta	Roast Beef with Road 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 Potatoes 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 with any feedback regarding lunches.

There will be a special menu for celebration of Chinese New Year on Thursday 8th February. This will be communicated with you nearer the time.