



# Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is already February and the half term holiday is almost upon us. I would like to wish those of you who observe the Chinese calendar a Happy New Year!

I hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19th February.

## Important Dates

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

**12th - 16th February** - Half Term

**Thursday 29th March** - Term Ends at 2pm

**Thursday 3rd May** - School Closed due to local election (Junior school is open)

## Parents' Evening

It was pleasing to see so many families attending parents' evening. I hope you found it useful. If you were not able to make it then please speak to your teacher to arrange a time to meet with them. A questionnaire was handed out to be completed at parents' evening. Thank you to those parents who returned it. If you did not complete one then please collect one from the main school office.

## Attendance

Well done to **Year 2 Peacock Class** for achieving the highest attendance this week. Keep up the good work!

For conditions such as conjunctivitis and headlice, children can still attend school and treatment can be given at home.

If your child is absent from school, then please remember to call every day to let us know the reason that they are off.

## Parents' Association Cake Sale

The Parents' Association will be holding a cake sale on **7th February at 3:25pm** in the playground. Please bring in home made or shop bought cakes to the office on the day. Thanks for your support!



## Book Week

This week is 'Book Week' at Whitehall Infant School. The children received a visit from a famous author. Petr Horacek gave them a special assembly and ran a workshop with some children on writing and illustrating stories.

You should also have received a letter inviting parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to come in to class and share a story with their child on **Thursday 8th February at 3pm**.



## Shining Stars

A very well done to our shining stars

**Reception** - Harmeet, Hibah, Haris, Hiba, Saleem, Ayaan, Abdirahman, Ruby, Anvi

**Year 1** - Hiba, Ali, Rosie, Malachi

**Year 2** - Iman, Imeht, Hanah, Sabrina, Abdul, Sofia, Rye, Kian, Oliver-Sun



### Visit from Basil's Farm

The Year 1 children were very lucky to receive a visit from some animals from 'Basil's Farm' last week. The children were able to feed and pet the animals and thoroughly enjoyed it.



### Roadworks

I am aware that there have been a lot of roadworks taking place in the local area recently. The following link is a useful website which tells you when roadworks are taking place in your local area: <https://www.roadworks.org/> This will enable you to plan your journey to ensure your child arrives at school on time.



### Reception One Way System

Please make sure that you observe the one way system in operation for Reception classes. This is to make the dropping off and collecting of children easier and safer.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have announced that they will not be issuing Active Kids Vouchers this year. Thank you to all of the parents who have brought in vouchers over the years. Sainsbury's will be using a new scheme in the future.

### Care Plans

If your child has a care plan in place please make sure that you inform the school. If there are any changes to your child's care plan please ensure that the school is updated.

### Michael Sobell Hospice

Thank you to all of those who purchased a cuddly toy from reception before Christmas. We raised over £70 for Michael Sobell Hospice

### Safeguarding Reminder

Please supervise all children in the school playground. It becomes very busy at school pick up and drop off times and we do not want any children to become separated from their parent or carer.

### The Importance of Reading



We are running a Reading competition with the chance to win a book token. We would like your photos of anyone enjoying reading, anytime. Please email them to [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) or hand it to your child's class teacher by **Friday 23rd February**.

We would also like you to send in your top tips for sharing a story with your child. Some ideas will be chosen to be printed in the next school newsletter.

Why not visit the library over half term? Take part in Storytime, Rhymetime and Bear Book Club.

## Governor News

How quickly time flies; it seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming the New Year. Spring is a time of new growth, and it's always amazing for governors to see how quickly pupils learn and build on their knowledge now that they have settled into their new classes.

The Governing Board is also growing, and it is with great pleasure that we announce two new parent governors who have recently joined the team: Mr Malik Atif and Mr Mandhir Gill. We warmly welcome them and look forward to working with them to strategically support the school.

This term, the Governing Board has held a meeting which focused on how the school's budget is doing and discussed policies for review.

We too are always learning and we work hard to make sure that the school provides the best place for the children to start their learning journey.

The Governing Board of Whitehall Infant School

## Ideas for Half Term

Intu Uxbridge will be running lots of free space themed activities this half term. Visit the Intu shopping centre or their website

<https://intu.co.uk/uxbridge/events/halfterm> for more information



## Learning Powers

We use 8 learning powers to encourage the children in their learning.

One of these is

**Improving Imogen**  
**Challenge Yourself!**



Improving Imogen encourages children to challenge themselves and improve.

Examples of improvement will be rewarded with certificates.

## Lunch Menu

Week of 19th February.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef & Onion Pie with New Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Rice	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic & Herb Focaccia	Roast Chicken with Gravy and Roast Potatoes	Breaded Fish with Chops & Homemade Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Vegetable Bolognaise with Pasta	Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese	Vegetable Whirl with Chips
Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice	Mixed Bean & Vegetable Wrap with Baked Wedges	Piri Piri Vegetables with Rice	Vegetable Curry with Rice	
Plum Crumble with Custard / Fresh Fruit	Apricot Flapjack	Strawberry Ice Cream with Melon Wedges	Carrot Cake with Custard	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt

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