

# Headteacher's Newsletter

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable break over the Easter Holidays.

It has been lovely to see the weather improve recently. Please remember to stay safe in the sun.

#### **Shining Stars**

Well done to our shining stars Reception – Amari, Elliott, Alexander, Coey, Layan, Yuvraj Year 1 – Caitlin, Guilio, Juanita Year 2 – Natalie, Lainey, Lakai, Hariz, Poppy, Amira, Ilyas, Sauda, Aliza

#### Elm Class Assembly

This will take place on **Thursday 26th April at 2:55pm** in the hall. Please remember the following:

- Ensure that you arrive on time
- No eating
- Do not talk
- Do not use your phone

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#### <u>Reminder</u>

Thursday 3rd May - Whitehall Infant School <u>closed</u> for local elections (Whitehall Junior School will be open)

Monday 7th May - Bank holiday. School closed

#### <u>Attendance</u>

Well done to **Kingfisher Class** for achieving **100%** attendance last week. This is fantastic! Most classes achieved over 95% attendance for last week. Well done!

Remember that holidays are not allowed during term time. Requests for exceptional leave must be made in writing and handed in to the main school reception or emailed to office@mail.whitehallinf.org.

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#### Parent Information Meeting

We are holding a Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday** 25th April at 9am. A speaker from the Local Authority will be coming in to talk about parenting skills. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the main school office.

#### Year 2 End of Year Assessments Meeting

Parent meetings regarding the Year 2 end of year assessments will take place in the hall on: **Tuesday 24th April at 3pm** and repeated on **Friday 27th April at 9am**.

Both sessions will last for 20 minutes. This is a great opportunity for you to find out about the assessments, how we carry them out and to ask any questions that you may have regarding them.

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#### **Punctuality**

Arriving on time is extremely important to start the school day in a positive way and get the day off to a calm start. Please ensure children arrive at 8:40am to start registration at 8:50am. If you are running late, and arrive after 9am, please come to our main Reception.

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Welcome to Mrs Kondel who is teaching Willow class. Thank you for welcoming her to Whitehall Infant School. The Queen's Birthday



Happy Birthday to her Majesty who turned 92 on Saturday.



Saint George is the patron saint of England.

In England, we celebrate St George's Day on the 23rd April. An assembly for the children was held on Tuesday 24th April.

#### <u>Sun Safety</u>

As it is getting warmer, please remember these top tips:

- Apply sun cream before your child comes to school.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school which is labelled with their name
- Children should wear sunhats. On sunny days, your child can bring sunglasses to school but please remember that we encourage children to play during the school day so they may get damaged and the school cannot be held responsible for any damage caused.
- Your child should wear lighter clothing, not multiple layers of clothing.

#### The Importance of Reading

Below are some great reading tops tips:

"We have family reading time and do lots of reading activities" sent in by Jackie's parent.

"I give my child all my attention when she's reading. I don't use my phone or have the TV on. Read before bedtime as part of their routine" sent in by Christie's parent.

A useful tip from our literacy lead, Mrs McWhinney-Tripp, is to "encourage your child to read to their younger siblings. This will improve their confidence."

We have a wonderful display in school at the moment to encourage our children to read more and to enjoy reading!

#### Special Educational Needs Tip

Do you know about the Hillingdon Parent/Carer Forum?

This is a group of parents and carers of children and young people in Hillingdon with learning difficulties, disabilities or additional needs. Their website is <u>http://www.hillingdonpcf.com</u> In order to get the very best support for your children, they need your views and ideas. They then present these views and ideas to the London Borough of Hillingdon. To give your views or ideas please contact them via email - <u>hillingdonpcf@gmail.com</u>.





#### <u>Healthy Living Week</u>

We will be celebrating Healthy Living Week from 30th April - 4th May.

The aim of Healthy Living Week is to give all children an understanding of why it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Keep an eye out on our website for photos of the fun activities that will be taking place.

### Learning Powers

We use 8 learning powers to encourage the children in their learning. One of these is **Don't Give Up Dylan -** Keep going...You can do it!

This encourages children to keep trying and not give up when they find something difficult.

## Lunch Menu

Week of 30th April (Week 3 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Sausages with	Lamb Ragu with Penne	Roast Turkey with		Breaded Fish with
Mashed Potatoes and	Pasta	Roast Potatoes		Chips & Homemade
Gravy	Halal Lamb Ragu with	Savoury Pin Wheels	SCHOOL	Tomato Salsa
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Penne Pasta	with Roast Potatoes	CLOSED	Chickpea Dahl with
Jacket Potatoes with	Roasted Vegetables	Jacket Potato with	CLOSED	Rice
Cheese & Beans	with Penne Pasta	Tuna Mayonnaise	FOR LOCAL	
Strawberry Ice Cream	Homemade Shortbread	Chocolate & Beetroot	ELECTIONS	Fruity Friday: Enach Enuit with
with Fruit	with Fruit	Cake with Chocolate		
		Sauce		Greek Yoghurt

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

# Diary Dates

More details will be sent out nearer the time

Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	April	Elm Class Assembly	2:55pm in the hall
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Μαγ	Borough Elections	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Μαγ	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday	10th	Μαγ	Larch Class Assembly	2:55pm in the hall
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	May	Royal Wedding Event	Dress up day
Thursday	24th	Μαγ	Cedar Class Assembly	2:55pm in the hall
Monday-Friday	28th-1st	May - June	HALF TERM	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Summer Fair	Parents' Association
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	June	Ministars sports day	
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	July	Staff Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	July	Superstar Sports Day	
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	July	TERM ENDS	2pm



