



Headteacher's Newsletter

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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

Reminder

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

Monday 7th May - Bank holiday. School closed

Attendance

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.

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.

This Term's School Learning Priorities

This term's key priorities are:

- To continue to support children to improve their reading as well as phonic knowledge
- To continue to support children to improve their writing
- To continue to support families to improve attendance across the school

You can help your child by:

- Read as much as possible with your child and sign their reading record
- Encourage your child to talk to you about their day and things that interest them
- Make sure that your child has a good night's sleep
- Bring your child to school every day
- If you need any help or have any queries, please come and speak to us

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.



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.

Sun Safety

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 top 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 <http://www.hillingdonpcf.com>

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 - hillingdonpcf@gmail.com.

