



Headteacher's Newsletter

March 2019 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have a lot of exciting activities happening at school over the next couple of weeks. Please see the diary dates at the end of this newsletter and check the website and app for photos after the events.

We will soon be celebrating Easter and have been discussing the meaning of Lent. Lent begins after pancake day and is a 40 day period of giving up foods such as chocolate, butter, sugar. It's seen as a time for Christians to reflect upon the life and death of Jesus and to prepare for Easter.

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief



On **Friday 15th March**, children can come to school in **red or white** clothing or wear Red Nose Day items. Sensible clothes and school shoes or trainers only please. **Please bring in a donation of £1 on the day.** All donations will go to Comic Relief.

Nursery Parent Consultations

The Nursery will be **closed** on **Friday 29th March** for Nursery Parent Consultations to take place. A sheet will be displayed soon for you to sign up for an appointment to speak to the nursery staff.

International Evening and Performances

This year, our International Evening will take place on **Wednesday 3rd April from 4:45pm - 5:30pm.**

International Performances will take place on:

Tuesday 26th March - Year 2 at 9am

Tuesday 26th March - Year 1 at 2:45pm



Wednesday 27th March - Reception at 2:45pm

A letter will be sent home soon giving further details.

Easter Hat Parades



Over the Easter break, children are invited to make Easter Hats and take part in our Easter Hat Parade with a prize given to the best hat. The parades will take place on **Wednesday 24th April 2019**. More details will be sent home shortly.

Spring Term Dates

Thursday 4th April - Last day for Nursery

Friday 5th April - Term Ends at 12:30pm

Tuesday 23rd April - Summer Term starts

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place in the school hall on:

Tuesday 19th March 3:40pm - 5pm OR

Thursday 21st March 3:40pm - 7pm

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Please sign up on the appointment sheet at your child's class. If you do not drop or collect your child from school, please call the main school office (01895 590112) and they can pass your requested time slot to the teacher.

Please arrive promptly and enter through the hall door to meet with your child's teacher.

Nursery Singalong



The Nursery singalong will take place on **Thursday 4th April at 11am and 3pm**. Parents and carers are invited to

Nursery Learning Through Play Parent Workshop

Nursery parents are invited to attend a Learning Through Play Workshop on **Friday 5th April from 9am - 10:30am**. This will take place in the Nursery.

Family Reading and Breakfast mornings

Come along to read a book with your child and have some bagel on **Friday 15th March** and **Friday 29th March. 8:40am** in your child's classroom.



School Trips



We are now planning class trips for next term. As always, the cost to parents will be kept to a minimum. Further details to follow.

Nursery tropical zoo visit 19/06/19. A letter has been sent to Nursery parents regarding this, please speak to a member of Nursery staff if you have not received it.

Applying for Nursery

Thank you to those who have already submitted a Nursery application form. If you have not already done so, there is still time to apply. Please collect an application form from the main school office or download one from our website (<http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/admissions>).

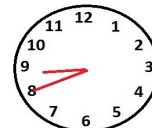
Offers will be made after the Easter break.

Attendance

With less than 4 weeks left until the Easter break we are pleased to have seen GREAT attendance from all year groups on pancake day and World Book day. Thank you to parents for supporting the school and ensuring their child attends every day. Well done to Peacock class and Beech class for having the best attendance for the past 2 weeks. Keep up the good work! Please remember to call the school if your child is absent. Please call 01895 590112 and select option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.

Punctuality

We understand that mornings can be busy and sometimes challenging. Thank you to all parents for continuing to support us in ensuring children arrive at school on time.



Year 2 End of year assessments meeting

Miss Cheshire would like to thank everyone who attended the Year 2 End of Year assessments meeting. If you were unable to attend, the presentation from this meeting can be found on our website: <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/noticeboard>

Year 1 phonic screening test meeting

Ms McWhinney-Tripp would like to thank everyone who attended the Year 1 Phonic Screening test meeting. If you were unable to attend, the presentation from this meeting can be found on our website: <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/noticeboard>

Pupil Premium

If you are entitled to certain benefits, the school could receive extra money to benefit your child's learning. If you feel you may be eligible, please fill in the form attached with this newsletter or collect a paper copy from the main school office.

Staff News

Welcome to our new SMSA, Mrs Barba. She will be assisting children during lunchtimes.

Congratulations to Miss Woolley took over the role of Learning Mentor earlier this month.

Miss McAnulty has recently taken over teaching Willow class. She has been working here since 2017 and knows the children well.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Barba and making Miss Woolley and Miss McAnulty feel welcome in their new roles.

'Night Owls' photographs

Your child will soon bring home the proof of the photograph they had taken during the 'Night Owls' visit. If you wish to purchase the photo, please complete the details on the proof and put the proof and correct payment in the provided envelope (we cannot provide you with change). **Please put the sealed envelope in the box labelled 'Night Owls' in the main school office by Friday 22nd March.**



Birthdays



We appreciate that children like to celebrate their birthdays but please remember that we are unable to hand out any food items. If your child would like to share something with their class then we ask that you provide a small gift such as a pencil or a book to share with the class. For health and safety reasons, please no Yo-Yo toys.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day Celebrations



Everyone had such a wonderful World Book Day with a visit from the 'Night Owls' and each child was able to choose a book to take home with them from a bookshop run in school. These books were donated by 'London Children's Book Project'. It was great to see the children and staff dressed as their favourite book character and celebrating reading. Don't forget to take your child to spend their book voucher they brought home last week!



Parent's Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for serving pancakes to the children recently. The children all seemed to love the tasty pancakes that were served up! Pancake day is a Christian festival to mark the start of Lent. Traditionally, pancakes were eaten as this was the last chance to eat luxury foods before giving them up for lent.

The Parents' Association have recently given their noticeboard with a new look! I'm sure you will agree that it looks fantastic and is very informative.



Vision and Value workshop

Thank you to the parents who recently attended our Vision and Value workshop. We found it really useful to have parent views and will share with you soon the ideas that came out of this.



Living Eggs

As part of our science week, we have had a very exciting arrival of 'Living Eggs'. The children will be able to watch these eggs hatch in to chicks and grow over the next few weeks.



Key Vocabulary for Spring Term

Below are words the children will be using at school over the next couple of weeks. You can try to use these words at home or ask your child the meaning of these words.

Living Eggs
Red Nose Day

Egg	Living	Live	Chick	Farm	Food	Growing	Water
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Charity	Fundraising	Money	Fun	Challenge	Sponsor	Funny	Comic
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Lunch Menu

Week of 18th March (Week 1 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lamp Pasta bake with herb focaccia bread	Cottage pie	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips
Lemon & pepper crusted fish with new potatoes	Quorn Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Roasted vegetable pasta bake	Jacket potato with cheese
Baked potatoes with Baked beans	Halal Cottage pie	Pasta Neopolitan	Halal Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fruit Friday:
Apple pie with custard	Frozen strawberry yoghurt & fruit puree	Lemon & Yoghurt cake with custard	Oat & Raisin cookie with fruit wedges	Selection of fresh fruit with greek yoghurt

Please remember that Quorn contains egg. If your child is allergic to egg, please ensure they order an alternative meal from our lunch menu.

Diary Dates

These dates are subject to change. Separate information will be sent out for each event.

Tuesday	12 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Reception	8:20am in the hall
Wednesday	13 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Year 1	8:20am in the hall
Thursday	14 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Year 2	8:20am in the hall
Friday	15 th	March	Red Nose day	Dress Up Day
Friday	15 th	March	Family reading morning	8:40am in all classes
Tuesday	19 th	March	Parents Evening	3:40 - 5pm
Thursday	21 st	March	Parents Evening	3:40 - 7pm
Tuesday	26 th	March	International performances	Y2 - 9am. Y1 - 2:45pm
Wednesday	27 th	March	International Performance	Reception - 2:45pm
Friday	29 th	March	Family reading morning	8:40am in all classes
Friday	29 th	March	Nursery Parent Consultations	Nursery closed all day
Wednesday	3 rd	April	International Evening	5-6pm in the hall
Thursday	4 th	April	NURSERY LAST DAY	
Thursday	4 th	April	Nursery singalong	11am & 3pm
Friday	5 th	April	Nursery Learning Through Play Parent Workshop	9 - 10:30am in nursery
Friday	5 th	April	TERM ENDS	12:30pm