

# Headteacher's Newsletter

**June 2021** ISSUE 1

Whitehall Infant School is a five star school with a FRESH approach.

We provide five star learning for all, with Family at the heart of everything we do. We teach our children to have Respect at all times. We want our children to achieve Excellence, whilst being Safe and Happy.



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

There are less than 6 weeks left of term and we have lots of activities planned. Please ensure you make a note of any important dates that affect you or your child.

I imagine some people will be disappointed with the news that the easing of lockdown restrictions has been delayed. However, we must do what is best to keep everyone safe to enable us to go back to 'normal' soon.

I would like to wish Happy Fathers day to all celebrating this weekend.

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#### <u> Healthy week - Monday 21st June - Friday 25th June</u>

We are celebrating healthy week in school and children will be taking part in lots of fun activities. Children can come to school in their PE kit every day from Monday 21st June until Friday 25th June! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and wearing plimsolls or trainers (with no laces). During this week, children will take part in Sports Day. We have taken the decision not to invite parents to sports day due to the current situation. Instead, class teachers will take photos and videos of their class' sports day and these will be uploaded to Google classroom for parents to see.

A letter has been sent home with more information regarding healthy week.

#### Summer Term Dates

Friday 2nd July: Staff development day (school closed for children) Friday 23rd July: Last day of term

#### Important Reminder - Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone who wears a face covering when on the school site. Please remember to continue to do so. We understand it can be uncomfortable wearing a face covering when it is hot but it is important that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

#### Reception and Year 1 Eyes & Ears check

Every year, school nurses visit the school to check the eyes and ears of the reception children. This is very important to ensure that any sight or hearing problems are caught early and do not impact a child's learning. Due to the pandemic, school nurses were unable to carry out their checks on Reception children last year.

They will be coming into school on 30th June, 1st July and 7th July to carry out eyes and ears checks on all Reception and Year 1 children.

If you would <u>not</u> like your child to take part in this check, please email office@mail.whitehallinf.org by Monday 21st June.

#### Transition meetings

This year, transition meetings will take place virtually. We will soon email you a link to a Google form that you will need to complete to book a place.

#### **Transition Day**

Transition days are where children spend time in their new class and with the new staff they will be working with in the next school year. These are currently scheduled for 6th July and 13th July.

#### Meet the Teacher

Class teachers will be recording videos to introduce themselves which will be uploaded to Google classroom. We will let you know once these videos are available to view.

Please rest assured that we will ensure that every child receives a transition to their next year group and are fully supported during this school journey.

#### Visit from Basil's Farm

We are excited to announce that we have arranged a visit from Basil's Farm for the whole school on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Each class will have the opportunity to visit farm animals within the school grounds. This has been funded by the school.

#### Accessing Google classroom

Please remember that you must access Google Classroom using your child's login details (these can be found in the front of their reading record). We will not grant access for other email addresses to access Google Classroom.

#### Starting Junior School

If your child is starting a Junior school in September that is not Whitehall Junior school, please visit the main school office as soon as possible. We need you to complete a leavers form to ensure your child's file is sent to their new school.

#### Summer Weather reminders

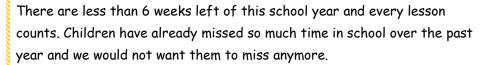
As the weather gets warmer, please remember the following:

- Please apply suncream on your child before school
- Please ensure they bring in a sun hat and water bottle to school with their name on
- Children must wear closed toe shoes with socks for health and safety reasons
- Don't forget to send them in with a light raincoat on days when rain is forecast.

#### Attendance Reminders

Thank you to everyone who ensures their child has good school attendance. The impact of good attendance is well documented and allows your child to:

- Form strong friendships
- Make good progress
- Have a happy experience at school
- Develop positive routines for life long learning



We will soon be sending home a letter detailing your child's attendance for this school year (please note that all lockdown or Covid related absences will not count towards your child's attendance percentage).

### Thank you

Cedar class were very fortunate to receive a lovely donation of goods from Smith's Garden Centre.

The children wrote to the garden centre asking for donations and received a lovely letter in response to their questions along with photos to show how they use writing at the centre! The children's work is displayed at Smith's Garden Centre for parents to see.

Larch and Birch class also received plants from the Flower stall in Uxbridge which we are very grateful for. The children wrote a letter to the

flower stall asking about plants and received a lovely letter in response along with the donation.







The National School Breakfast Programme has launched its breakfast at home area on the Family Action website, where you will find lots of information and advice on providing a low cost, nutritious, daily breakfast at home.

www.family-action.org.uk/BreakfastAtHome

We will be sharing information about our Whitehall Infant School Family in our newsletters.



#### Staff Profile - Mrs Malik, Safeguarding Officer

I have recently moved into the Safeguarding officer role and will endeavour to work with staff members and our families to ensure we support the school's safeguarding duties. Over the last few weeks I have met with families at drop off and collection times and will continue to say hello in the coming weeks! Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions.

How long have you worked at Whitehall Infant School? 5 years.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I value my family time, we enjoy travelling overseas, learning about the history and different cultures .

What is your favourite meal?

I enjoy a range of cuisines, a favourite would be cannelloni.

What was your favourite subject when you were at school? English Literature, I enjoy reading.

What is your favourite school value and why?

The school value SAFE is very important to me, each child should feel safe at all times.

### <u>EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) - message from the DfE</u>

With the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application deadline (30th June) fast approaching, the Home Office would have asked us to remind parents that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme.

It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's more information on this here on GOV.UK.

To provide additional guidance, a very clear EUSS leaflet has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS. A set of accompanying FAQs are available too. A list of organisation providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available here.

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme">www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme</a>, where you can also find out more information about how to apply.



#### Lunch menu for week commencing 21st June (Week 3 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Beef Pie with New	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Piri Piri Style diced	Breaded Fish with Chips	
Potatoes	Bread	and Gravy	Chicken with Rice	Homemade Cheese and	
Salmon Paella	Jacket Potato with Baked	Vegetable Pinwheel with Roast	Jacket Potato with	Tomato Pizza with Chips	
Macaroni Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Beans & Cheese		
	Halal Lamb Lasagne with	Halal Roast Turkey with Roast	Halal Piri Piri Style		
	Garlic Bread	Potatoes & Gravy	diced Chicken with Rice		

## Diary Dates

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

Monday - Wednesday	21st - 25th	June	Healthy week	Children can come to school in their PE kit every day this week.
Friday	2nd	July	Training Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday & Thursday	7th & 8th	July	Visit from Basil's Farm	
Monday - Wednesday	19th - 21st	July	Year 2 Graduations	Details to be confirmed
Thursday	22nd	July	Last day for Nursery	
Thursday	22nd	July	Class Parties	
Friday	23rd	July	Last day of Term	