

# Headteacher's Newsletter



December 2022 | Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of a busy term. I want to thank everyone including parents, children and staff for all their hard work.



The start of a new year brings much challenge and change. I have been impressed with how well children have settled into their new year groups and made so much progress.

It has been lovely getting to know our Whitehall families both known to the school and new to the school. It has been a pleasure to invite families back into the school to see the children in action. We hope to plan more opportunities for families to be involved in school life.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Bringan,  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES

What?	When?
School Panto Visit	Wednesday 14th December 2022
Year 2 Carol Concert	Wednesday 14th December at 2:20pm—Hall
Year 2 Carol Concert	Thursday 15th December at 9:05am —Hall
Class Christmas Party Day—Non-Uniform	Thursday 15th December 2022
Nursery sing-a-long	Thursday 15th December 2022 at 10:45am and
End of Term Nursery	Thursday 15th December 2022
Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Last Day	Friday 16th December 2022

## End of Term Timings

Term ends on Friday 16th December 2021 for reception, year 1 and year 2.

We will continue with a staggered finish time even though we are finishing earlier. Please see below for timings.

Class/Year Group	Finish Time
Spruce/Larch	12:00pm
Birch/Cedar	12:10pm
Year 1 and Year 2	12:15pm

Children will be provided with a packed lunch at school on the last day of term.

### Nursery

Nursery term ends on Thursday 15th December at the usual time for each session.

## NEW YEAR RETURN TO SCHOOL!



We look forward to seeing all our children back after the holiday break.

The first day back to school for all will be:

**Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Christmas Fair. We raised



**£923.83**



### Welfare Reminder

We are now in the season of coughs and colds!

To stop the spread of germs, please ensure your child

- uses a tissue to wipe their nose
- washes their hands regularly. A useful video can be found on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk)



When a child seems unwell in school, we check their temperature using a forehead thermometer. At home, it is useful to also have a thermometer available so you are able to check your child's temperature before taking the necessary actions.

### Pantomime visit

We were very lucky to receive a visit from Chaplin's Pantomime who performed a wonderful show to the children. It was lovely to see the children all enjoying the show and getting involved when asked to. Aladdin tells the story of a young man who finds a genie in a bottle! The genie grants Aladdin 3 wishes. The children cheered on Aladdin and booed the evil Abanazar throughout the morning.

Thank you to Chaplin's Pantomime for providing such a memorable experience.



### Christmas lunch

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch last week, provided by our caterers.

I would like to thank The Pantry for the delicious, nutritious lunch and the lunchtime staff for ensuring the children had an enjoyable meal.

### Breakfast Club

We do have some spaces in our breakfast club starting in January 2023. Please see the table below for available days.

If you would like your child to attend our breakfast club please do email the school to express your interest. We will then be in touch to confirm your child's place.



Day	Spaces Available?
Monday	Yes
Tuesday	No
Wednesday	No
Thursday	Yes
Friday	Yes



### Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in our Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who donated - **we raised £178.27**



### Christmas Performances

I would like to thank the staff and children for all the hard work they put in to making the Christmas performances so wonderful.

They were such high quality performances and the children all did so well in learning their lines and songs.

It was great to see so many parents come along to watch their child perform. I hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children did.



### Father Christmas Visit

Yesterday, the children had their class parties and Father Christmas visited each class to join in with the festivities.

Each child was gifted a book to take home and keep.

We would like to thank Father Christmas for our visit and we hope he will visit again next year to see all our wonderful, happy children.



### After School Club Information Spring Term 2023

We are excited that, from January, Primary Sport Development (PSD), will be providing a range of after school clubs at Whitehall Infant School for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Gymnastics for each year group will also continue using our current provider.

Day	Club	Start Date	Finish Date	Finish Time	Link to book
Monday	<b>Reception</b> Multisport Club	9th January 2023	6th February 2023	4:05pm	<a href="http://www.the-psd-group.org.uk">www.the-psd-group.org.uk</a>
Tuesday	<b>Year 2</b> Gymnastics	10th January 2023	7th February 2023	4:15pm	<a href="mailto:queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk">queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk</a>
Tuesday	<b>Year 1 and Year 2</b> Football	3rd January 2023	7th February 2023	4:15pm	<a href="http://www.the-psd-group.org.uk">www.the-psd-group.org.uk</a>
Wednesday	<b>Year 1 and 2</b> Dodgeball	4th January 2023	8th February 2023	4:15pm	<a href="http://www.the-psd-group.org.uk">www.the-psd-group.org.uk</a>
Thursday	<b>Reception</b> Gymnastics	12th January 2023	9th February 2023	4:05pm	<a href="mailto:queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk">queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk</a>
Friday	<b>Year 1</b> Gymnastics	13th January 2023	3rd February 2023	4:15pm	<a href="mailto:queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk">queries@gymlets-cheerlets.co.uk</a>

### Staying Safe

One of our school values is 'Safe' and we want every child to be as safe as possible.

During the winter months, please take care on paths and pavements as they can become icy. Please also ensure that you and your child are wearing footwear that is appropriate for this weather. Our premises team do a great job of making sure the paths around the school are gritted so that they are safe to walk.

Although ice and snow can be exciting for children (and us as adults) it is important that we keep ourselves as safe as possible. Stay away from open water and under no circumstances venture on to ice regardless of how thick or safe you think it may be.

The UKHSA has issued reminders that in the UK the weather will **never be cold enough** to make ice thick enough on lakes and ponds for a person to walk on.



### Winter Wellness

H4All (a charitable organisation made up of Age UK Hillingdon Harrow & Brent, DASH, Carers Trust Hillingdon, Harlington Hospice and Hillingdon Mind) has published their Winter Wellness Directory (PDF) [14MB].

The directory is a comprehensive guide to help you navigate various challenges and stay well throughout the colder months.

Local warm centres can also be found on the following website:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/warm-welcome-centres>



Did you know that you can wash your child's red book bag in the washing machine? Ensure you empty the bag first and put on a cool or delicates wash (30 degrees). Don't put light or white colours in with the book bag.

## **ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2023**

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### Applying for Nursery School

For children due to start Nursery in September 2023, you must apply direct to the school. If your child's date of birth falls between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023** and they **turn 3**, then you can apply for entry in September 2023. Please email the school office directly with any questions : [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)

### Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2023 you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2023**. Applications should be made online at :

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

### Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2023 you must apply for a Junior School place by

**15th January 2023**. Applications should be made online at:

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

### Safeguarding Reminders

If you are worried about a child or are concerned about an on-going issue involving a child please contact

Hillingdon Stronger Families Hub on

**01895 556006**

or alternatively if you feel a child is in immediate danger then call the **Police emergency number 999**.



# Diary Dates

Individual events information will be communicated with you where appropriate. All dates are subject to change.

Day	Date	Month	Event
Tuesday	13th	December	Reception Christmas Sing-A-Long 9:05am and 2:15pm
Wednesday	14th	December	Christmas Panto
Wednesday	14th	December	Year 2 Carols—Change of venue—Hall at 2:20pm
Thursday	15th	December	Additional date added Year 2 Carols—Change of venue—Hall at 9:05am
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon—Children can wear party clothes to school (Please wear suitable clothing for the weather)
Thursday	15th	December	Nursery Christmas Sing-A-Long
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery last day for the term
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	<b>Term Finishes</b> Staggered Finish Times Larch and Spruce: 12:00 Cedar and Birch: 12:10 Year 1 and Year 2: 12:15
Tuesday	3rd	January 2023	All children back to school
Friday	6th	January 2023	Parent Coffee Morning 9am - 9:45am in the hall
Monday	9th	January 2023	Road Safety Week at Whitehall Infant School
Tuesday	10th	January 2023	Open morning for prospective parents 9:45—11am
Tuesday	10th	January 2023	Pedestrian Training Reception and Nursery PM
Thursday	12th	January 2023	Pedestrian Training Nursery AM and Year 1
Friday	13th	January 2023	Parent Coffee Morning 9—9:45am in the hall
Sunday	15th	January 2023	Deadline for nursery parents to apply for reception Deadline for year 2 parents to apply for year 3.





# School Terms and Holidays

## September 2022 - July 2023

### AUTUMN TERM - 2022

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Thursday 1st September 2022</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 2nd September 2022</b>
<b>Term starts for the children</b>	Monday 5th September 2022
Half Term Holiday	Mon 24th - Fri 28th October 2022
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Friday 16th December 2022</b>

### SPRING TERM - 2023

<b>Term starts for the children</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd January 2023</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 10th February 2023</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 13th - Fri 17th February 2023
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Friday 31st March 2023</b>

### SUMMER TERM - 2023

<b>Term starts for the children</b>	<b>Monday 17th April 2023</b>
<b>May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)</b>	<b>Monday 1st May 2023</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 3rd July 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Thursday 20th July 2023</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 21st July 2023</b>

### AUTUMN TERM - 2023 Provisional

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 4th September 2023</b>
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## September 2023 - July 2024

### Whitehall Infant School

#### AUTUMN TERM - 2023

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 4th September 2023</b>
Term starts for the children	<b>Tuesday 5th September 2023</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October 2023
Term starts for the children	<b>Monday 30th October 2023</b>
Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Thursday 21st December 2023</b>

#### SPRING TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	<b>Monday 8th January 2024</b>
Term Ends	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 12th - Fri 16th February 2024
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 19th February 2024</b>
Term starts for the children	<b>Tuesday 20th February 2024</b>
Term Ends	Thursday 28th March 2024

#### SUMMER TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	<b>Monday 15th April 2024</b>
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Term ends for the children	<b>Friday 24th May 2024</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024
Term starts for the children	<b>Monday 3rd June 2024</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 1st July 2024</b>
Term Ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Wednesday 24th July 2024</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 2nd September 2024</b>