

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents /carers,

This will be the last newsletter before we break up for the May half term. There are lots of events and activities coming up in the second half of the summer term. Please keep an eye out for more details.



Mrs Bringan

Reminders

Last day of this half term (full day)

Friday 26th May 2023

May Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

All children return to school

Monday 5th June 2023

Uniform and Equipment Reminders

- All children **must have a named water bottle in school**. As the weather warms up, children require more water during the school day to keep hydrated and alert ready to learn.
- All items of clothing should be named. Children will take off their coats and jackets in the playground and if they do not have names on them the items of clothing can be misplaced.
- Please remember to wear sunhats to school when the weather is sunny.

School Class Photographs

We have high expectations of all aspects of school life. This includes when we have visitors to school. Unfortunately, some of the class photographs were not at the required standard we have come to expect at Whitehall.

We have booked a re-take of class photographs on
Monday 5th June 2023

Please ensure children are in correct school uniform. If your child has PE on a Monday this will be moved to another day.



Well done to Beech class and Cedar class who performed great class assemblies on our school values and the seasons/springtime.

The remaining class assemblies will be performed after the May half term. Dates will follow.

KS1 Assessments

Children in Year 2 are currently completing their statutory assessments (SATs).

In June, Year 1 will be completing a Phonic Screening Check.

In Reception, children will be assessed against the Early Years Framework to see if they have met the Early Learning Goals and A Good Level of Development (GLD).

You can help your child by ensuring that they are in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

Every school day matters

School Improvement Priorities

Area of Development	School Priority
Quality of Education	To continue to ensure that Teaching and Learning is designed to help all pupils remember the content they have been taught to integrate into larger ideas
Behaviour and Attitudes	To ensure pupils have high attendance and punctuality , particularly our disadvantaged pupils
Personal Development	Promote the personal development of pupils by ensuring that they have access to a wide and rich set of experiences , which develops their talents and interests
Leadership and Management	To build on leadership good practice so that new and existing leaders work strategically , lead decisively and have an accurate self-evaluation of their subject area or area of responsibility (including recognising and celebrating the strengths of the school)
Early Years Provision	To continue to refine the curriculum so it has further impact on what the children know, can remember and do

Vision and Values - Parent Views

We will be gathering parental views on our current Vision and Values shortly. You will receive a parent survey before the end of this half term.

Please do take a few minutes to complete the form and return to us by **Friday 9th June 2023**

Class Arrangements for next school year

We will shortly be arranging which class the children will be in for the new school year. If you have any information that you would like me to take in to consideration, please let me know in writing by **Friday 26th May 2023**. Please address the letter to me (Mrs Bringan) and hand it to the main school office.

We also ask children and teachers use their knowledge of the children to support the process.

I cannot make any promises to grant requests but I can assure you that all cases will be given due consideration.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Superstars Sports Day (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be held on the field on **Thursday 29th June 2023**

Ministars Sports Day (Nursery) will be held on **Wednesday 28th June 2023**.

More details will be sent soon.



School Trips/Experiences

Letters should have been sent home with your child today regarding your child's class trips or visits. The trips are as follows:

Nursery	Wednesday 7th June 2023	Basil Farm Visit
Reception	Monday 26th June 2023	Odds Farm
Year 1	WC 19th June 2023	The Science Museum
Year 2	5th July 2023	Legoland

Once you receive your letter please complete the consent form and return this to school along with your voluntary donation. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we will have to cancel the events.

If you need to discuss anything, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Coronation Celebrations

Thank you to everyone for making our Coronation Celebrations such a success. The children learnt about a significant historical event that they will be able to talk about in years to come. Thank you to parents/carers who we were able to attend our celebration afternoon. You were brilliant as visitors to the school. The sun shone and memories were made.



Relationships and Health Education Policy

Our Relationships and Health Education Policy has been updated and approved by governors.

As part of the statutory National Curriculum we teach children the anatomically correct names for male and female private parts (penis and vagina).

This is also recommended by the NSPCC learning team as a way to support safeguarding children.

We teach children in an age appropriate way and do not show pictures.

At Whitehall Infant School **we do not teach sex education** as it is not a requirement for Key Stage One.

For more information about our Relationships and Health Education policy please click on the link below:

[RHE Information](#)

Come and join us for a parent coffee morning where you we will have the opportunity to look at our curriculum and resources and staff will answer any questions you may have.

Friday 26th May 2023

From 9am onwards

Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Friday 30th June 2023**.

For the summer fair to be successful, we need parents to support us in organising and running the event.

I will be holding an evening Parents' Association meeting after the half term to organise the event.

More information will follow.

Tesco Grant

We have applied for the 'Tesco Bags of Help' scheme. If we are successful and win we could receive up to £4000 to develop a nurture space and library within school.

Every time you shop in a local Tesco store, please ask the cashier for token to vote in the 'Bags of help' scheme. Please then put your tokens in the box to vote for 'Whitehall Infant School'

Attendance Superheroes



Class	Children	Class	Children
Birch	Filip, Bonnie, Leen	Larch	Jaad, Laiba, Simon,
Spruce	Amelin, Izaiah, Khaira	Cedar	Evelyn, Eryk, Alfie,
Elm	Jana, Dania, Aaria,	Beech	Cara, Ali, Manandeep
Pine	Ernest, Zaynah, Hanna	Willow	Gabriel, Tayar, Danyal,
Flamingo	Timofey, Nathan, Aira	Peacock	Phoenix, Maria, Eliana,
Kingfisher	Carissa, Leandra, Yehia	Toucan	Abdullah, Anjanashri, Sai



Gold Book Awards - Well done to all our winners over the last two weeks

Class	Children
Kingfisher	Sara for presenting information accurately in the form of a flowchart and a quiz. Ali for using 'Have-a-Go Harry' to solve maths challenges. Tanvi for always putting excellent effort into her PE lessons. Carissa for using 'Concentrate Connor' in Computing to create a fact file about the four countries of the UK. Yehia for using 'Have a go Harry' in Computing to create a fun quiz using 'True or False?' questions. Mykah for excellent batting and fielding skills in Rounders.
Peacock	Phoenix for persevering with a tricky maths challenge Nyah for working really hard on improving her writing skills the last 2 weeks Taiba for always putting in lots of effort into her PE lesson activities. Samina for working really hard on a reading challenge this week and checking her answers carefully. Denis for working independently to write a recount of our Coronation Day. Naheem for excellent fielding and catching skills during outdoor PE.
Flamingo	Reem for writing an excellent persuasive letter asking the crayons to come back after quitting. Laura for solving complex reasoning problems showing her working out. Jenson for excellent balance and agility Namrah for using the 2story programme to create pictures and captions in computing Yusuf for using Concentrate Connor to answer reading comprehension questions accurately. Rion for excellent batting skills in Rounders
Toucan	Kishani for using 'Don't Give Up Dylan' in Maths and Reading Livi for taking pride in her work and striving to add further detail to her writing in Literacy. Archie for always enthusiastically participating in the Daily Mile. Anas for working hard in Computing to make a quiz using a variety of question types. Ishmeet for fantastic batting and fielding skills in Rounders.
Elm	Yusuf for working very hard to use the correct letter formation when writing in literacy. Adam for using super 'Concentrate Connor' in maths when sharing objects into equal groups. Casey for using wonderful 'Work together Wilma' in PE when supporting her friends during a team game Elivia for using wonderful 'improving Imogen' when independently editing her writing. Zainab for working hard in maths to find a half of different shapes. Ruhaan for using excellent 'Concentrate Connor' to help him balance a bean bag on his head whilst running.
Willow	Danyal for dividing objects correctly. Mason for making a good start to school and following the rules. Aaliya for being a good team leader. Abdurrafi for trying his best at completing all his homework on his own Safia for trying her best when reading words in her phonic lessons Mastura for using her core muscles to swing whilst holding on to the bar.
Pine	Georgia for using an exclamation mark in her poem about the rain. Jacob for completing a maths challenge sheet when learning to divide by sharing. Alexa for always joining in enthusiastically and trying her best in team games Karl for using 'Imagination India' to design and draw his perfect garden for the story 'Errol's Garden.' Aisha for using 'Concentrate Connor' to find a half and a quarter of different shapes. Dinol for excellent control and passing of the ball in football.
Beech	Zak for writing a wonderful reassuring note to a character. Zuzia for accurately sharing amounts equally between groups. Medhanie for showing his ability to use apparatus safely and quickly. Ayaat for writing an excellent set of instructions on how to grow a container garden. Jawad for using 'Don't Give Up Dylan' to improve his reading skills. Adeep for using 'Have a Go Harry' to explore apparatus safely in gymnastics.

Gold Book Awards continued. Well done to all our winners over the last two weeks.

Cedar	Yousuf for knowing double facts to 5. Zahra for knowing double facts to 5. Lucas for saying his lines for our assembly brilliantly and for sitting beautifully for the entire performance. Amazing!! Aslan for having good letter formation and improving all the time Rukayya for displaying good team work during our PE lesson.
Larch	Mariyam for using 'Don't Give Up Dylan' to double facts to 10. Tatiana for using 'Have a Go Harry' to use her sound knowledge to label parts of the plant. Miqdad for using his knowledge of sounds to write a letter to the garden centre. Simon for using Don't Give Dylan to halve even numbers . Well Done! Laiba for being able to control her speed and direction to run safely in chasing games
Birch	Rahma for knowing her double facts to 10. Evan for using ' Have a go Harry' to use his sounds to label parts of the plant. Noah for showing how to share objects equally. Danasha for settling in well. Malik for showing good teamwork in our PE lesson.
Spruce	Anabia for using 'Don't give up Dylan' when writing a story about plants . Gurjot for doubling facts to five and ten and showing pride in his achievements. Aima for labelling the part of a plant and for using her creative skills to make a flower out of paper. Alahn for explaining to his friends how to share numbers equally. The whole of Spruce class as they have shown great listening skills during our PE lesson



Diary Dates

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

Day	Date	Month	Activity	Other information
Tuesday	23rd	May	Canal and water safety workshop	Year 2 children
Wednesday	24th	May	Canal and water safety workshop	Reception children
Wednesday	24th	May	Canal and water safety workshop	Year 1 children
Friday	26th	May	Art Day—Visit from a local Hillingdon Artist	
Friday	26th	May	Parent Coffee Morning	RHE policy will be shared
Mon 29th—Fri 2nd June			Half Term	School Closed
Monday	5th	June	Children return to school	School Open
Monday	5th	June	Class Photographs	All children to wear school uniform
Wednesday	7th	June	Basil & Crew Farm Visit	Nursery AM and PM
Thursday	8th	June	Spruce Class Assembly	Assembly starts at 9:10am in the main hall
Friday	9th	June	Parent Coffee Morning	
Monday	12th	June	Hearing and Sight tests	Reception children
Friday	16th	June	Parent Coffee Morning	
Week Commencing	19th	June	Year 1 trips	Science Museum
Friday	23rd	June	Parent Coffee Morning	
Monday	26th	June	Reception trip	Odds Farm Visit
Monday	26th	June	Healthy Week	All children to come in PE kit all week
Wednesday	28th	June	Ministars Sports Day	Nursery am and pm
Thursday	29th	June	Superstar Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday	30th	June	Summer Fair	More information will follow
Friday	30th	June	No Coffee Morning	
Monday	3rd	July	Staff Development Day	School Closed
Tuesday	4th	July	Transition Day	All Year Groups
Wednesday	5th	July	Year 2 Trip	Legoland
Thursday	20th	July	Last Day of School	Earlier collection time