



Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2019 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year and I do hope all of our families had an enjoyable break. The Autumn term is always busy, with many children just starting school and older children getting back into the school routine after the holidays. I am pleased to say that the children have settled in really well.



Meet the Teacher sessions

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to a meeting with their child's teacher at **2:45pm on Tuesday 10th September** in your child's classroom.

Parents of children in Reception are invited to **sign up for a time slot** to meet their child's teacher this week. Sign up sheets are displayed outside your child's classroom.

Reception

A reminder of the timings for Reception children:

09/09/19 - 10/09/19 8:40am-12 Noon

11/09/19 - 13/09/19 8:40am-1:15pm (children stay for lunch)

16/09/19 onwards 8:40am-3:10pm (full day)

Read together morning Reception - Year 2

Come along to read a book with your child and have some bagel on **Friday 20th September at 8:40am - 9am** in your child's classroom.

Summer Reading Challenge

I am hoping that many of our children have taken part in the library's Summer Reading challenge over the holidays. We would love to celebrate your child's success so do please ask your child to bring in their certificate. I will be inviting parents in for an assembly to celebrate their child's success with us.

Reminder

The school day for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now finishes at **3:10pm**.

Nursery

To assist parents, we have introduced a soft ending for Nursery. Children in morning Nursery can be collected **between 11:15am and 11:30am** and children in afternoon Nursery can be collected **between 3:15pm and 3:30pm**.

School Tour

I would like to invite all parents that are new to Whitehall Infant School to have a tour of the school on **Thursday 19th September at 9:15am**. To book a place on this tour please call 01895 590112 or email office@mail.whitehallinf.org

Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday 20th September** we will be celebrating 'Jeans for Genes Day'. Children can come to school in their own clothes (preferably jeans or denim) for a donation of £1. We ask that children wear school shoes or trainers only please.



Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association

The Parents' Association will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning followed by their Annual General Meeting on **Friday 27th September at 9am** in the hall.



The Parents' Association is run by a group of volunteering parents and carers who give up a small amount of time to plan, organise and run fundraising events at the school. They work closely with the school to provide funds to enhance the learning experience for every child at the school. Every parent of Whitehall Infant School is automatically a member.



Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 8am every day in the hall. The cost of this club is £3 per child per day or free for eligible pupils. For more information or to register your child for Breakfast club, please visit the main school office.

After School club

Our after school club is run by Whitehall Junior School. If you would like your child to attend the afterschool club or require further information, please call the Junior school on 01895 234071.

Attendance

It is very important that your child attends school every day. If your child will not be in, please remember to call the Absence line on 01895 590112 option 1 every day that your child is absent.

Safeguarding reminders

- Children must be walked to their classroom doors by an adult.
- If you would like an older child (must be secondary school aged or older) to collect your child from school this must be approved by the Head teacher.
- If you have changed your phone number, address or email address over the holidays, please visit the main school office as soon as possible so that we can update our system.

Have you downloaded our App?

Access information such as the notices, calendar, contacts and newsletters with ease! You will be also able to receive notifications of any upcoming events. To download, visit the Google App store or the Apple App store and search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, select Whitehall Infant School from the dropdown list.



Punctuality



It has been great to see most children arriving at school on time, ready to learn. Keep up the good work! Please remember that children should be dropped off at their classroom door between 8:40am and 8:50am - any child arriving after 8:50am must be brought to the main school office to sign in the late register.

Nursery children should be taken to the Nursery between 8:15am and 8:45am for morning session and 12:30pm and 12:45pm for afternoon session.

Message from Welfare

- ♦ If your child has an allergy that is treated by the hospital, please make sure that you let us know.
- ♦ If your child has an EpiPen, we must have two of their EpiPens at school.
- ♦ If your child has asthma, we must have 2 of their inhalers at school
- ♦ If your child has a medical care plan in place, please ensure that we have a copy of this in school

If you have any queries regarding this, please pop in to the main school office who will be happy to help.



Birthdays



We appreciate that children like to celebrate their birthdays but please remember that **we are unable to hand out any food items**. Also, please do not send in party bags for your child to hand out. 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.

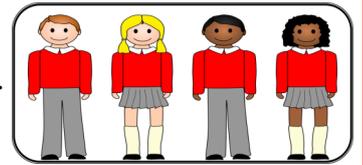
Parking Reminders



- Please remember to park in permitted areas carefully and with consideration for others.
- Parking is not permitted on the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school. Parking fines will be issued to those who park on these lines.
- Parking permits are available to purchase from the council to park in the marked bays on the roads surrounding the school during the school run times. Please collect a permit application form from the main school office.
- Parking fines will be issued to cars parked on the yellow lines surrounding the school
- Cotswold Close is a private road. Parking is not permitted in this road
- Please remember that the car park is for use by staff only.

UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniform. Please find below a reminder of the school uniform:



Essential Items

- Plain or Whitehall logo red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- White shirt / blouse, red or white plain polo shirt.
- Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore dress, leggings or ski-pants.
- Red, white or grey socks / tights.
- Footwear - Sensible black shoes with **no laces**. Plain black trainers are acceptable - no logos. Plain black boots are allowed in the winter.
- PE kit - plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt and long plain black jogging bottoms (required for sessions taking place outside). Plimsols or trainers with no laces.
- Summer Term Only - Red and white gingham or striped dress, grey or black shorts
- * Religious headcovering - red / black / grey or white. Plain colours only please. Please ensure that any headscarf is shoulder length, not elbow length.
- * Hair accessories - Bows or hair accessories should be no larger than 10cm from end to end
- * Children only require a bookbag  and a drawstring PE bag,  not a rucksack. 
- * Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and ensure they bring a raincoat in the summer and a warm coat with a hood for the winter,

School uniform can be bought from PMG Schoolwear, Waterloo Road, Uxbridge, UB8 2RA or from supermarkets or high street stores.

I am grateful to parents for the effort they put into ensuring their children have the correct uniform and represent the school positively.

Please remember to name all of your child's clothes and belongings.

Goodbye

Sadly we have said goodbye to one of LSA's over the Summer holidays, Miss Thompson. Miss Thompson has been with us for many years and will be sadly missed . We wish her all the best for the future.

Staff

A quick reminder of our teaching staff and other key personnel for this year. A full staff list is available on our website within 'Key Information -Staff and Governor List'.

Nursery Team - Mrs Bir*, Mrs Fawsett, Mrs Rout, Mrs Armaghan

Reception

Cedar - Mrs McLucas* & Miss Fatima

Spruce - Mrs Caba & Mrs Witcher

Larch - Miss Downie & Mrs Sini

Birch - Mrs Jamil & Miss Alley

Year 1

Maple - Ms McWhinney-Tripp* & Mrs Young

Pine - Mr Ball & Mrs Handa

Beech - Miss McAnulty & Miss Lyford

Year 2

Flamingo - Mrs Aqbarawi* & Miss Taha

Toucan - Mrs Najmudin

Kingfisher - Miss Wright & Mrs Sidhu

Peacock - Miss Lee & Mrs Hussain

Higher Level Teaching Assistants

Both will work across the school.

Miss Cann

Ms Carter

* = Year Group Leader

Senior Leadership and Office Team

Headteacher - Mrs Bringan

Deputy Headteacher - Miss Cheshire

Inclusion Lead - Mr Stainer

SENCO - Mrs Williams

School Business Manager - Mr Coleshill

Receptionist - Mrs Malik

Welfare Officer - Mrs Castle-Mason

Premises Manager - Mr Heath

Diary Dates

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

Mon - Fri	9 th -13 th	September	Reception Meet the teacher	Sign up for a time slot
Tuesday	10 th	September	Meet the teacher	KS1 - 2:45pm in classrooms
Thursday	19 th	September	Tour for new to school parents	9:15am
Friday	20 th	September	Jeans for Genes Day	Children can wear their own clothes for £1 donation
Friday	20 th	September	Read together morning	8:40am in classrooms
Friday	27 th	September	PA AGM & coffee morning	9am in the hall
Tuesday	1 st	October	Individual photos	Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on this day
Wednesday	2 nd	October	Harvest assembly	Year One 2:45pm
Thursday	3 rd	October	Harvest assembly	Reception 2:45pm
Friday	4 th	October	Harvest assembly	Year Two 2:45pm
Thursday	10 th	October	Flamingo Assembly	9am in the hall
Friday	11 th	October	Read together morning	8:40am in classrooms
Tuesday	15 th	October	Parents evening Nursery - Y2	3:30 - 5pm
Thursday	17 th	October	Parents evening Nursery - Y2	3:30 - 7pm
Mon - Fri	21 st -25 th	October	HALF TERM	
Monday	28 th	October	<i>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</i>	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	29 th	October	Back to School	

Lunch menu

Please find below the lunch menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week One W/c 2nd September 23rd September 14th October 11th November 2nd December	Chicken Curry with Rice Baked Fish with New Potatoes Jacket Potato with Beans Berry Sponge with Custard	Jacket Potato with mild Beef Chilli Jacket Potato with mild Halal Beef Chilli Tortilla Stacks with Baked Wedges Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Baked Vegetable filled Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes Carrot & Pineapple Cake with Custard	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes Halal Lamb Pie with New Potatoes Macaroni Cheese Banana & Chocolate Mousse	Fish Fingers and Chips Indian Style Biryani Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek
Week Two W/c 9th September 30th September 28th October 18th November 9th December	Beef Bolognese with Pasta Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Chicken Korma with Rice Halal Chicken Korma with Rice Macaroni Cheese Jelly with Fruit Wedges	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Pasta Bake Peach Oat Bar with Custard	Piri Piri style Chicken Halal Piri Piri style Chicken Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Pattie Chocolate Brownie with Orange Wedges	Pizza Bar Cheese & Tomato or Sweetcorn & Pepper Salmon Fishcakes Natural Yoghurt with Assorted Fruit Puree topped with Homemade Granola
Week Three W/c 16th September 7th October 4th November 25th November 16th December	Chicken Jollof Rice Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake Quorn Stir Fry with Rice Lemon & Lime cake with	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread Halal Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Watermelon	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetarian Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Tomato Pasta Bake Pineapple Sponge with Custard	Chicken Sausages with Mashed potato & Gravy Halal Chicken Sausages with Mashed potato & Gravy Quorn Sausages with Mash & Gravy Oat & Raisin Cookie with Apple Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips Chinese style stir fry vegetables with noodles Chocolate cake bar with Fruit Wedges

Available Daily: Salads, Seasonal Vegetables, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit Platters, Fruit Yoghurt and Water



School Terms and Holidays

2019/2020

Whitehall Infant School

AUTUMN TERM - 2019

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 2nd September
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Tuesday 3rd September
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Holiday	Week of 21st - 25th October
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 28th October
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Tuesday 29th October
Term Ends	Thursday 19th December at 12:30pm

SPRING TERM - 2020

Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 6th January
Half Term Holiday	Week of 17th - 21st February
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 24th February
Term Ends	Friday 3rd April at 12:30pm

SUMMER TERM - 2020

Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 20th April
May Day (public holiday - school closed)	Friday 8th May
Half Term Holiday	Week of 25th - 29th May
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 1st June
Term Ends	Friday 17th July at 12:30pm
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 20th July
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Tuesday 21st July

AUTUMN TERM - 2020

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