



Headteacher's Newsletter

January 2020 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back and I wish all our families a Happy New Year. I trust you all had an enjoyable break. The first half of the spring term is only 6 weeks. Please ensure your child attends school every day to make the most of this precious learning time.



One of our School Values is FAMILY.

We are all part of the school family. We should all show each other kindness and respect and work in close partnership to make sure your child makes good progress whilst they are at Whitehall Infant School.

We are holding the following Parent Workshops to assist you with helping your child to reach their full potential. We do ask that you make every effort to attend. If you cannot attend, information from the workshops will be placed on our website after they have taken place.

Date	Time	Year Group	Subject
Monday 13th January	9am & 2:30pm	Nursery	Reading & Writing
Thursday 16th January	9am & 2:30pm	Year 2	Reading
Thursday 23rd January	9am & 2:30pm	Reception	Numeracy
Tuesday 28th January	9am & 2:30pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Read, Write Inc
Monday 3rd February	9am & 2:30pm	Nursery	Numeracy
Wednesday 5th February	9am & 2:30pm	Reception	Literacy
Friday 7th February	9am & 2:30pm	Year 1	Reading

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Mrs Patel who is the new teacher for Beech class.

I am sure some of you have noticed Ms McWhinney -Tripps' growing bump! She will be going on maternity leave shortly. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life.

Miss Ukey will be starting with us next week and will be teaching Maple class when Ms McWhinney-Tripp goes on maternity leave.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming the new staff to our school.

Thursday 16th January- Non Uniform Day

Children can come to school on Thursday 16th January in their own clothes for a donation of £1.

This money will go towards our book week celebrations next half term.

Sensible clothes and shoes only please.

Coffee Mornings



We are holding coffee mornings for parents every Friday from 17th January at 9am until 10am. This is a great opportunity to ask for advice and meet other parents. To attend, please wait outside Elm class, which is off the big playground, once you have dropped your child to their class.

Read together morning



Come along to read a book with your child on Friday 17th January at 8:40am until 8:55am in your child's classroom.

Safeguarding Notice

For the safety of all the children at Whitehall schools, please do not take photos or videos in the school playground. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Thursday 30th January- Maple Class

Thursday 6th February- Pine Class

Thursday 13th February- Beech Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend.

All class assemblies start at **9am**. Please ensure that you arrive on time. Also, please do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can be distracting.

Contact Details



If you change your phone number, email address or move house, please remember to update us with your new contact details by visiting the main school office.

We send letters and newsletters via email. If you do not receive these, please provide us with your email address.

Clothing Appeal

We are in need of girls trousers. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to the main school office.

Spring Learning Overview meetings

We are holding 'Spring Learning Overview meetings' for each year group. You will be able to find out what your child will be learning throughout this term, key learning from the Autumn term and what the end of year expectations look like. These will take place on:

Monday 20th January	9am	Year 2
Tuesday 21st January	9am	Year 1
Tuesday 21st January	5pm	All year groups
Wednesday 22nd January	9am	Reception
Monday 27th January	9am	Nursery

The meetings will last for approximately 15 minutes.

Toy Appeal

Reception are in need of toys such as trains, cars, dinosaurs etc. Please bring all donations to the main school office. Thank you.

Applying for Primary or Junior School

For children due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2020, you must apply for a School place by **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Lunch Menu

Week of 13th January (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Chicken Korma with Rice	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes	Piri Piri style Chicken	Pizza Bar
Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Cheese & Tomato or Sweetcorn & Pepper
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Halal Chicken Korma with Rice	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Halal Piri Piri style Chicken	Salmon Fishcakes
Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Jelly with Fruit Wedges	Peach Oat Bar with Custard	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Wedges	Natural Yoghurt with Fruit Puree topped with Homemade Granola

Healthy Packed lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch in to school, please ensure that it is balanced and healthy. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-tips> for some great hints and tips on how to keep your child's lunchbox healthy and interesting.

Please no nuts, chocolate, sweets or fizzy sugary drinks.

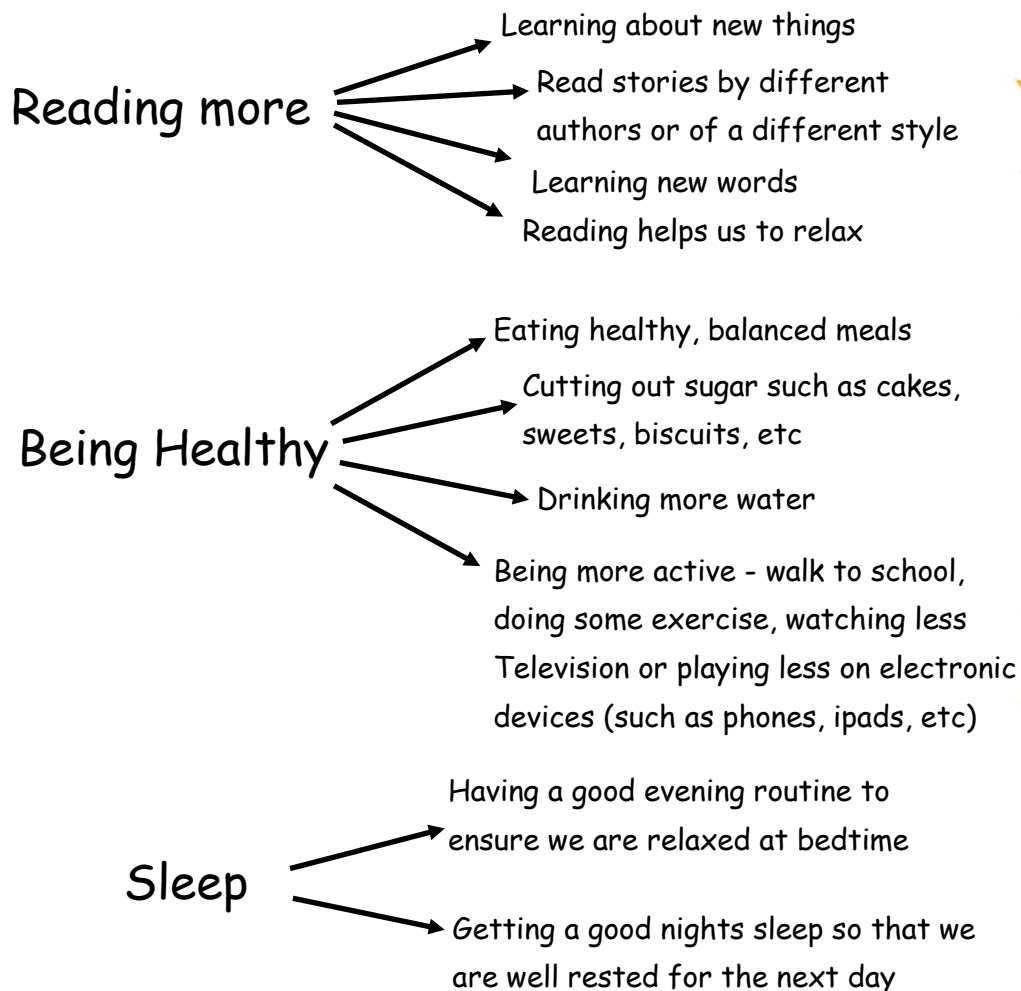
Our caterer's provide a variety of delicious, nutritious hot meals every day. If your child has a packed lunch every day, why not encourage them to try one hot meal a week?



New Year's Resolutions

On the first day back to school we held a New Year assembly. During this assembly we discussed what it means to make a New Year Resolution.

As a school family, we have made some New Year Resolutions that we all hope to follow. Staff and children will be following these resolutions - why don't you join us and follow them too?



Over the next few newsletters we will be sharing our progress on these resolutions and will be asking you to share yours too!



School Terms and Holidays
September 2020 - July 2021
Whitehall Infant School

AUTUMN TERM - 2020	
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Wednesday 2nd September
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Thursday 3rd September
Half Term Holiday	Mon 26th - Fri 30th October
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 2nd November
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Tuesday 3rd November
Term Ends - 12:30pm finish	Friday 18th December
SPRING TERM - 2021	
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 4th January
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 12th February
Half Term Holiday	Mon 15th - Fri 19th February
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 22nd February
Term Ends - 12:30pm finish	Wednesday 31st March
SUMMER TERM - 2021	
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 19th April
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 3rd May
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 28th May
Half Term Holiday	Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 7th June
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 2nd July
Term Ends - 12:30pm finish	Friday 23rd July
AUTUMN TERM - 2021	
Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Thursday 2nd September 2021