



# Headteacher's Newsletter



**November 2018** ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and I hope all of our families had an enjoyable break.



## Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu and Sikh festival of light and celebrates the victory of good over evil. We will be learning about Diwali in school and children can come in dressed in traditional or party clothes on:

**Wednesday 7th November for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**

**Thursday 8th November for Nursery**

Please ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather and wearing sensible footwear.

## Open Days

We will be holding two open days this year for prospective parents on:

**Tuesday 6th November 6pm-7pm**

**Tuesday 13th November 10am-11am**

If you or anyone you know has a child that is due to start nursery / reception next September this would be a great opportunity to see the school.

Please call **01895 590112** or email **office@mail.whitehallinf.org** to book a place.



**Friday 9th November Kingfisher Class**

**Friday 23rd November Toucan Class**

Parents or carers of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at **9:15am**.

Please ensure that you arrive on time.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these assemblies.

## Be Spotacular for Pudsey!



We are having a **dress up day** to raise money for Children In Need on **Friday 16th November**.

The theme of this dress up day is **Spotacular!**

The children can come to school dressed in something spotty. Sensible clothes and shoes only to ensure the children's safety,



Please bring in a donation (suggested £1) on the day.

## School Photos



Please ensure that you order your school photo prints online or return your proof to the school along with payment by **Friday 9th November**.

## Remembrance Day



Poppies are now on sale on behalf of the Royal British Legion in the main school office for a small donation.

We will be holding a special Remembrance assembly and a 1 minute silence on Tuesday 6th November.

## Transition & First half term questionnaire

At the recent parent meetings, a Transition & First half term questionnaire was handed out. Thank you to those who have already returned the form. If you have not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like another copy, please visit the main school office. Responses to your comments will be shared with you soon.



## New Vision Statement - Poster competition

Before half term, a letter was sent home regarding a poster competition to launch our new vision statement.

Thank you to everyone who has designed and handed in their entry. Please remember to hand all posters to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Remember to label it with your child's name.



A copy of the letter is attached to this newsletter.

### Flu Immunisations by School nurses

You should now have received the consent form for your child's flu immunisation on Wednesday 12th December. Please ensure you complete and return the form to us by **Friday 16th November**.

### Data Collection, Media Consent & Pupil Premium Forms

Thank you to those who have returned the completed and signed data collection, media consent and pupil premium forms. If you have not done so could you please **return the form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible**. If you have misplaced any forms, please visit the main school office who will be able to provide you with new ones.

**It is very important that these forms are completed and returned to us.**

### Attendance

It is very vital that children are in school every day.

There are lots of exciting events and learning opportunities planned over this half term that we do not want the children to miss.

### Punctuality

Remember to make use of our breakfast club which runs from 8am every day. Visit the main school office for more information.



### Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to thank everyone who donated and bought cakes at their Autumn Cake sale. The event raised over £100!

The next event planned is the **Christmas Fair** on **Friday 30th November from 3:30pm until 5pm**.



## **ADMISSIONS**

### Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2019, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Hillingdon Council are holding information sessions for Primary admissions on Friday 9th November and Thursday 6th December. Places must be booked online via [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary)

### Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2019, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Message from Welfare

Please return any clothes that have been lent to you by the school. **We need donations of spare clothes** especially boys trousers and girls skirts age 4 or 5 years. Please give donations to the main school office

### Parent Meetings

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers have had the opportunity to discuss progress and next steps with their class teacher. I hope you found them useful and that they have helped to create a positive partnership to achieve the best outcome for your child. Please make arrangements with the class teacher if you were unable to meet with them during the Parent Meetings.

### Separated Families

We realise that not all parents live together in the same home as their child. If you are separated from your child's father or mother and would like to receive our communications, please call the school and leave your email address. This information will be treated confidentially. For safeguarding reasons, you will be asked to prove parental responsibility.

### Weather

Now that the weather is colder please remember to send all children in with appropriate clothing including a winter coat. Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.



## Safeguarding

Please ensure that you keep your children with you at all times when in the school premises and to walk them to their classroom door. It is very busy at drop off and pick up times and we do not want children to become separated from their parents.

## Charity Work

A big well done to Ritvik for completing a 5k run to raise money for Great Ormond Street. We are very proud of him.



## Lunch Menu

Week of 12th November (Week 1 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lamb Pasta Bake with Herb Focaccia	Lamb Rogan Josh with Rice	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Chips
Asian Spiced Fish with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Rice	Halal Lamb Rogan Josh with Rice	Vegetarian Burger with Mashed Potato	Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Salmon and Broccoli Fishcake with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Bean Chilli on a Corn Tortilla	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese	Winter Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt
Apple Pie with Custard	Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt & Fruit Puree	Lemon and Yoghurt Cake with Custard	Oat and Raisin Cookie with Fruit Wedges	

## DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

Please note that some dates may be changed throughout the year. We will always endeavor to give you as much notice as possible should this happen. Year groups may have additional events linked to their curriculum.

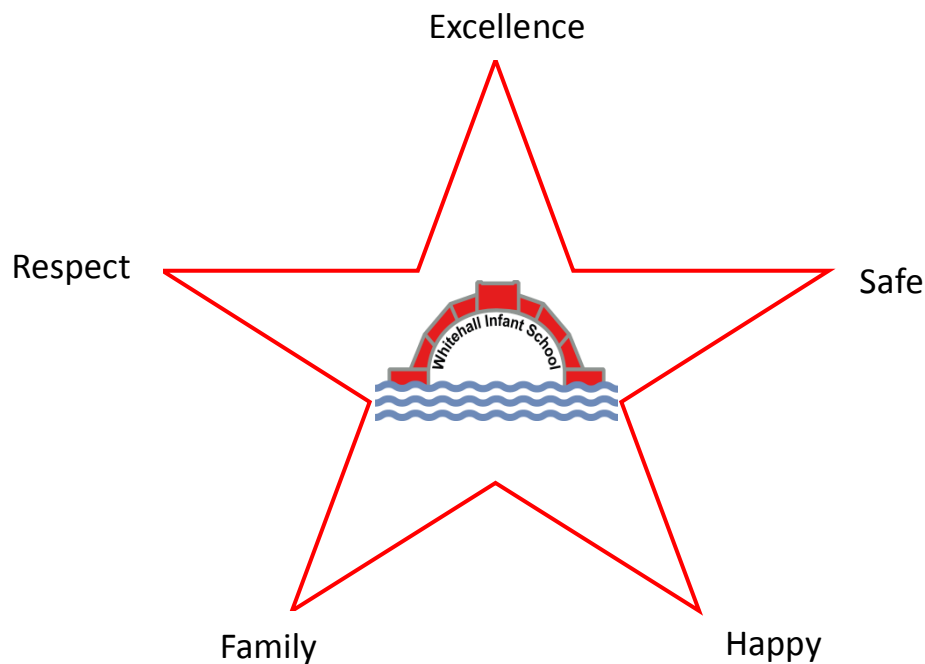
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	November	Open Evening for prospective parents	6 - 7pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	November	Diwali dress up day <b>Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	Children in <b>Reception, Y1 &amp; Y2</b> can come in traditional or party clothes
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	November	Diwali dress up day <b>Nursery</b>	Children in <b>Nursery</b> can come in traditional or party clothes
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	November	Kingfisher Assembly	9:15am in the hall
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	November	Open Day for prospective parents	10 - 11am
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	November	Children In Need	Dress up Day
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	November	PA Christmas Fair	After school 3:30 - 5:00pm
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Christmas Show	2:45pm
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Christmas Show	9:15am
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Christmas Show	2:45pm
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Christmas Show	9:15am
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	December	Flu Immunisations	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas Show	2:45pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas Show	9:15am
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Jumper Day	Dress up Day
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery parent consultations	
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	December	Class parties	Children can wear party clothes
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery Last Day	Christmas sing-a-long 11am & 3pm
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	December	END OF TERM	School closes 12:30pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	January	SPRING TERM STARTS	Back to School - Normal Time

## **New vision statement**

The governors would like to invite you to take part in a competition to launch our new vision statement.

***A five star school with a FRESH approach to learning!***

The word **FRESH** stands for our values.



**Could you choose one of the words and use words and pictures to make a poster explaining what the word means to you and your family?**

For example:

Family – team, caring, different types of families, supportive

Respect – everyone matters, we care for our environment our belongings and others.

Excellence – we do our best, we have high expectations

Safe- safe environment, we know how to keep ourselves safe, E-safety , road safety, Golden Rules

Happy- enjoy coming to school every day, I enjoy lunchtimes, my friends make me smile

**Please bring your poster in no later than Friday 9th November.** Please don't forget to write your name and class on the poster.

Have fun and be creative!