



Headteacher's Newsletter

January 2019 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back and I wish all of 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.



Important Dates

- Friday 11th January - Superhero dress up day
- Wednesday 16th January 8:50am or Thursday 17th January 2:50pm - Read Write Inc workshop
- Thursday 17th January - Non Uniform Day
- Tuesday 22nd January - Parent Expectation Meetings
- Wednesday 30th January - Role model dress up day
- 18th - 22nd February - Half Term

Attendance



We are launching our new attendance theme - be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day Ready On time). To celebrate this, we are having a **non- school uniform day on Friday 11th January**.

Children can come to school in Superhero clothing or their own clothes.

Sensible clothing and shoes only please.



Thursday 17th January - Non uniform day

Thursday 17th January is census day where all children attending the school will be counted. **Attendance on this day will determine how much money the school receives from the Local Authority.**

Children can come to school on this day in their own clothes. Sensible clothing and shoes only please.

We would also ask that you encourage your child to take a hot meal provided by our caterers (it is free for infant children) on this day. The school receives additional money from the Local Authority for every hot meal taken on this day. The menu for **Thursday 17th January** is:

Chicken Sausage & Chips	Halal Chicken Sausage & Chips	Pizza & chips
Chocolate cake & chocolate sauce		

Read Write Inc Workshops

We are holding 2 workshops for parents to learn more about our Read Write Inc scheme. These will take place in the school hall on:



Wednesday 16th January at 8:50am

Thursday 17th January at 2:50pm



Thursday 17th January Toucan Class

Thursday 24th January Beech Class

Thursday 31st January Elm Class

Thursday 7th February Pine Class

Thursday 14th February Willow Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at 9:10am. Please ensure that you arrive on time. Also, please do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can distract the children.

Parent Expectation Meetings

On Tuesday 22nd January we are holding 'Parent Expectation Meetings' for each year group. This is a great opportunity for you to find out the expectations for the Spring Term. Times will be sent out soon.

Role model day - Wednesday 30th January

We are having a 'role model day' on Wednesday 30th January where children will be asked to think about their role models. **We would like the children to come to school on this day dressed as their role model** (or something that they aspire to be).

Breakfast Club



This is open from 8am every morning during term time. £3 per child per day or free if you are eligible. Breakfast is provided and children take part in play activities. Children are then taken to their classrooms at the start of the school day. Limited places are available. Please visit the main school office to register your child. We will soon be re-launching our breakfast club with the help of 'Magic Breakfast (a Government backed scheme to help children access a healthy breakfast). More information will be sent soon.

Contact Details



If you change your phone number, email address or move house then please remember to update us with your new contact details by visiting the main school office. We send letters and newsletters via email. If we do not already have your email address please visit the main school office.

Vacancy

JOB OPENING

We currently have a vacancy for a Schools Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA). This vacancy is for 5 days a week, for 1 and 3/4 hours a day, during lunch hours. If you are interested in this vacancy, please collect more information and an application form from the main school office.

Applying for Reception or Year 3 (Juniors)

The deadline for applications for Primary School (Reception) and Junior School (Year 3) is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. If you have not yet done so, please submit your application urgently. If you have any queries, please contact School Admissions Team on 01895 556644.

Lunch Menu

Week of 14th January (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cornish Pasty with Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Sausages with Chips	Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato
Quorn Shepherd's Pie	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pizza with Chips	Tortilla Stacks and Chips
Vegetable Pasta Bake	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Tuna Pasta Bake	Halal Chicken Sausages with Chips	Yoghurt Bar: Natural Yoghurt with Various Toppings
Ginger Cake with Custard	Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Oaty Plum Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce	

Healthy Packed lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch in to school, please ensure that it is balanced and healthy. The website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-tips> has 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?

"Healthy"
A healthy packed lunch should include



"Unhealthy"
A packed lunch should avoid



Source: Food Standards Agency



Year 2 Job Adverts



Year 2 will have the opportunity over the next week to apply for specific 'helper' positions for the rest of this year. These positions will be held for a period of time before another child is given the opportunity to carry out the role.

These will include: Eco warriors, Peer mentors, Healthy eating ambassadors, Club and lunchtime helpers. Children will apply for these jobs in their classes and the Mayor will be supporting us in picking children who will carry out the roles. He will also be talking to year 2 about his job and how he got to become Mayor.

We hope this will be a fun opportunity for the children and will support their independence and social skills as well as giving them responsibility



School Terms and Holidays

2018/2019

Whitehall Infant School

Please only book holidays during school closure times

SPRING TERM – 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term holiday

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd February 2019

Term ends at 12:30pm

Friday 5th April 2019

SUMMER TERM - 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day (Public Holiday – school closed)

Monday 6th May 2019

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Friday 24th May 2019

Half Term holiday

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2019

Staff Development day (Holiday for children)

Monday 1st July 2019

Term Ends at 12:30pm

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term starts for the children at 8.50am

Wednesday 4th September 2019