



Headteacher's Newsletter

February 2019 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back from the half term. I hope all our families had an enjoyable break. Spring is upon us with lighter and sunnier days.


We are looking forward to the exciting events planned for the rest of this term.

Term Dates
Friday 5th April - Term Ends at 12:30pm
Tuesday 23rd April - Term starts

Important Dates	
Tuesday 26th February 5-6pm	Year Two end of year assessments meetings
Wednesday 27th February 9-10am	Year One phonic screening test meeting
Thursday 28th February 9-10am	Vision and Values meeting with parents
Friday 1st March 8:40am	Family breakfast and reading morning
Monday 4th March 9-10am	Year Two end of year assessments meeting
Tuesday 5th March	Parents' Association pancake day
Tuesday 5th March 5-6pm	Year One phonic screening test meeting
Thursday 7th March	World book day - dress up day for children
12th March - 14th March 8:20am	Re-launch of breakfast club
Friday 15th March	Red nose day - dress up day for children in aid of Comic Relief
Friday 15th March 8:40am	Family breakfast and reading morning for all

Vision and Values

We would like to invite you to come and collect a free Vision & Values pencil and share ideas on how to work together as a school. You will meet with myself and Trusha Dabba (one of our Governors) for a short tour of the school, tea and chat which will take place on **Thursday 28th February 9am - 10am**. Please visit the main school office or call 01895 590112 to book your place on this session.



A Five Star School With A
★★★★★ Approach

- ★ Family
- ★ Respect
- ★ Excellence
- ★ Safe
- ★ Happy

Five star learning for all with family at the heart of everything we do. We teach our children to have respect at all times. We want all children to achieve excellence whilst being safe and happy.

Year 2 End of year assessments meeting

Tuesday 26th February 5-6pm or Monday 4th March 9-10am in the school hall.

This is a great opportunity for you to find out about the assessments, how we carry them out and to ask any questions that you may have regarding them.

Year 1 phonic screening test meeting

Wednesday 27th February 9-10am or Tuesday 5th March 5-6pm in the school hall.

Come along to find out what the phonic screening check is and how you can help your child at home. All Year 1 parents welcome.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2019

World Book Day - Dress Up Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day.

Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** can come to school **dressed as a book** character. A letter has been sent home with some ideas for some easy book character outfits.

Children in **Nursery** can come to school in their **pyjamas** as they will be reading bedtime stories.

Family Reading and Breakfast mornings

At our recent Family reading and breakfast morning, a lot of parents asked if we could do this more often. For the rest of this term, we are holding family reading and breakfast every 2 weeks. They will take place at 8:40am in your child's classroom. Come along to read a book with your child and have some bagel.



Friday 1st March, Friday 15th March, Friday 29th March

Applying for Nursery

Thank you to those who have already submitted a Nursery application form. If you have not already done so, there is still time to apply. Please collect an application form from the main school office or download one from our website (<http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/admissions>). Offers will be made after the Easter break.

Night Owls Visit



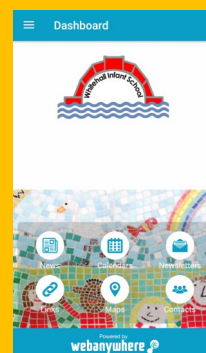
On Thursday 7th March, a company called Night Owls will be coming to visit our school. They are a Bird of Prey demonstration team and will be holding a talk and flying display session. The children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken of them holding a barn owl. Photos can be purchased but there is no obligation for you to do so. After their visit, the proofs will be sent home with your child with instructions on how to purchase the photo.

Safeguarding Reminders

- Please notify us if someone else is collecting your child.
- If you change your contact number please remember to update the school. It is very important that the contact details we hold for your child are correct. For safeguarding, we require two up to date contact numbers for your child.
- All children must be dropped off to their classroom door or the main school office at the start of the school day.

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.



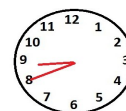
To download, visit the Google App store or the Apple App store and search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, select Whitehall Infant School from the dropdown list.

Attendance

Well done to Toucan Class and Willow Class for achieving good attendance for the weeks before the half term break. One of our school values is 'excellence' and we want to ensure that we have excellent attendance and meet the school attendance target of **96%**. We need your help to achieve this.

Punctuality

We want all children to start their school day in the best possible way. Please remember to check your journey before you travel to ensure you leave enough time to get to school. All children who arrive after the bell (at 8:50am) will be marked as late. All class room doors will close at this time, and children will need to go through the main school office to be signed in.



Visit from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Year 1 have recently been learning about lighthouses, boats and water safety.

They were very fortunate to receive a visit from the RNLI. They learnt how to be safe near water and helped the children with their topic of the 'Grace Darling' boat.



Lunch Menu

Week of 4th March (Week 2 of menu):

Please help your child to choose a dish and encourage them to try the delicious food that is on offer.

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Cornish Pasty with Potatoes	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Beef Lasagne with Focaccia Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers with chips
Quorn Shepherd's Pie	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Beans	Tortilla Stacks and Chips
Vegetable Pasta Bake	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Tuna Pasta Bake	Halal Beef Lasagne with Focaccia Bread	Yoghurt Bar: Natural Yoghurt with Various Toppings
Ginger Cake with Custard	Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Oaty Plum Crumble with Custard	Pear & chocolate marbled sponge	

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday	26 th	February	Y2 SATS meeting	5-6pm in the hall
Wednesday	27 th	February	Y1 phonic workshop	9am in the hall
Thursday	28 th	February	Vision & Value Workshop	9 - 10am.
Friday	1 st	March	Family reading morning	8:40am in all classes
Monday	4 th	March	Y2 SATS meeting	9am in the hall
Tuesday	5 th	March	PA Pancake Day	In school
Tuesday	5 th	March	Y1 phonic workshop	5-6pm in the hall
Thursday	7 th	March	World Book Day	Dress up day
Thursday	7 th	March	Night owl visits	
Tuesday	12 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Reception	8:20am in the hall
Wednesday	13 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Year 1	8:20am in the hall
Thursday	14 th	March	Breakfast Club re-launch - Year 2	8:20am in the hall
Friday	15 th	March	Red Nose day	Dress Up Day
Friday	15 th	March	Family reading morning	8:40am in all classes
Tuesday	19 th	March	Parents Evening	3:30 - 5pm
Thursday	21 st	March	Parents Evening	5 - 7:30pm
Tuesday	26 th	March	International performances	Y2 - 9am. Y1 - 2:45pm
Wednesday	27 th	March	International Performance	Reception - 2:45pm
Friday	29 th	March	Family reading morning	8:40am in all classes
Friday	29 th	March	Nursery Parent Consultations	Nursery closed all day
Wednesday	3 rd	April	International Evening	5-6pm in the hall
Thursday	4 th	April	NURSERY LAST DAY	
Thursday	4 th	April	Nursery singalong	11am & 3pm
Friday	5 th	April	Nursery Learning Through Play Parent Workshop	9 - 10:30am in nursery
Friday	5 th	April	TERM ENDS	12:30pm