



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Autumn Term is fast approaching and our Christmas celebrations have begun. We have celebrated the start of Advent by decorating our school Christmas tree! Advent marks the start of the Christian year and begins 4 weeks before Christmas. This is the time for Christians to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Important Dates

Thursday 5th December 9:15am	Reception Christmas Production
Friday 6th December 2:15pm	Reception Christmas Production
Monday 9th December 2:15pm	Year 1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 10th December 9:15am	Year 1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 10th December 2:15pm	Year 2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 11th December 9:15am	Year 2 Christmas Production
Thursday 12th December	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS - JUNIOR SCHOOL IS OPEN AS NORMAL
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	Class parties
Wednesday 18th December	NURSERY LAST DAY Nursery singalong 11am & 3pm
Thursday 19th December	LAST DAY School finishes at 12:30pm
Monday 6th January	Back to school - Normal time



Nursery Sing a Long

Nursery parents are invited to the Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long on **Wednesday 18th December** at **11am** (for morning session) and **3pm** (for afternoon session)

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come in to school in a Christmas jumper (or festive clothes) on **Friday 13th December** for a donation of **£1**. Donations will be given to Save the Children.

Class Parties Wednesday 18th December

Children can come to school in party clothes on this day. Please ensure they wear sensible clothing and footwear. Parents will be asked to sign up to bring food in for the parties nearer the time.



Christmas Production Reminders



- * A maximum of 2 adults per child can attend.
- * Please arrive 5 minutes before start.
- * Do not eat, talk or use your phone during the productions as this can distract the children.
- * You can take photos and videos of the production for your personal use only. Please do not post them on social media sites.

ADMISSIONS

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.

Whitehall Junior School are holding a tour for parents of children who are due to start Junior school next year. This will take place on **Monday 9th December at 9am or 2pm**. Please call 01895 234071 to book a place.

Welfare Reminder

We are now in the season of coughs and colds! To stop the spread of germs, please ensure your child uses a tissue to wipe their nose and washes their hands regularly. For further advice visit the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk).



Parents' Association Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair raised an amazing £1400! I would like to thank everyone who helped at, donated to or attended the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see and chat to so many of our families at the fair. This event is one of the largest in the Parents' Association calendar and really upholds our school value of 'Family'.

I would like to give a special thanks to the Parents' Association for all their hard work in ensuring it was a wonderful Christmas Fair.

Thank you also to Father Christmas for spending the whole day with us!

Transition Questionnaire

Results of the recent transition questionnaire have now been emailed to parents. The results are also available on our website <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/surveys-and-results>

Attendance and Punctuality

It is vital that children are in school every day. If your child is absent from school, please remember to call 01895 590112 **every day until they return to school**. It is very important that your child arrives on time so that they can start their school day in a calm manner. During the cold weather, please allow more time for your journey to school due to poorer road conditions and more traffic.

Health and Safety Reminder

One of our school values is 'Safe' and we want every child to be as safe as possible.

During the winter months, please take care on paths and pavements as they can become icy. Please also ensure that you and your child are wearing footwear that is appropriate for this weather.

Our premises team do a great job of making sure the paths around the school are gritted so that they are safe to walk on.

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to give Christmas cards to their class, there is a postbox available in school for them to put the cards in. Cards will then be distributed to the classes.



Please ensure that the child's name and class is written clearly on the envelope.

To,

Harry

Toucan Class

Parking

It has come to our attention that some parents have been parking their cars over peoples driveways in order to drop and collect their children from school. If you do have to drive your car to school, please ensure you park in the designated bays and with consideration for others.



Library Competition

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of or showed their child's library card as part of our 'Library Competition'. It was great to see that so many of our children are already members of their local library. The winner of this competition has been chosen and has received a £10 Waterstones voucher.



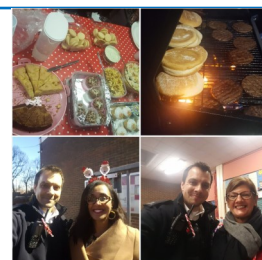
If your child is not a member of your local library, now is a great time to join as there are some fantastic free events happening at libraries all across this borough over the next month.

After school clubs

As you are aware, we recently trialled a new after school club provider. Unfortunately, this hasn't worked out. We are looking for new after school club providers for the Spring Term.

Metropolitan Police visit

We were very fortunate to receive a visit from the Metropolitan Police at our Christmas Fair. They really enjoyed meeting the families of both the Infant and the Junior school and even shared a tweet about it! <https://twitter.com/mpsuxbridge/status/1200499349643579392>



Christmas Tree Assembly

One of the highlights of the Autumn Term is the Christmas Tree Assembly. The children all make decorations and then use them to decorate our tree in the school hall whilst singing carols. It is a lovely festive assembly which ends with the main lights being turned off and the Christmas tree lights being turned on - the children are always so amazed with this!



Lunch Menu

Week of 9th December (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Bolognese with Pasta Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Chicken korma with rice Macaroni cheese Halal chicken korma with rice Jelly with fruit wedges	Pizza bar: Cheese & tomato or Sweetcorn & pepper Salmon Fishcakes Natural yoghurt with fruit puree topped with homemade granola	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS	<u>CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU</u> This should have already been ordered.