



## Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 6

Spring Term: 3

**Welcome to WJS**



Dear Families,

I hope that you are well and that you are beginning to enjoy the brighter days. With our Spring Term now fully underway, we generally find that our pupils make accelerated progress in their learning and draw closer to fully achieving their age-related expectations.

As our Year 6s prepare themselves for their SATs exams set to take place in May 2023, we know that they are now knuckling down as the staff put them through their paces. In January, their parents will already have had an update on the progress their children are making.

The Parent-Teacher conferences for our Year 3-5 children will take place in the week beginning **20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Further information will come out to you soon.

Attendance and punctuality remains crucial so we continue to monitor this closely. Therefore, it is important for children to arrive on time, allowing them to make the necessary progress, both academically and socially.

Families are also reminded to book holidays within the school breaks and not during term time as this impacts on your child's learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in education,

**Mrs Moloji,**  
**Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding**  
**Lead**

**Achievements**

Star of the Week!



As a school, we encourage our pupils to be involved in clubs and activities outside of school. We therefore love to hear about the successes and achievements throughout the year.

Congratulations to Adib, a Year 6 pupil, who has been selected to trial for the Hillingdon Cricket Club.

***"We wish you well and hope that you make the team!"***

Fantastic Class Assemblies



Parents, I am sure that you will agree that our Friday Assemblies have been such a delight to watch once again. As each class rises to the challenge of showcasing their fantastic learning, it is evident that we have such



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talented pupils who can project their voices, hold a melody, remember the facts and much more. A special thank you to you for attending each assembly in great numbers, and to the staff for fantastically presenting each term's teaching and learning.

Upcoming Friday Assemblies (9am start in Hall)	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 4 Lions
Friday 05 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 3 Dragonflies
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 3 Bees
Friday 09 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 Ladybirds
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class 3 Caterpillars

### General

#### Regional Teacher Strike Day 2



A letter was sent out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February advising on the strike action taking place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**. After doing a risk assessment, I can confirm that the only classes needing to close that day are: **Class 3L, 3C and 4L**. The school will operate as normal for all other classes.

Welcome back, Mrs Azeem!



Last week we welcomed back Mrs Azeem, previously a Year 6 teacher, who returned from a year-long maternity leave. Let's give her a warm welcome back to the Whitehall Junior family.

Visit our school's website



**Have you visited our school's website recently?**

To find out more about what is going on each term in your child's year group, why not visit the pages below:

- <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-3/>
- <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-4/>
- <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-5/>
- <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-6/>

#### Ordering of school dinners



Parents and carers are reminded to order your child's meals by midnight daily. EduSpot has already been set up for the term so you can book all meals in advance.

Failure to do so will lead to you being requested to drop off a packed lunch for your child instead.

#### Labelling uniform



Especially now that the weather is becoming slightly warmer, we find that our children will forget items of clothing on the playground. There are often items of clothing that cannot be returned to their rightful owners as they are not labelled.

It would be advisable that you label your child's uniform, water bottles and lunch bags for easy identification.



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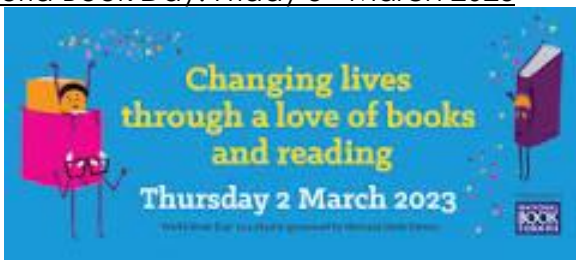
### Late arrivals in the morning



Increasing numbers of children have been arriving late over the last few weeks. Whilst I appreciate the odd traffic jam or bus being delayed, we have noticed that some children are **consistently late, often unaccompanied**, impacting on their first session of learning.

**Arriving on time allows your child a smoother start to the school day.**

### World Book Day: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character that day. A letter has come out to you explaining more.

### Year 3 & 4 Pedestrian Training



Our Year 3 and 4 classes participated in pedestrian training led by officials from the London Borough of Hillingdon. The training focused on promoting and encouraging road safety including active and sustainable travel. During the training, children reflected on the dangers of oncoming traffic along

with understanding and dealing with hazards. Children were also encouraged to use designated pedestrian crossing at all times.

### Safeguarding Information: Operation Encompass



As safeguarding of our children remains a priority, we continue to engage with Operation Encompass, a Hillingdon project, that runs jointly between our school and the Metropolitan Police Service.

Operation Encompass will send a notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed, to ensure that the wellbeing of the child is supported more closely as a result of this. We believe that this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

### Dealing with any concerns



We believe in dealing with any possible concerns that you might have as they arise. Feel free to talk to the staff on duty and we will direct you to the right member of staff if we are unable to deal with your concerns or questions.



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### Moving Schools



Are you in Year 3-5, and are moving school and not intending to return to Whitehall Junior School?

If so, please email the Office to request a **leaver's form** for completion. Once your child has begun at their new school, we will contact them to handover relevant files and this will allow us to ensure that your child safely moves onto their new school.

### Year 6 SATs in May 2023



Our Year 6s will sit their SATs exams during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We strongly encourage all Year 6 parents to support their children with preparations for these end of KS2 tests.

Please note that there will not be a test on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May due to this being the King's Coronation Bank Holiday.

Date	Activity
Tuesday 9 May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 May 2023	Mathematics paper 3

### Parking Permits 2022-2023



Hillingdon has simplified the process of obtaining parking permits for parents needing to park locally on school runs. Once you have made your application online, the school will be asked to validate and authorise each application.

To find out how to obtain a parking permit, visit our website on:

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/parking-permits-2022/>

### Term Dates: 2022-2023



<b>School Term Dates 2022-2023</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Early Closure</b> Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 (Start of Easter Break) <b>Year 3 &amp; 4- 12:10pm dismissal</b> <b>Year 5 &amp; 6- 12:15pm dismissal</b>
<b>Summer Term 1</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023- Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Bank Holidays</b> (School closed to children) Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 <b>[King Charles' Coronation]</b>