



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 16th September 2022

Autumn Term: 1



Our children have shown wisdom, compassion and thoughtfulness as we mourn the sad loss of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We pay our heartfelt respects as we remember everything that she accomplished during her 70 years of service. As a school, we join the rest of the nation as we pause on Monday, the day of her State Funeral, as a mark of respect.

With our planned trip to Windsor Castle next week, our children will get the opportunity to see where Queen Elizabeth II once lived whilst learning more about our British history.

Welcome to WJS



Welcome to Whitehall Junior School, especially to new families joining us this year; to our returning families, welcome back!

Achievements

What an amazing start we have had! Your children have all been amazing and we have loved every second of these past two weeks demonstrating that they are **'READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE'**!

The behaviour of the children has been impeccable, despite huge excitement at returning to school and seeing their friends again. A special mention to our new Year 3s, other children joining us this academic year and parents for settling in well into new routines.

A huge thank you to the parents who have helped massively with their transition into school; the future of the school is in safe hands with this cohort of children and parents.

Thank you to those parents who have already introduced themselves to me at the school gate and I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming weeks.

Stay safe and stay well!!



Mrs Moloi,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead



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20 years of service



Congratulations to Mrs Huse, our SENDCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, who has served our school for 20 years since joining our 2002.



“Thank you for your many years of loyal service to our school, Mrs Huse.”

General

Updated Website



We are proud of our regularly updated website as a rich source of information. As parents, you can find information on how to support your child and also find key information such as our term dates, our policies and other information relevant to your child's year group.

Why not visit our website on:
www.whitehalljunior.org to find out more.

Update your contact details



We need to ensure that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please call on: 0189234071 or email the Office in on: whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org to update your contact details and to ensure that you do not miss out on any important correspondence.

Asthma updates



Autumn is here...

If your child has asthma and uses a preventative inhaler (**Beige/ Brown/Orange/ Red/ Purple/Pink**), please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** as we are heading towards the most challenging season for asthmatics.

It is imperative that any child currently on our asthmatics list be provided with the necessary inhalers for school usage. Contact Mrs Treanor, our Welfare Assistant, to check if your child's inhaler is still in date.

Secondary School Applications



If you are applying for a secondary school place for **September 2023**, please apply online. Information packs will be emailed out to our Year 6 parents on Monday. Closing date for applying is **Monday 31st October 2022**.



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Safety updates



Since reopening, we have been constantly reviewing our systems around the school as a way of keeping all children, staff, families, and local community safe.

Permission granted to Year 5 & 6 Pupils

Year 5 & 6 pupils are allowed to travel to and from school unaccompanied but do require written permission from their parents. Please email the school or send your child in with a note to authorise this new arrangement.

Morning Drop-Offs and Routines

Your child will enter the school every morning through the school gate located on **Whitehall Road**. The gate opens between 8.35am – 8.50am. Upon arrival, your child will be guided by our staff to walk sensibly to their classroom. The register will be taken at 8.50am. If you arrive at the school gate on Whitehall Road after 8.50am and find it is closed, your child is late and they will need to be taken to the school office to enter the school.

Only families who have children in both the Infant and Junior School can drop them off via the Cowley Road entrance. Year 5 & 6 pupils who access the bus stop may enter and exit that way too.

Wraparound Care: Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club: (7:30-8:30 at £3)

We are pleased to announce that we are continuing with our Breakfast Club as wraparound care for Junior children only. If you are interested in registering your child to this service, do call the Office or email us with your request.

Reporting absences



It is important that parents continue to report their child's absence by 9am daily. To report your child's absence, call us on: 01895234071.

Parking Permits 2022

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/>

Daily communication



We are mindful that we are not able to have the usual meaningful communications with parents on the playground anymore, especially at the start of the school day.

Should you wish to get a message to a teacher, feel free to write into your child's planner. For more urgent matters or to request to speak to the class teacher, please call the Office to arrange this. It is not always easy to get to talk to your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

Please be patient and if you urgently need to talk to the teacher at the end of the school day, you will have to wait until all children have dismissed. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Dealing with any questions or 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.

School uniform

"Think Smart, Dress Smart"



It has been pleasing to see how smart our pupils are looking, especially when they are wearing the correct school uniform.

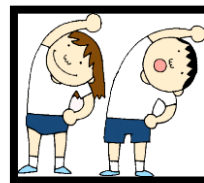
School jumpers/ cardigans: This is a special appeal for children to be provided with the school's own jumper (preferably with school logo) as this is the school's official school uniform. There are other schools in the area who also wear a similar styled uniform and by purchasing our branded uniforms, this gives us a further sense of identity and makes us unique.

We also have many donated good-conditioned uniform for any families requiring certain items of clothing. Do contact the school to arrange to pick up some uniform.

Black shoes only:

Thank you to those parents who have purchased your child a sturdy pair of black shoes over the summer break. There are a few children who have come into school wearing black and other coloured shoes/trainers with thick white soles as part of the uniform. These are not allowed unless for PE.

Wearing PE kit to school



PE Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 5 & 6S & 6W
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6D
Thursday	Year 3 & 4
Friday	Year 6S & 6W & 6D

Meet the Team: 2022-2023



Position	Member of staff
Headteacher	Mrs Moloï
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Upfield
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Costa
Year 3	
Year Leader/ Class 3D	Miss Brown
Class 3B	Miss Shaw
Class 3C	Miss Rosser
Class 3L	Mx Spacey-Mageean
Year 4	
Year Leader/ Class 4B	Mr Jones
Class 4L	Mr Keegel
Class 4T	Mr Gohil
Additional Teacher	Miss Lattimore
Year 5	
Year Leader/ Class 5P	Miss Mattera
Class 5E	Mrs Norman/ Miss Hyland
Class 5S	Miss Groves
Year 6	
Year Leaders	Miss Costa
Class 6W	Mrs Seymour/ Miss Costa
Class 6D	Mr Mitchell
Class 6S	Miss Treanor
Additional Teacher	Mrs Broderick