



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 21st March 2021

Spring Term: 4

Dear Families,



I hope that you are well, especially since our return to school, and that you are finding your feet again. As a school, we certainly are!

It has been wonderful to usher back almost all of our pupils and I wish to commend them on the brilliant manner in which they have settled back into school life. Whilst walking around the school, as Headteacher, I have been particularly proud of behaviour in general and the overall attitude to learning upon return. Our playgrounds have been largely filled with laughter, positive friendships and a general sense of happiness.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families joining us this term and hope that you have received a warm welcome from others within our community too.

As we officially usher in the start of a new season this weekend, let us use this opportunity to **'Welcome in Spring with new hopes and fresh beginnings'**. With the hope that the half-way point of the vaccine rollout now brings, let us continue to do our bit to bring about a happier, brighter future, for our families.

Stay safe and stay well!

Achievements

Attendance in March



I wish to congratulate all families on ensuring that your children attend school since our wider reopening on Tuesday 9th March 2021. We celebrate our attendance figure that now sits at **97%** for this month. This is impressive and I know that we are steadily moving towards the 100% marker. Keep it up!

Red Nose Day success



On **Friday 19th March**, we joined in with the nationwide drive to support the **Red Nose Day** charity event. With this year's theme being that of **'Superheroes'**, it was fantastic to see the effort that many staff and children had made in marking the day. All our superpowers were celebrated through the writing task that all pupils undertook that day.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the sale of red noses and for also sending in such generous donations which are currently being counted. We will share the total amount raised and some of the written pieces in our next newsletter.



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Our Windows' Project



Whilst we were in lockdown, alongside running our special provision, our school has managed to complete the replacement of windows to all rooms on the Riverside end of our school, along Cowley Road.

This has taken years of planning and allocating of capital within our budget to facilitate this huge project. With the support of our Governors, we have finally managed to upgrade our windows, whilst keeping the unique features of our school. When next walking along the front of our school, do look out for our new, gleaming windows.

General

Uniforms



As a school, and as many of us have children of school-going age, we fully understand the difficulty in sourcing certain items of clothing and uniform during these periods of restriction. Thank you to those parents who have kindly sent in generous donations of good condition uniform and shoes. Where possible, we have already been able to share some of these with children needing to replace uniform at this time. We ask that families continue to maintain open conversations with us and that you continue to send your children in looking clean and smart daily.

Last day of term



As we prepare to close for the Easter break on **Wednesday 31st March 2021**, this is just to remind you that our school will be closing at 12:30pm. To facilitate this, there will not be a lunch sitting that day, but all FSM pupils will receive a grab bag to take home with them instead.

Year-group dismissal that day will be as follows:

Year 3- 12:10-12:15

Year 4- 12:15-12:20

Year 5- 12:20-12:25

Year 6- 12:25-12:30

Parent-Teacher Consultations



Annually, we usually hold two face-to-face meetings with our parents in the Autumn and Spring Terms, to discuss how well your child is progressing.

This term, given the current situation, we will continue with remote meetings and will conduct our next parent-teacher meetings via **Google Classrooms**, unless a telephone call has been requested instead.

Other than the Year 4L meetings that have been set for before the Easter break, all others will take place after Easter. Invitations have been sent out to you via our T2P online booking system. Should you not have received this or have not booked, do contact the Office for further assistance.



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It is crucial that we can discuss with you, ways in which we can help your child progress in readiness for the move into the next year group.

Meet the Team: 2020-2021

For those families who have joined us this term, it may be helpful for you to have a general introduction to our teachers. I will endeavour to introduce you to wider members of staff in future newsletters.



Position	Member of staff
Headteacher	Mrs Moloï
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Upfield
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Costa
Year 3	
Year Leader/ Class 3D	Mr Mitchell
Class 3B	Miss Shaw
Class 3L	Mrs Perez
Additional Yr 3 Teacher	Mrs Broderick
Year 4	
Year Leader/ Class 4B	Mr Jones
Class 4L	Mrs Dowlut & Mrs Brooks
Class 4T	Mr Gohil
Year 5	
Year Leader/ Class 5P	Miss Costa & Miss Lattimore
Year Leader/ Class 5O	Miss Brown
Class 5S	Mrs Azeem
Class 5E	Miss Lusher
Year 6	
Year Leaders/ Class 6W	Mrs Norman & Mrs Kelly
Class 6D	Miss Mattera
Class 6T	Miss Hyland

Reporting Absences



With attendance now being compulsory, with the exception of those having to shield, it remains important for parents to report a child's absence. To report your child being unwell, please call the school on: 01895234071.

In the event of your family needing to have a COVID-19 test done, during a period of self-isolation, it is important that you notify us of the result of the test. This will enable us to take the necessary action and prevent a possible spread of the virus within our school community.

Please see the COVID-19 Self-Isolation guidance on our website:
<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/september-school-reopening/>

Free School Meals



Free school meal VOUCHERS

Should your family circumstances have changed, and should you wish to check if you are perhaps entitled to FSM now, please email the school on:
whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org.

You will need to provide the following details, so your application can be assessed:

- your National Insurance number / NASS number (can be found on your benefit letters)
- your date of birth
- your surname
- your full address
- your child(ren)'s details



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Please note that the school does not determine the criteria for Free School Meals as this is set by the Government.

Farewell Mrs Mazumder



Mrs Mazumder, a Year 4 teacher, will soon be going off on maternity leave. It is always a great sense of anticipation and excitement when we prepare to welcome yet another baby into the Whitehall Junior family. Please join me in wishing the Mazumder family everything of the best as they await the safe arrival of the newest addition to the family.

To continue supporting Class 4L, alongside Mrs Brooks, Mrs Dowlut (who herself more recently returned from her maternity leave), will be joining the Year 4 team for the remainder of the academic year.

Our Safeguarding Corner



In collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service and our Hillingdon Safeguarding Team, our school is actively involved in a project known as **Operation Encompass**. Operation Encompass will send a notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day, allowing to offer support to any families needing assistance.

Term Dates



<u>School Term Dates 2020-2021</u>
<u>Spring Term 4</u>
Tuesday 09 th March 2021 - Wednesday 31 st March 2021 (Early closure: 12:30pm only on the last day of term)
<u>Summer Term 5</u>
Monday 19 th April 2021 - Thursday 27 th May 2021 (Staff Training Day: Friday 28th May 2021 - school closed to pupils)
<u>Summer Term 6</u>
Monday 7 th June 2021 - Friday 23 rd July 2021 (Staff Training Day: Friday 2nd July 2021 - school closed to pupils)
Last day of academic year Friday 23 rd July 2021 (Early closure: 12:30pm only on the last day of term)

The school term dates have now been set for **2021-2022**. These will be sent out to families within the week and will also be shared on the website.

Local Activities for children

Age Groups	Start	Finish
U9s - U12s	12 pm	1:30 pm
U13 - U15s	2 pm	3:30 pm
U17 - U19s	4 pm	5:30 pm

Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time, bring a bat if you have one, water, & sanitizer. Cost £10 this will be deducted from membership fees if you join. Any questions please contact dwalkeruxbridgecricket@outlook.com

Uxbridge Cricket Club, Gating Way, Park Road, Uxbridge, UB8 3HR

Uxbridge Cricket Club is hosting a player registration and practice day for boys and girls between the ages of 7 - 17 interested in playing cricket this summer.



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Parking in Cotswold Close



The Local authority has recently contacted me as they have received complaints from local residents about the inconsiderate manner in which a few parents are parking and driving within our local streets. Please remember that Cotswold Close is a private road and you are not permitted to park there. As per our reopening plans, we encourage families to park off considerably and to walk the rest of the way. If you must drive, you can obtain a permit from the Local Authority (for a small charge) that allows you to park your car in roads surrounding the school during drop-off and pick-up time. Please support us with ensuring that our wider community is not adversely affected by the actions of our Whitehall families.

Easter Camp: Hillingdon

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6th -16th April 2021

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ACTIVITIES

- Multi-Sports
- Football
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Talent Shows
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ACTIVITIES

CLUB ENERGY

Our Ofsted-registered multi activity club is designed for children of all interests and combines a mix of indoor & outdoor team games, adventurous challenges and creative projects which will keep your children active, engaged and excited during the holidays! Activities are tailored to specific age groups and our caring team ensure that children are having fun and getting involved at all times.

Our programme will include a mix of fun favourites and our themed challenges, designed to develop relationships and problem-solving skills!

EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Full timetable online

4-7 YEAR OLDS	8-12 YEAR OLDS
Crazy Cricket	Solo Challenge: Evens not Odds
Banana Tag	Design a Board Game
Solo Challenge: All About the Balance	Capture The Flag

OUR CLUBS ARE COVID-19 SECURE

The health and safety of your children is paramount to us. We have developed a set of robust procedures so that you can rest assured your children are in safe hands.

For more information, visit our website or get in touch.

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