



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 18th September 2020

Autumn Term: 1

Step-Up September



A warm welcome back to all of our families returning and to those new families joining us this academic year. It has a long period away from school due to the current situation and it has been fantastic to open our doors to all of the excited children in our care.

As educators, we have already begun to have a positive first few weeks of this term and we continue to draw strength from all of you within our community. I have really appreciated the positive messages and constructive feedback given by parents to me whilst on duty; all going a long way to ensuring that our children settle in well,

Despite having missed out on 14 weeks of explicit schooling, our children have shown such **RESILIENCE** and are now gradually getting back into the swing of things.

The Year 3s have made an impressive start and parents, you must be commended for ensuring that your children are so smartly dressed in the correct school uniform each day. Many already appear confident and are demonstrating a brilliant attitude to learning.

Let us enjoy the sunshine that it promised us this weekend.

Achievements

Step-Up September



Time for us all to **RE-ESTABLISH** ourselves and our routines, build new or build upon old **RELATIONSHIPS** within our community and **RECONNECT** with each other and the wider world!

This term, we are working alongside our pupils to help them to get back on track, whilst identifying how we can close the gaps in their learning.

As we strongly believe in the holistic development of our children, we are particularly focusing on their 'wellbeing' and we believe that our '**Step-Up September**' initiative will contribute greatly to the recovery of our learners.

Our children have begun exploring their '**emotions**' through the movie, **Inside Out**. Ask your child about the work that they have done so far based on this amazing movie.

Throughout the next few weeks, we will also be sensitively conducting assessment tasks which will help us to plan the necessary ways in which we can support the catch-up or acceleration of each pupil.

General

Parent-Teacher Consultations



Annually, we usually hold two face-to-face meetings with our parents in the Autumn and



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Spring Terms, to discuss how well your child is progressing.

This term, given the current situation, we will facilitate these via telephone calls instead, allowing you and your child's teacher to discuss how your child is settling into their new class.

These are scheduled for the week of **12th October 2020** and invitations will be sent out shortly to you via our T2P online booking system.

[Update your contact details](#)



Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please call the Office next week or email 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.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team

[Secondary School Applications](#)



If you are applying for a secondary school place for **September 2021**, please apply online. Information packs were emailed out to our Year 6 parents last week. Closing date for applying is Saturday **31st October 2020**.

[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.

Dismissal updates: Thank you to all parents who already supported us with our new systems on Friday. Please ensure that you familiarise yourselves with the slight amendments made to our collection of Junior pupils each day.

Parking safely in the area: As per my letter sent out earlier in the week, I do remind families to ensure that you allow yourselves enough time to park safely in a designated parking bay. It is important that you do not double park on our already narrow streets, leave your car idling whilst leaving your car unattended and that you do not perform dangerous U-turns outside of the school gates. Parents and children are often crossing.



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Social distancing: Whilst waiting for the gates to open, please respect the next person's personal space by maintaining a safe distance. Whilst wearing of face masks outside school gates is not mandatory, you may choose to wear one at busier times.

Courteous behaviour outside our school:



Last week, I received reports from parents about an adult from within our school community displaying a lack of tolerance towards another along Whitehall Road. This, I am told, resulted in an altercation between parents; a matter now being addressed by the police. I am disappointed to hear of such behaviour within our school community and would hate for such to be witnessed by our own children.

Breakfast Club has begun



We are pleased to announce that we have been able to safely resume our breakfast club for Junior children only, in our dinner hall, as of 14th September 2020. If you are interested in registering your child to this service run from 7:30-8:30am, do call the Office or email us with your request.

After-School Club



At present, due to logistics around conducting thorough cleaning each

afternoon, we are still trying to work out how we can safely offer our after-school service. We do not intend resuming any of our extra-curricular clubs for a while, especially as we continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19. We will notify you once we feel that we are in a position to run these.

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 (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.

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. **These are not allowed.**

Wearing PE kit to school



To minimise on the unnecessary changing into PE kit at school, children are to wear their PE kit to school instead on the two allocated days at follows:



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PE Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 3 & 4
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	Year 3 (Not Class 3 B)
Thursday	Year 3B only, Year 4 & 6
Friday	Year 5

Wet Weather Conditions



Waterproof jackets- With the rainy weather possibly returning this week, please ensure that your child has a weatherproof coat/ jacket each day. The handy foldaway rain jackets are great to have in the bag for the unpredictable weather.

Wellies/ Old pair of trainers- As we will be continuing to access the field throughout the Autumn Term, you may wish to send your child into school wearing wellies or an old pair of trainers. Once in the cloakroom, children can change into their school shoes and can be dry for the day.

Labelling uniform



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 for easy identification. Any unclaimed items of clothing will be placed in the 'red, lost property box' in the playground. Let's teach our children to be responsible from an early age.

Term Dates



<u>School Term Dates 2020-2021</u>
Autumn Term 1
Friday 4 th September 2020- Friday 23 rd October 2020 (Normal dismissal)
Autumn Term 2
Monday 02 nd November 2020- Friday 18 th December 2020 (Early closure: 12:30pm)

Meet the Team: 2020-2021



Position	Member of staff
Headteacher	Mrs Mloi
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Upfield
Assistant Headteacher	Miss Costa
Year 3	
Year Leader/ Class 3D	Mr Mitchell
Class 3B	Miss Shaw
Class 3L	Mrs Perez
Year 4	
Year Leader/ Class 4B	Mr Jones
Class 4L	Mrs Mazumder & 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