



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter: Edition 2

Autumn Term: 2

Welcome to WJS

Ready

Respectful

Safe

November has ended on a high note marked by the excitement of our Christmas Market. Staff and parents alike often comment on how it is one of the festive highlights that it was wonderful to see so many of you supporting us that afternoon.

I am delighted to announce that we raised **£1,608.88** that afternoon, all of which will go towards enrichment activities for our children. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me!

Whilst treated as a big part of our Enterprise Week, it would not be possible without our parent volunteers who helped set up on clear away, who ran stalls, and those of you who gave so generously to your child's year group through donations.

A special thank you to all of our staff who stayed behind as a mark of solidarity, ensuring the smooth-running of the event.

With so many festivities taking place here at school for all year groups, make sure that you visit our calendar on our website to find out more: www.whitehalljunior.org. Calendar can be found on our NEWS & EVENTS tab.

I certainly look forward to seeing as many of you as we can in the coming weeks at the various Carol Concerts being hosted by all year groups. Don't miss out!

Yours in education,

Mrs Moloj,

Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

CHILDREN in NEED



Thank you so much for your amazing support and donations during our **Children in Need** appeal. We have raised an incredible...

£225





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General

DARK NIGHTS SAFETY ADVICE

As the darkness descends as early as 16:30pm, it is dark when some children are walking home from school and playing out in the evening. Here are some safety tips for you to share with your children:-

- If possible, walk with a friend or group of friends.
- Stay alert – keep an eye on everything that is happening around you.
- Avoid wearing earphones or chatting on your mobile phone, as this will distract you from your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts – if you have a 'funny feeling' about someone or something, don't ignore it, act on it straight away.
- Take the route you know best and stick to busy, well-lit streets.
- Walk in the middle of the pavement, facing oncoming traffic. This will avoid any cars driving up alongside you as you walk.
- Think about your route home. Where would be a safe place to go if something went wrong? Safe places might be busy places like shops or garages, friends' houses or a police station.
- Have your keys ready as you approach your home so you can get inside quickly.

Festive Friday: Christmas Jumper Day



In the spirit of togetherness and to add to the Christmas cheer, we will once again be wearing our Christmas Jumpers or anything else festive, this year.

Therefore, on **Friday 13th December 2024**, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper or any festive colours or **red, green, gold** (or even with some wonderful tinsel).

Friday 13th Dec 2024- Christmas Dinner Day



Wellbeing Matters

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**.

On our automated system, press on ABSENCES to give a reason for your child missing school that day. Please ensure that you give us your child's name, class and reason for absence when leaving a message.

For any child without a reason for being absent, we will send out a message to parents asking you to contact us to explain your child's absence. Any unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.



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Optional Flu Immunisation on 16th Dec



As part of our annual NHS commitment to tackling colds and flus, our local immunisation team will be in again on **Monday 16th December 2024** to administer the nasal flu immunisation.

This FREE service is offered to all junior-aged children and further information has already been sent out to families. Only children for which consent has been granted will receive the flu immunisation- **it is optional**.

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,
The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://nhs.uk/schoolvaccination/uk/flu/2024/hillingdon>
Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- ✓ It's painless, quick and effective
- ✓ It's free
- ✓ The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu

THE IM FLU VACCINE

We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,
Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK

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Vaccination UK
Hillingdon
Immunisation Team
Contact Details
hillingdon@v-uk.co.uk
0208 150 1220
WORKING ON BEHALF OF
NHS England

USEFUL INFO

✓ We try to come to your child's school where, if they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

✗ **PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.

✓ Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS

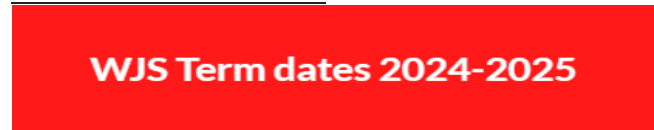
www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal/flu
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk

This only applies to children currently within an Infant School or those wishing to apply for a Year 3 place within a junior school for September 2025.

Applications should be made online at: [Applying for a junior school - Hillingdon Council](#)

Term Dates: 2024-2025



Why not click the link to see all the term dates for 24-25, allowing you to book your family holidays outside of school times.

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=58>

School Terms and Holidays September 2024- July 2025 Whitehall Junior School	
AUTUMN TERM - 2024	
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 2nd September 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Term starts for the children	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 28th October- Fri 01st November 2024
Term starts for the children	Monday 04th November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20th December 2024
SPRING TERM - 2025	
Term starts for the children	Monday 6th January 2025
Term Ends	Thursday 13th February 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Friday 14th February 2025
Half Term Holiday	Mon 17th- Fri 21st February 2025
Term starts for the children	Monday 24th February 2025
Term Ends	Friday 4th April 2025
SUMMER TERM - 2025	
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 5th May 2025
Term ends for the children	Friday 23rd May 2025
Half Term Holiday	Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May 2025
Term starts for the children	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term Ends	Friday 18th July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 21st July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Starting Junior School in Sep 2025

Applying for Junior School



For children due to start junior school in September 2025, you must apply for a junior school place by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Please note that our term dates for **25-26** are already also available on our website for perusal. This will hopefully help you to plan holidays ahead of time, to avoid taking time off during term time.