



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 8

Summer Term: 5

Welcome to WJS



Dear Families,

As we race towards the end of yet another jam-packed year, I do hope that you remain well. It appears to have been busier than normal but being kept busy is not always a bad thing.

From this newsletter, you will see that our school remains vibrant and alive, and that there is also much to look forward to next term. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome any new families joining us this term. To our long-standing families, I urge you to keep an eye out for any new faces on the field and ask that you extend a friendly 'Whitehall Junior School welcome'.

The term ended on a high note as the first of our Year 3s, Bees' Class, treated their parents to a great assembly to showcase their learning. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance and a few bobbing to Bob Marley's, 'Three Little Birds' song being sung by the class.

With lovelier weather on the way, let's hope that the sunshine lifts our spirits, whilst keeping us going for the final 7 weeks that lie ahead of us.

Remember that the summer uniform of red and white gingham dresses, or grey school shorts with a white polo short can be worn after the break. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in education,

Mrs Moloji,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

SATs Successfully Completed



Our brave Year 6s successfully sat their SATs exams mid-May and did so with great calmness. Despite the tough few years which we have all encountered, they demonstrated great resilience throughout.

They then all earned the 'privilege' of attending, either the Cardfields' 5-day residential or the London-based Whitehall Activity Week.

Thank you to our amazing staff for preparing our children for SATs and for leading both activity weeks with such enthusiasm.

General

Attendance



Attendance is compulsory until **Thursday 20th July 2023** and will be tracked until the end of academic year. There is a full programme organised until the last day of term.

Punctuality



We have several children **regularly** arriving late to school. Please make sure that you leave for school in plenty of time to arrive before the back gate closes. The gate opens



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at 8:35 and all children need to be in by 8:50 when the gate closes. As the register officially closes at 9am, anyone arriving after this time is deemed late.

Please note that if you arrive after the register closes, but before 9.30, this is deemed late. If you arrive after 9.30am, this is deemed an 'absence' for the morning session. Persistent absences and lateness are referred to the Participation Team.

Late Collections from Clubs



As a school, we are fortunate to offer you a wide variety of clubs after school. All clubs finish at 4:15pm, whether run by our own staff or external providers. I cannot stress more, the importance of being punctual to collect your child as the staff also have to safely make their way home thereafter.

Should you be running late, on the odd occasion, please call the office on: **01895 234 071** to let us know. If late on **2 occasions**, your child will not be allowed to attend that club further. Thank you for your co-operation.

Welcome back, Mrs Perez!



Mrs Perez, one of our teachers will be returning from her maternity leave after the half-term break. Let's give her a warm welcome back to the Whitehall Junior family.

Classes next year



After the May half-term break, we will be looking at the classes for next year. As in previous years, the classes may well be mixed to bring about a better balance. If you have particular concerns regarding friendship groups then please do let the school know by emailing: office@whitehalljunior.org

All children to receive Free School Meals



All primary-aged children in London will be offered FREE hot dinners during the next academic year. If you are already entitled to Free School Meals, your entitlement remains unaffected. For those not currently eligible, do ensure that you complete the survey to help us plan our catering for greater number in September 2023.

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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.



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

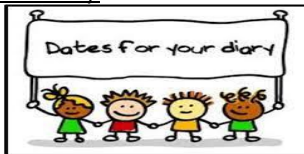
Moving Schools



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.

Dates for the Diary



Tues 20.06.23 Class 6D & 6S	Year 6 Trip to Denham Country Park River Studies
Wed 21.06.23 Class 6W	Year 6 Trip to Denham Country Park River Studies
W/B 26.06.23	Health & Fitness Week begins
Mon 26.06.23	Sports Day & Whole-School picnic (Parents invited)
Fri 30.06.23	3:30pm-5:30pm WJS & WIS Summer Fair
Mon 03.07.23	Staff Training Day- no children
Tues 04.07.23	Year 6 Transition Day
Mon 10.07.23	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Beale Park
Tues 11.07.23	1:45pm Year 6 Production to parents
Wed 12.07.23	9:30am Year 6 Production to parents
Wed 12.07.23	4:00pm Year 6 Production to parents
Thurs 13.07.23	2:00pm-4:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thurs 20.07.23	Last day of year- 12:30pm closure
Fri 21.07.23	Staff Training Day- no children

Health & Fitness Week



We will be holding our **Health & Fitness Week** during the week of 26th June 2023.

I am pleased to announce that parents are welcome to join us for our **Sports Day** which will be held on **Monday 26th June 2023**. This may well also see the return of parents races and perhaps, our parent vs. teacher tug-of-war event.

At present, weather-permitting, it is hoped that we can enjoy **year-group family picnics** after the events that day. Please save the date in your diaries.

Class Assemblies



Upcoming Friday Assemblies (9am start in Hall)	
Friday 09 th June	Class 3 Dragonflies
Friday 16 th June	Class 3 Ladybirds
Friday 23 rd June	Class 3 Caterpillars

Term Dates: 2022-2023



<u>School Term Dates 2022-2023</u>
<u>Summer Term 2</u>
Monday 05 th June 2023- Thursday 20 th July 2023
Early Closure: Last day of the year (12:30pm) Thursday 20th July
Training Day (School Closed to children) Friday 21st July 2023