



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 7

Spring Term: 4

Welcome to WJS



Dear Families,

I hope that you are well and that you are beginning to enjoy the brighter days. With our Spring Term now fully underway, we generally find that our pupils make accelerated progress in their learning and draw closer to fully achieving their age-related expectations.

As our Year 6s prepare themselves for their SATs exams set to take place in May 2023, we know that they are now knuckling down as the staff put them through their paces. In January, their parents will already have had an update on the progress their children are making.

The Parent-Teacher conferences for our Year 3-5 children will take place in the week beginning **20th March 2023**. Further information will come out to you soon.

Attendance and punctuality remains crucial so we continue to monitor this closely. Therefore, it is important for children to arrive on time, allowing them to make the necessary progress, both academically and socially.

Families are also reminded to book holidays within the school breaks and not during term time as this impacts on your child's learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in education,

Mrs Moloji,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

Stars of the Week!



VIAM success
26-strong choir at OVO Wembley Arena

General

Regional Teacher Strike Day 2





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A letter was sent out on Friday 24th February advising on the strike action taking place **on Thursday 2nd March 2023**. After doing a risk assessment, I can confirm that the only classes needing to close that day are: **Class 3L, 3C and 4L**. The school will operate as normal for all other classes.

Welcome back, Mrs Azeem!



Last week we welcomed back Mrs Azeem, previously a Year 6 teacher, who returned from a year-long maternity leave. Let's give her a warm welcome back to the Whitehall Junior family.

Visit our school's website



Have you visited our school's website recently?

To find out more about what is going on each term in your child's year group, why not visit the pages below:

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-3/>

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-4/>

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-5/>

<https://www.whitehalljunior.org/year-6/>

Ordering of school dinners



Parents and carers are reminded to order your child's meals by midnight daily. EduSpot

has already been set up for the term so you can book all meals in advance.

Failure to do so will lead to you being requested to drop off a packed lunch for your child instead.

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.

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

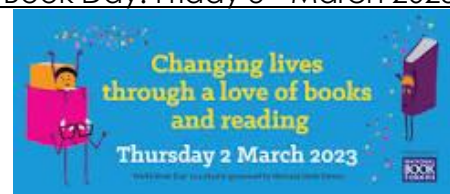
Late arrivals in the morning



Increasing numbers of children have been arriving late over the last few weeks. Whilst I appreciate the odd traffic jam or bus being delayed, we have noticed that some children are **consistently late, often unaccompanied**, impacting on their first session of learning.

Arriving on time allows your child a smoother start to the school day.

World Book Day: Friday 3rd March 2023





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Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023**. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character that day. A letter has come out to you explaining more.

Year 3 & 4 Pedestrian Training



Our Year 3 and 4 classes participated in pedestrian training led by officials from the London Borough of Hillingdon. The training focused on promoting and encouraging road safety including active and sustainable travel. During the training, children reflected on the dangers of oncoming traffic along with understanding and dealing with hazards. Children were also encouraged to use designated pedestrian crossing at all times.

Safeguarding Information: Operation Encompass



As safeguarding of our children remains a priority, we continue to engage with Operation Encompass, a Hillingdon project, that runs jointly between our school and the Metropolitan Police Service.

Operation Encompass will send a notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been

exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed, to ensure that the wellbeing of the child is supported more closely as a result of this. We believe that this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Dealing with any 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.

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.

Safety while accessing the school site





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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/>

Class Assemblies



Upcoming Friday Assemblies (9am start in Hall)

Friday 05 th May	Class 3 Dragonflies
Friday 19 th May	Class 3 Bees
Friday 09 th June	Class 3 Ladybirds
Friday 23 rd June	Class 3 Caterpillars

Term Dates: 2022-2023



School Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2

Monday 20th February 2023-
Friday 31st March 2023

Early Closure

Friday 31st March 2023
(Start of Easter Break)

Year 3 & 4- 12:10pm dismissal

Year 5 & 6- 12:15pm dismissal

Summer Term 1

Monday 17th April 2023-
Friday 26th May 2023

Bank Holidays

(School closed to children)

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

[King Charles' Coronation]