



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 31st December 2022

Autumn Term: 2

Welcome to WJS



Dear Families,

As we draw near to the end of a well-deserved holiday, I do hope that your Christmas was a good one. Whether you believe in its meaning or not, it is a wonderful time for families and friends to come together in joy and peace.

After such an eventful end of term, and end of yet another calendar year, we now look to make more exciting plans for our reopening on **Tuesday 03rd January 2023**.



Enjoy the rest of the festive season with your children and we look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

Yours in education,
Mrs Moloi,
Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead

Achievements

Successful Christmas Market!

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Market on Friday 2nd December 2022. It was a resounding success! Thanks to our combined efforts, we managed to raise **£1,418**.

As this was a challenge to see which year group would generate the greatest profit from the funds given them, we are pleased to announce each year group's takings:

- 1st place-** Year 3 (£179.76)
- 2nd place-** Year 6 (£167.64)
- 3rd place-** Year 4 (£133.75)
- 4th place-** Year 5 (£49.38)

The proceeds will go towards affording all year groups additional enrichment activities in 2023.

Recognition Time for Golden Ticket Winners!



Congratulations to this term's '**Golden Ticket Winners**'. They enjoyed recognition time with me at the Headteacher's Tea Party on the last day of term. May you continue to aspire to be '**Ready, Respectful, Safe**'.



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Christmas Jumper Day Collection



Thank you to all who so generously donated to yet another worthy charity this term. We raised **£186** which will go towards Save the Children funds.

General

Thank you, Parents!



On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for your many Christmas wishes, cards, gifts and treats. Whilst it is not expected, it is hugely appreciated by all.

Whitehall Winter Wonderland Production



Due to concerns about levels of winter and Strep A infections, we decided to postpone our Year 4 production in December.

Instead, this will now take place on the following days:

Wed 11th January 23- 1:45pm

Thurs 12th January 23- 9:30am & 4pm

Tickets previously purchased for December remain valid. For further ticket bookings, go onto: EduSpot (£2 per ticket)

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.**

Contacting parents in an emergency



To ensure that we are able to reach parents by telephone in an emergency situation, we are asking that each family provides us with **more than one telephone number or names of people** to contact if you are not available.

Do contact the Office with additional numbers, if needed. Thank you.

Applying for Junior School



For children due to start Junior School in September 2023, you must apply for a junior school place by **Sunday 15th January 2023.**

This only applies to children currently within an Infant School or those wishing to apply for a Year 3 place for September 2023.

Applications should be made online at:
<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>



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Useful Email Addresses



To contact our **main school office**, email us on our new email address:
office@whitehalljunior.org

For safeguarding matters, email us on:
safeguarding@whitehalljunior.org

Should you wish to **get in touch with your child's teacher** to discuss work being covered in the year group or to query something, you can contact them directly on:

- Year 3- year3@whitehalljunior.org
- Year 4- year4@whitehalljunior.org
- Year 5- year5@whitehalljunior.org
- Year 6- year6@whitehalljunior.org

Office Opening Hours



To ensure the smooth-running of the school day and the school's systems, the office opening hours are as follows: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Calling the school outside of these hours:

Please be aware that the telephones are often unmanned outside of these office hours. Kindly leave a message, if necessary, and we will attempt to contact you at our earliest possible convenience.

Term Dates: 2022-2023



School Term Dates 2022-2023
Spring Term 1
Tuesday 03 rd January 2023- Thursday 09 th February 2023
Training Day Friday 10 th February 2023 (School closed to children)

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 11th January 2023 Year 4 Production (1:45pm) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
Thursday 12th January 2023 Year 4 Production (9:30am) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
Thursday 12th January 2023 Year 4 Production (4:00pm) £2 per ticket purchased via EduSpot
Friday 20th January 2023 Class Assembly Yr 5S (parents welcome)
Mon 23rd Jan-Fri 27th Jan 2023 ONLY Year 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings Invites will come out to you upon reopening to discuss ways in which you can support your child for SATs in May 23.

Family Support in Hillingdon

<https://hillingdonsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/useful-resources/links/>

Further resources
You can raise awareness and improve safeguarding practice by sharing useful information with community members, service users and other professionals.

 Winter Wellness Directory includes many resources, including information about warm spaces	 NICE guidance about ways to prevent winter deaths and illnesses associated with cold homes	 Support with cost of living - Schemes and programmes for households in Hillingdon
 Advice and support when a person's only option is sleeping outside, connects rough sleepers with appropriate services	 Recognising and responding to domestic violence and abuse	 Gaining access and engaging with an adult suspected to be at risk of neglect or abuse
 Practitioner Briefing about financial and material abuse	 NSPCC Learning - Guidance about protecting children from neglect	 Carers Trust Hillingdon - Support for unpaid carers living or caring in Hillingdon
	 Programmes for 8 to 24-year-olds who may benefit from additional targeted support and positive activities	



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