



Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter May 2022

Summer Term: 5



Dear Families,

As we race towards the end of yet another jam-packed term, 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, especially any who have joined us from Ukraine. 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'.

To join the rest of the nation in marking the Queen's 70-year reign over the coming weeks, we will be enjoying our own festivities later on in the week. Do enjoy the sunshine this weekend and let's hope that it gets better over the May half-term break.

Stay safe and stay well!

Mrs Moloi, Headteacher

Achievements

Sporting Commendations



Last term, Christie, a Year 6 pupil, participated in a tough 2000m course in a cross-country competition at Vyners' playing fields. She must be congratulated for being awarded a silver medal for having come second place from amongst a large group of primary-aged runners; what a tremendous achievement!

"We look forward to seeing you in the London Marathon or at other international events, Christie!"

SATs Successfully Completed



Our brave Year 6s successfully sat their SATs exams about two weeks ago 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. To see what our Year 6s have been up to this week, visit our website on: <https://www.whitehalljunior.org/stream/news/full/1/-//>



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General

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 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 latenesses 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 off 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.

Class Photographs this week



On **Tuesday 24th May 2022**, our Kittle photographers will be in to photograph all class units. As always, we expect that our children are wearing smart school uniform and the correct black school shoes. Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase these pictures. There will also be the opportunity on this day for pupils who missed the individual photographs earlier in the year to have their photographs taken too.

Our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



As a school, we will be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations this week through a variety of activities. Through some learning activities, our children will look at Queen Elizabeth II's 70-year reign and how this contributes to our lives in Britain.

Red, White & Blue Day: **Thurs 26th May 2022**



On **Thursday 26th May 2022**, all children and staff are encouraged to come into school wearing something red, white or blue, or fancy party dresses and suits, to mark this



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momentous occasion. The highlight of the day will be our celebratory Jubilee Picnic that will take place after lunch that day. All the party food will be provided by the school.

Extra Bank Holiday Closure



As you should already be aware, the school will be closed as an additional bank holiday given to schools on **Friday 27th May 2022**.

May Half-Term Break

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This will mark the start of our May half-term break that will follow from 30th May-3rd June 2022. The school will reopen for all on **Monday 6th June 2022**.

Maternity Leave Announcements



Two of our Year 4 teachers, Mrs Perez and Ms Guernieri, will be going off on maternity leave this month.

Please join me in wishing them the very best as they eagerly await the arrival of their beautiful babies. We can certainly say that our WJS family is expanding steadily.

Health & Fitness Week



We will be holding our **Health & Fitness Week** during the week of 27th June 2022.

I am pleased to announce that we will be welcoming our parents back to join us for our **Sports Day** which will be held on **Monday 27th June 2022**. This may well also see the return of parents races and perhaps, our parent vs. teacher tug-of-war event.

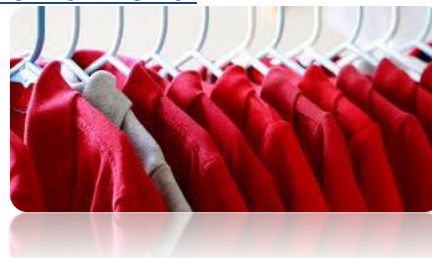
At present, weather-permitting, it is hoped that we can enjoy year-group family picnics after the events that day. Please save the date in your diaries.

General reminders: Summer Playtimes



On hot days, please make sure that sun cream is applied to children at home and that sun hats are sent into school. Any children suffering from hay fever will need to have their medication before coming to school as they will be playing on the school field or on the lower playgrounds, weather permitting.

School Uniform Offer



We are fortunate to always have families offering us donations of clean school uniform in an excellent condition. Given the rise in the cost of living and being so close to the



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end of the year, we are urging any families who require school uniform to get in touch.

We currently have a number of gingham summer dresses for Year 3 or 4 pupils and other items of uniform for that age-group too. To find out how to access this uniform, contact the school or send your child in with note. We will then package it and send it home with your child. We are here to help where we can!

Labelling uniform



Especially now that the weather is becoming 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.

Wraparound Care

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Our school continues to offer a Wraparound Care service, run by our own school staff, for families who require it. The details are as follows:

Breakfast Club: (7:30-8:30 at £3 includes a light breakfast)

****For Junior School pupils only****



After-School Provision: 3:15-5:15 (Mon-Thu ONLY) £5 per hour includes a light snack

****Open to all Junior School pupils and for siblings in as young as Yr1****

Term Dates



School Term Dates 2021-2022

Summer Term 5

Tuesday 19th April 2022-
Thursday 26th May 2022
(May Bank Holiday- school closed:
Monday 2nd May 2022)

Summer Term 6

Monday 06th June 2022-
Thursday 21st July 2022
(Last day of academic year- 12:30pm
early closure)

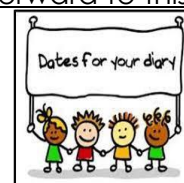
****Training Days****

Monday 04th July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Events to look forward to this term:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
24 th May	Class Photographs
26 th May	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
27 th May	School's Jubilee Bank Holiday
08 th June	Year 3 & 4 trip to Beale Park
09 th June	Year 5 & 6 District Tag Rugby Comp.
27 th June	Sports Day- parents invited
27 Jun-1 st Jul	Health & Fitness Week
4 th July	Staff Training Day- no children
5 th July	Year 6 Transition Day
13 th July	Year 6 Production- 1:45pm
14 th July	Year 6 Production- 9:30am
14 th July	Year 6 Production- 4pm
15 th July	Yr 6 Leavers' Party & BBQ (1-4pm)
21 st July	Last day of year- 12:30pm closure