

Newsletter



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Welcome to Whitehall Nursery and Infant School newsletter!!

We have come to the end of another term and hopefully you are looking forward to the Easter break. What ever your plans—ENJOY !!!

In this newsletter I have been asked to remind our parents/cares of the general expectations of the families who attend our school. If you are experiencing any particular difficulty in any of these areas, please let me know and I will do my best to support/advise.

Mrs Ware: Parent Support Advisor

Time keeping and attendance

Time keeping is very important for a good start to your child's day. This allows them to come into school with their friends and be ready to learn. When a child is late it can be upsetting for them arriving and not knowing what is expected of them. It also disrupts the rest of the class and the teacher.

The table alongside high lights how much learning time can be lost with persistent lateness over the academic year. As you can see this really mounts up!! School gates will open for Reception and main school at 8.20am. By doing this children are given the opportunity to have a few minutes to chat with their friends on the playground before the start of their day. Year 1 and 2 parents/carers can inform staff on the gate that they have brought their child onto the playground if they need to leave before 8.30am.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost



We would like to remind parents/carers that school closes at 3.30pm. Gates open at 3.20 for parent/carers to enter the playground. Parents/carers must be ready to collect their child by 3.30 unless they are attending 'after school' activities which finishes at 4.20pm. Parent/carers must contact the school office if they are going to be late or if someone else is collecting on your behalf. Remember to share your password with your nominated adult!! This also allows us the opportunity to reassure your child someone is on the way to collect them. Parents/carers are advised that should a child not be collected by 4pm and where no contact with the parent/carer can be made that School have a duty of care to notify Children's Services .

Behaviour

Message from Mr Palmer:

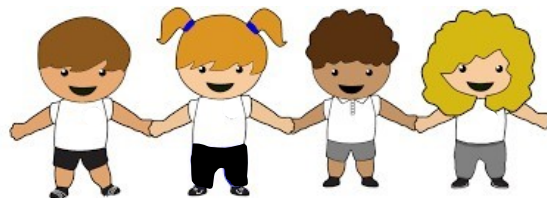
*"We have been very sad to see some disrespectful behaviour coming from children towards teachers, teaching assistants and Lunchtime supervisors. We would encourage you to chat to your children at home and remind them that they need to respect all members of staff in school. This means listening to the adult and following their instructions, not ignoring the member of staff and especially not arguing back. If we work together at home and at school we can help our children R.O.A.R at Whitehall. The first R of R.O.A.R stands for **Respect**—you can ask your child about that 'R' and what it means, and remind them that it means respect for themselves, their friends, their teachers, TAs, Lunchtime Supervisors and office staff."*

School Uniform

Children should be wearing their school uniform, every day, unless they have PE or have won class attendance. You will always be sent a letter to tell you if it is a non uniform day.

PE days are as follows:

Reception Wednesday, Year 1 Tuesday, Year 2 Monday.



Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website. As the warmer weather (hopefully!!) will be with us soon, all school uniform including jackets/coats should have your child's name clearly written on them. This makes it so much easier to return the right clothing to the right child!! Click on the QR code to take you directly to the uniform page on the Website.



We have lots of school uniform which has been donated to us which is **free** to anyone in need of it. The school uniform rail is situated at the bottom of the stairs leading to the school office. **Please help yourselves.**

School Meals

We understand some children may not like to try school dinners for a variety of reasons. Here at school we would like to continue to give the children the opportunity to try them and suggest you take a look at the school menu (on the school website) with your child and chat about what is on offer to them. This may identify something they are familiar with and generate an interest in trying these foods in school.



A pack lunch can always be brought in as a back up in case they don't like their meal. If this is the case please speak with your class teacher and let them know.



Calendar

Some times /dates for school activities change. We do our best to let you know!!! Don't forget to look at our school website as it is updated regularly by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and class teachers. Here you will find the most up to date school calendar, including school holidays and teacher training dates.



- **Friday 22 March SCHOOL CLOSSES at 1pm (Nursery and Sports club children 3.30pm)**
 - **Monday 25 March—Friday 5 April SCHOOL CLOSED Easter Holidays**
 - **Monday 8 April SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day**
 - **Monday 15 April Living eggs will be delivered to Nursery**
 - **Children will observe eggs hatching in their incubator. The chicks will be returned after 2 weeks**
 - **Wednesday 10 April Class and Leavers photos. BEST SMILE PLEASE !!!**
 - **Monday 6 May SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday**
 - **Tuesday 7 May Farm on wheels will visit Nursery and Reception all day**
 - **Wednesday 8 May Year 2 Black Country Living Museum**
 - **Please dress appropriate for the weather !!!**
 - **Wednesday 24/Thursday 25 April Eye Tests for Year 1**
 - **Monday 27 – Friday 31 May SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term holiday**
 - **Monday 3 June SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day**