

Diary Dates

**Monday 30th October to
Friday 10th November**

Poppies available in class am and pm
each day

Tuesday 7th November

Friends Disco

*There will be no after school clubs on
this day*

Wednesday 8th November

No pupil Day/

Termly Learning Conference

There will be no Tag Rugby on this day

Thursday 9th November

2R visit to Clacton Fire Station

Thursday 9th November

Shakespeare in Schools Festival

Thursday 9th November

4JC Class Assembly

Friday 10th November

Year 3 Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday 16th November

2H and 2S visit to Clacton Fire Station

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Year 4 Zoo trip

Tuesday 21st November

Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

Tuesday 21st November

Year 1 Zoo trip

Wednesday 29th November

Flu immunisations for Reception
to Year 6

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

Could you please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school every day. They need to have both kits here on a Monday morning. The outdoor kit can be taken home at the end of the week. The indoor kit could remain in school for the entire half term as this clothing is unlikely to become dirty, but obviously you are welcome to take it home more frequently if you wish to. The reason for this request is that the school sometimes has to change the Physical Education timetable for classes in order to respond to staff sickness or professional development. I would be very grateful if you could help us with this request.

You may have noticed that Parking Enforcement officers have been carrying out unannounced visits to the school to ensure parents/carers are parking appropriately. Some parents/carers have been parking over the driveways of residents and I would ask everyone to please be considerate of our neighbours.

White Hall Academy are extremely proud to hold the Outstanding Healthy School Status. This has been achieved through a great deal of hard work from pupils, parents, staff members, grandparents and the local community. In order for us to continue to meet these high standards the pupils need to be bringing healthy snacks to school for break times. It has been observed that too many children are bringing in packets of sweets, chocolate bars and crisps for this snack. A healthier substitute such as fruit is a better option for pupils.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Termly Learning Conferences on Wednesday 8th November. There are still a few appointments available if you require one.

Mr Bradley

Cuppa and Catch up

All parents and carers are welcome to come along on a
Tuesday morning from 9.00—11.00 for a drink, cake and chat.

School Dinner Menu

Week beginning 6th November: Week 2
of our NEW WINTER MENU

School Photos

The school photos are now in. Should you wish to purchase a photo, please return the white envelope and remittance to your child's class teacher.

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS IS WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Donations wanted—can you help?

Our Medical Room is in urgent need of spare boys' pants, girls' knickers and tights, and both boys' and girls' socks.

Notice to parents

Due to a review of our Safeguarding procedures, we are now unable to offer the use of toilets on our school site.

Remembrance Day Poppies

Poppies will be coming round to classes in the morning and afternoon from Monday 30th October to Friday 10th November.
Children can purchase a poppy for a small monetary donation.

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018?

From Monday 13th November applications can be made on-line, via the Essex County Council website, for Reception places for September 2018. Or, you can obtain a paper copy from the school office if you prefer. These are available now.

To apply online visit: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>

Please note the Closing Date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

We strongly advise that you make your application as soon as possible, so as not to miss the cut-off date.

Several of our parents were disappointed last year as they did not receive a place at White Hall Academy because their application arrived after the closing date.

Free Home Safety Visit

Essex Fire Service offer **free** home safety visits, where they can provide smoke alarms to all Essex residents free of charge.

Phone 0300 3030088 or visit: www.essex-fire.gov.uk/HFS for further details or to book a visit.

For advice from Essex Police on how to protect your home and belongings during the darker months, please visit our school website, under the News section