



Headteacher's Newsletter



May 2019 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable break over the Easter Holidays.

It has been lovely to see the weather improve recently.

Please remember to stay safe in the sun.

Ramadan Mubarak to those observing Ramadan.



During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which form the basis of how Muslims live their lives.



Thursday 9th May Larch Class

Thursday 16th May Birch Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at **9:05am**. Please ensure that you arrive on time and do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can distract the children.

School is closed on the following dates:

Friday 24th May - Staff Development Day

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May - Half Term

European Elections

We recently informed you that our school will be used as a polling station if the European Elections take place on **Thursday 23rd May**. If this happens, the school will be closed for children. We will let you know as soon as we have confirmation if these elections are taking place or not.

School Trips

Letters have now been sent home regarding your child's class trips. If you have not received it, please speak to your child's class teacher. The trips are as follows:

Nursery	Wednesday 19th June	Tropical Zoo visit
Reception	Wednesday 15th May	Odds Farm
	Wednesday 26th June	The Beck Theatre
Year 1	Tuesday 14th May - Friday 17th May	London Transport Museum
	Thursday 20th June	Syon Park
Year 2	Tuesday 11th June - Thursday 13th June	Ruislip Woods



If you have not yet done so, please return your child's completed permission slip, payment and lunch order. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we will have to cancel the visits. If you need to discuss anything, please call the main school office on 01895 590112.

Thursday 16th May - Census Day

Thursday 16th May is census day where all children attending the school will be counted. It is very important that your child is in school on this day as this determines how much money the school receives from the Local Authority.

We would also ask that you encourage your child to take a hot meal provided by our caterers (it is free for infant children) on this day. The school receives additional money from the Local Authority for every hot meal taken.

Aspirations Day

On **Wednesday 22nd May** we are having an 'Aspirations Day'. **Children can come to school dressed as 'what they would like to be when they grow up'**. Please talk to your child about what they would like to be when they grow up. A poster will be displayed outside your child's class with ideas of what this could be.

Attendance Reminders

- If your child needs to have a medical or dental appointment we ask that, if possible, you book this outside of school hours so that they do not miss any of their learning time.
- If your child does need to have an appointment during school hours, please remember to inform the school office the time you will be collecting them as well as your child's class teacher. Please bring your child back to school after the appointment unless the medical expert has advised you not to.
- If the appointment is for a parent or sibling please ensure your child still attends school by making alternative arrangements to drop your child to school or collect at the end of the day.
- During this time of year, some children will suffer with Hayfever, If your child is suffering with Hayfever, **they do not need to be absent from school**. Please see the following link for treatment advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>

Safeguarding Protocol

The Local Authority have issued us with a new 'Safeguarding Protocol'. Please note the following:

- We require up to date home, work and mobile contact numbers for parents and **at least one other person** who could collect your child.
- If a child is not collected at the correct time and no contact has been made by their parent or carer by 4:30pm, we will inform Children's Services who will advise us about the next steps.

Tesco Grant

We have been successful in our application to the 'Tesco Bags of Help' scheme. If we win we could receive up to £4000 to redevelop our 'Dove Room' into a sensory, calming space for any child to use if they need to. Every time you shop in a local Tesco store, please ask the cashier for token to vote in the 'Bags of help' scheme. Please then put your tokens in the box to vote for 'Whitehall Infant School—Dove Room Development'.



Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the safe arrival of their new baby boy.



Easter celebrations

After the Easter break, the children celebrated Easter in school. This included the Easter Hat parade and an Easter assembly. I would like to thank the Parents' Association for providing the prizes for the Easter hat parade and Reverend June from St Margaret's Church for hosting a fun Easter assembly for the children.



Year 2 Trip to London Zoo

The Year 2 children took a trip to London Zoo last week. We were proud of how well behaved the children were and how sensible they were whilst travelling on the tube. The children really enjoyed seeing the animals at the zoo and are using this experience to help them with their learning in class.



Healthy Living Week

We celebrated Healthy Living Week last week. The aim of Healthy Living Week is to give all children an understanding of why it is important to maintain a healthy lifestyle. We were very lucky to receive visits from the Lifebus, A-Life and Harrison's catering to teach the children the importance of Healthy Living. Some Healthy Living tips are:

- Brush your teeth twice a day
- Eat less sugar
- Eat more fruit and vegetables
- Exercise as much as possible



Lunch Menu

Week of 13th May (Week 1 of menu):

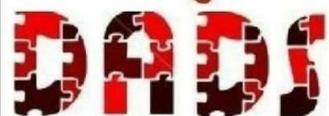
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lamp Pasta bake with herb focaccia bread	Cottage pie	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips
Lemon & pepper crusted fish with new potatoes	Quorn Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Roasted vegetable pasta bake	Jacket potato with cheese
Baked potatoes with Baked beans	Halal Cottage pie	Pasta Neapolitan	Halal Chicken Sausages with Mashed potatoes	Fruit Friday: Selection of fresh fruit with greek yoghurt
Apple pie with custard	Frozen strawberry yoghurt & fruit puree	Lemon & Yoghurt cake with custard	Oat & Raisin cookie with fruit wedges	

Diary Dates

These dates are subject to change. Separate information will be sent out for each event.

Thursday	9 th	May	Larch class assembly	9:05am in the school hall
Tuesday	14 th	May	Y1 school trip	London Transport Museum - Beech
Wednesday	15 th	May	Y1 school trip	London Transport Museum - Willow
Wednesday	15 th	May	Reception trip to Odds farm	
Thursday	16 th	May	Census day	
Thursday	16 th	May	Y1 school trip	London Transport Museum - Pine
Thursday	16 th	May	Birch class assembly	9:05am in the school hall
Friday	17 th	May	Y1 school trip	London Transport Museum - Elm
Wednesday	22 nd	May	Aspirations Day	Dress up day
Thursday	23 rd	May	Possible European Elections	<u>POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE</u>
Friday	24 th	May	<u>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</u>	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
Mon-Fri	27 th - 31 st	May	<u>HALF TERM</u>	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>

Hillingdon SEN SUMMER FUN DAY



When: Saturday 22nd June 2019 11am to 3pm

Where: Pentland Field School, Pentland Way, Ickenham, UB10 8TS

www.hillingdondads.org.uk

For children with disabilities & special educational needs and their siblings.

Saturday Drop In Centre

When: Saturday 11th May 2019 11am to 1pm

Where: MENCAP Hillingdon South Hall, Harlington Road, Uxbridge, UB8 3HD

Free entry to all carers, children with disabilities and special educational needs and their siblings.

Sensory dark dens, soft and sensory play areas, advice for carers, SEN bring & buy along with other activities and guests. Now on the second Saturday of every month!

For more information email info@hillingdondads.org.uk or call 07889 651 016.