



October 2



This half term is nearly over and it is incredible how quickly the time has flown and how many leaves have fallen from the trees. Please note the last day for children this week is **Thursday 20th** and that school is **closed** for teacher training **Friday 21st October**.

Parent Meetings

I hope those parents of children in KS1 all managed to spend some time with the class teacher to discuss progress and next steps. At this meeting, you should have received a copy of our 'Home School Agreement', which outlines our commitment to you and your child and our expectations to ensure a positive partnership and achieving the best outcomes for your child.



Road Safety

Andy Codd, Road Safety and School Travel Officer, hosted an assembly with a special guest, Fred the penguin. Andy has worked with all schools throughout the borough for a number of years, educating the community about road safety. He was extremely impressed that one of our pupils was only the 17th person to answer one of his questions correctly and that question was: 'what do you do when you get to a road?'.

The answer, provided by Kiera, was 'wait'.

Celebrating Reading

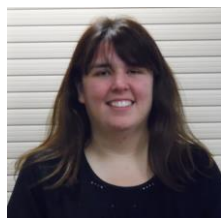
Well done to our super readers who took part in the library's Big Friendly Read over the summer holidays. The following children all bought in their certificates and some are pictured below:

Amelia P, Annika, Aymon, Brandon, Danny, Diya, Ekkum, Filip, Hafsa, Hariz, Humaira, Isla May, Julie, Mansi, Michael, Muhammad, Nour, Phoebe, Rida, Saanvi, Sahil, Tia and Zainaa. Reading is the key to language, communication, comprehension, expression, and, of course learning.



Parents' Association

Thank you to everyone that came along to the AGM and thank you and congratulations to those candidates that stepped forward to make up the committee for this academic year:



Pictured above: Mel (Chair), Katie (Vice Chair) Hannah (Treasurer) Sandra (Secretary)

Parents' Association Events

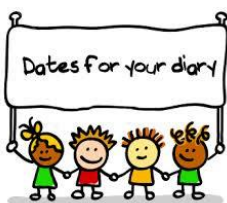
Whether you made it along to the AGM or not, every parent/carer with a child at our school is a member of the PA and we also welcome Associate members (friends of parents /carers). The next meeting is after half term, **Thursday 3rd November at 9.00am**. Please meet in our main reception at 9.00am after drop off.

Please support the **Cake Sale on Thursday afternoon** (help with setting up from 2.45pm would be appreciated).
Save the date! **Christmas Fair Friday 2nd December**.



Photographs

The children are having their photographs taken this week. If you wish to order your child's photo, please complete and return the order, with correct payment, to your child's teacher. We are unable to accept payments at our main reception.



Diary Dates

Please see attached summary of dates for your diary for the next half term. The second half of the Autumn term is always busy and we have a number of things planned. All of the dates are also on our website.

Non Uniform Days

Diwali - Dress Up Tuesday 1st November

Diwali is known as the festival of lights because in celebration people light many small clay lamps called "diyas" around their homes; the lights symbolise the victory of good over evil and are used to invite good luck and prosperity from the Hindu Goddess Lakshmi and the God Ganesh, who represent good luck, wealth and enlightenment. We will be learning about Diwali in school and children can come in dressed in traditional or party clothes on **Tuesday 1st November**.



Children In Need - Dress Up Friday 18th November

Be 'Spotacular' and wear something with spots for Children In Need. This Charity supports many worthy causes. Please help us raise money by bringing in a donation for Pudsey.

Attendance

As we get further into the colder months there are lots of coughs and colds and bugs. Please do let us know if your child is not well enough to attend school by calling us on our main 'phone number 01895 590112 and selecting option 1. Please give us the following information:

- Your child's full name
- Class
- Reason for absence



You should call us every day that your child is not in. In cases of sickness and diarrhea, you should keep your child at home for no less than 24 hours from the last incident to avoid spreading germs.

Things to Do List

If you need ideas of what to do over the half term holidays, try the following websites (if you haven't got internet access at home, you can visit the library):

www.wherecanwego.com/whats-on/whats-on-in-hillingdon

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/uxbridge

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/19723/Uxbridge-Walks

www.netmums.com/hillingdon/whats-on

www.loveuxbridge.co.uk/events

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/events

www.familiesonline.co.uk/locations/london-north-west (slightly further away)

Make time to read with your child every day over the holidays and do take a trip to the library - you'll find a huge range of reading, learning and entertainment resources and there is free Wi-Fi, computer and web access too. **Uxbridge library** also has a FREE programme of activities throughout the half term week:

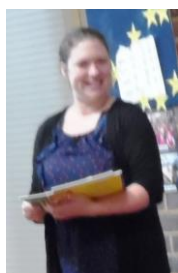
Travels Around Africa (Monday 24 October 11am-Midday) A fun and interactive workshop that provides children aged 5-9 with the opportunity to travel on an imaginary journey around the continent in a hot air balloon. Booking essential via www.hillingdon.gov.uk/culture

African Art Safari (Tuesday 25 October 2.30-3.30) A drawing workshop for children aged 7-11. Learn to draw wild animals in your own safari scene and use your imagination to design African masks. Booking required via Uxbridge Library

African Animal Treasure Hunt - all week. Find the clues in the Children's Library and unscramble them to make the name of an African creature.



Farewell



This half term we are saying farewell to Ms Ferguson who is moving away. Mrs Aqbarawi will take over Beech Class. I am sure you will join me in wishing Ms Ferguson every happiness and success in the future.

Chatterbox Corner

Your question to ponder and talk about over this half term:

If you were to interview Mrs Bringan, our Headteacher, what would you ask her and why?



May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy half term. Don't forget the last day for the children is **THIS Thursday 20th October**, school ends at 3.25pm. We will all get an extra hour as the clocks go back on Sunday 30th October. We return after the half term break on **Monday 31st October**.

If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of school life please don't hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to email any queries on office@mail.whitehallinf.org.

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