



Headteacher's Newsletter

May 2020 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank everyone for their continued hard work and messages of support. We appreciate how hard you are working to help your child with their home learning.

Thank you to everyone who completed our google survey. Knowing how many parents would like to send their child back to school this term if they are able to has really helped us to plan for a phased reopening.

There have been some changes recently in our Governing body. I would like to congratulate Sandra Lange on becoming our new chair of Governors. The school community would like to thank Manny Tsue Tse for all her hard work and commitment as she steps down as Chair of the Governing Board. She will be remaining on the Governing Board as a Governor.

I would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all those who celebrated this weekend. Please send through photos of your celebrations - we would love to see them.

I hope you all have a restful half term break.



Re-opening the school

A letter was emailed out last week outlining our plans for a phased re-opening of the school. These plans have been made using the feedback we have received from families. A copy of the letter can be found at <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus>.

Please find below a summary of our plan that was sent to you:

- In addition to Keyworker children and vulnerable children only Reception children will have the option to return after half term in a phased way
- The Parent survey answers have informed our planning
- School provision will look very different
- w/c 25 May - closed for half term- deep cleaning
- w/c 1/6/2020 - School open for children who have been attending since 23rd March
- From w/c 8/6/2020 at the earliest - School open for Key Worker children and potential opening for pods of Reception children (Parents will be sent information about their child's pod start date)
- Regular reviews of provision will inform our plans

This plan is subject to change as available staffing levels, government guidance and the rate of transmission are all fluctuating aspects that need to be considered. We are still finalising risk assessments which will then need to be approved by the Governing Body and are working closely with our staff teams so that they too feel confident of the safety plans.

Contacting the school

Please email office@mail.whitehallinf.org if you wish to contact us:

- With any queries
- To share your child's learning, photos, etc
- To communicate with your child's teacher
- If you would like someone to call you

Please do not call or contact any other email addresses as they may not be received.



Contact details

It is very important that we have the correct contact details for you. Please remember to contact us if any of your details have changed so that we can update our system. If we do not have your correct email address you might miss out on important information.

Home Learning

We are constantly updating our website with information to help with Home learning. Please remember to regularly check <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/>. Details can be found under the children's page.

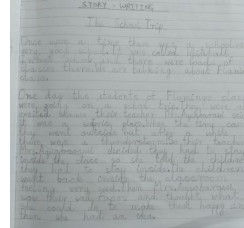
Half Term

As stated in the letter sent out this week, there will be no home learning set for children to complete over half term (25th May–29th May). We will be setting new home learning after the half term break.

It has been lovely to see the excellent home learning being completed by our children.

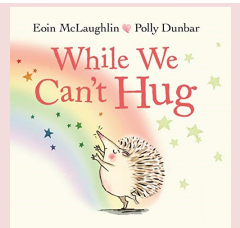
Some of the home learning photos are available to view on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/childrens-page-1/home-learning-gallery>.

Please continue to send your photos to office@mail.whitehallinf.org for us to see!



Faber Children's Book - While we Can't Hug

Faber Children's Books have created a lovely story called 'While We Can't Hug' which helps children understand other ways to show people they care. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/453278638115695/posts/2746815495428653/?sfnsn=scwspwa&extid=WcLEwSiO5ki1jAm2&d=w&vh=e> to watch the animated story



Lidl's Rainbow Trail

Lidl, together with the NSPCC, have created 'The Rainbow Trail' to support children's mental and emotional health.

Visit <https://www.lidl.co.uk/about-us/our-partners/nsppc> to read their 'The Cloud and the Rainbow' story and for rainbow templates .



Wellbeing

During this time it is important to look after your child's wellbeing. Dr Radha has shared her top tips for looking after wellbeing. Visit https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/dr-radhas-wellbeing-tips/?f24_pid=d7313d34-4586-45b9-9326-5515cee8cfd7

Feeding your family

Right now, mealtimes feel even more important than usual. They might also be trickier if you're missing some ingredients. The below website provides some advice on feeding your family at the moment.

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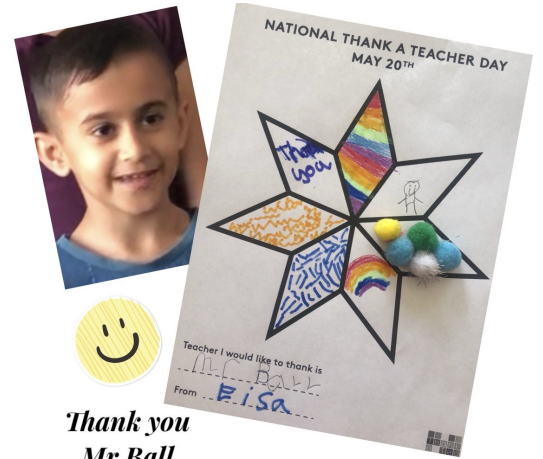
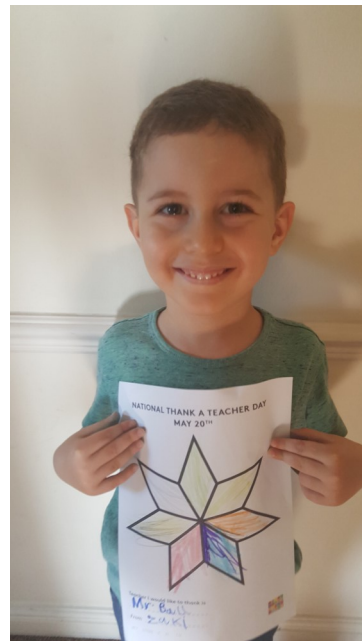
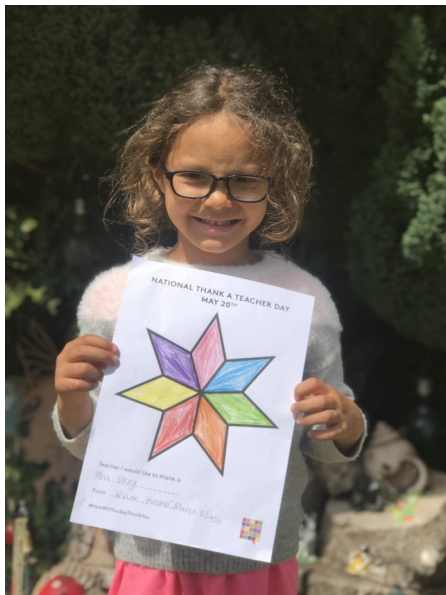
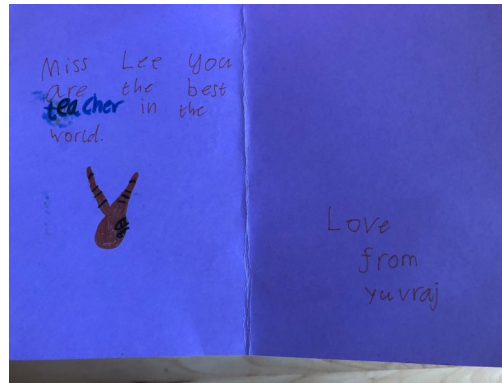
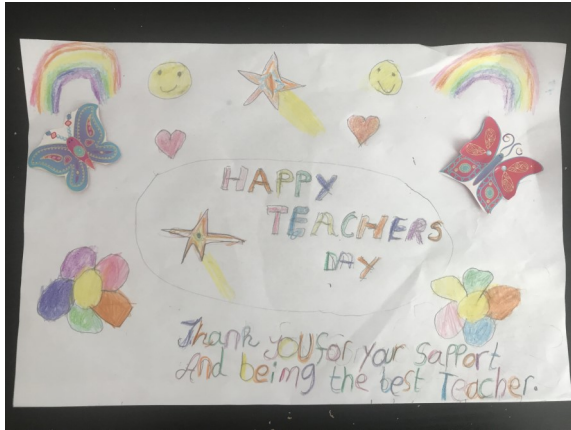
Parent Club

Childline

During this time, childline are still there for anyone that needs them. If you are concerned about a child or their living situation, you can contact them on 0800 1111 or visit <https://www.childline.org.uk/>.

National Thank a Teacher Day

Thank you so much for your kind words and lovely photos on National Thank a Teacher day. It is great to see how much the staff at Whitehall Infant School are appreciated. Some of the photos and messages we received can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/childrens-page-1/national-thank-a-teacher-day>



Thank you
Mr Ball

