



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term.

Over the past few weeks, staff have been working hard to prepare for welcoming more children into school. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication at this time.

It has been lovely to see some of our Reception children return to school. They have adapted quickly to the new format of school and are showing all of us how resilient they are to change. It has been lovely seeing their smiling faces coming in to school, excited and ready to learn in this new environment.



Wider opening of the school

Last week we started our partial re-opening for reception children. I would like to thank the parents of those children returning to school for following our social distancing guidance.



Please remember:

- Arrive at your child's allocated time to drop them off to school and collect them
- Please leave toys, rucksacks and book bags at home.
- Children need to bring a named change of clothes with them.
- Children can come to school in non uniform. Please ensure their clothes are appropriate for school. They must wear fresh, clean clothes each day.

We have made a video to show children how the school will look during this time and what they need to do. This can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus>

Our plans may have to change due to the ever-changing climate we are in. We have had some parents in other year groups asking when their child can return to school.

- Unfortunately, we will not be inviting other year groups back to school unless our circumstances change.
- As soon as we have more information available about when we can open for more children, we will share this with you.

Contacting the school

Email office@mail.whitehallinf.org

if you wish to contact us.

Please do not call or contact any other email addresses.



Due to the current situation, our transition process for your child will be different to previous years. We are currently looking at ways to support your child and will be in contact once we have more information.

Did you know you can translate our website into a different language?

Visit <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/> and select the language you require from the dropdown menu at the top of the homepage (next to the search bar).

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End of year reports

I would like to reassure you that you will still receive a report for your child. These will be written by your child's class teacher and will reflect the progress and achievements your child has made during the time they were physically in school. We will provide details soon about how and when they will be sent out.



Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who collected their child's home learning pack last week. If you have not yet done so, please email office@mail.whitehallinf.org to arrange collection.

Home learning projects for the second half of the Summer term have been uploaded on to our website. These projects link to what your child would have been doing in school. Visit <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/> and select your child's year group from the dropdown menu of 'Children's Page'.

Online Safety

Your child may be spending more time than usual online. The safety and wellbeing of our children are of upmost importance. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/parents-helpsheets/> has a great helpsheet for parents with tips to keep your child safe online.



Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages and supports children in Hillingdon to enjoy a summer of brilliant books. This year's theme and inspiration is Silly Squad - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter - and there's a new format.

Visit <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/summerreading> for more information.

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Home learning packs

In your child's home Learning pack you will find new work books. These are at your child's learning level and have been purchased by us for your child to use whilst at home.



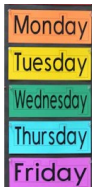
NHS Hillingdon Talking Therapies Service

NHS Hillingdon provide a free, confidential Talking Therapies service for anyone who is struggling emotionally or has concerns about the impact of Covid-19 on themselves or loved ones. Please visit <https://talkingtherapies.cnwl.nhs.uk/> for more information.



Weekly Schedule designed by Whitehall Infant School teachers

Every week we will be uploading a weekly schedule for every year group. Some of these will be themed weeks for you to enjoy as a family. We are already setting up a virtual sports day! Please regularly check your child's year group page on our website.



Purple Mash Class Blog

We will soon be sending you information regarding our Purple Mash school class blog! The blog allows children to upload their posts with pictures and text for their teacher and friends to see in a safe and secure way. This will stop the need for you to send pictures of home learning to the office email as you will be able to upload these pictures to the blog.

Teachers and other staff members will be adding new posts to the blog and will also respond to children's messages and pictures.

The login details for your child can be found stuck on their home learning pack. Please visit www.purplemash.com/sch/wis-ub8 to login.



We have uploaded a Whitehall Fitness Challenge. Please go to <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/childrens-page-1> and download your copy that you can complete as you complete the activities

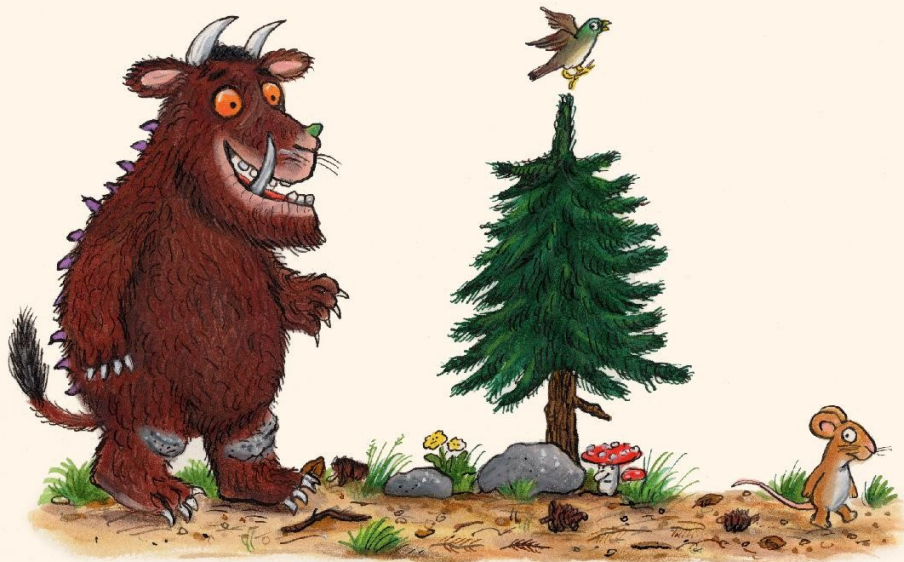
Free ebooks

Collins Big Cat have a range of ebooks that are free for parents at the moment. Visit <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx>, click on the teacher portal and enter the following login details.

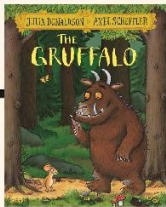
Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!





"All right," said the Gruffalo, bursting with laughter.
 "You go ahead and I'll follow two metres after."

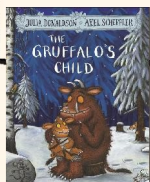


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The Gruffalos stayed in the Gruffalo cave.
 The Gruffalo's Child did her best to behave.



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Look me up and down,
 I'm the cleanest giant in town!



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