



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Whitehall Infant School is a five star school with a FRESH approach. We provide five star learning for all, with family at the heart of everything we do. We teach our children to have respect at all times. We want our children to achieve excellence, whilst being safe and happy.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we sent out a letter to inform you that Mrs Bringan is taking a leave of absence. Thank you for your kind messages and well wishes to Mrs Bringan. I will ensure these are passed on to her.

Please be assured that Whitehall Infant school has a strong Leadership Team in place and that there will continue to be no interruption to the children's learning.

I am sure we can count on our Whitehall family's support during this time.

Miss Cheshire
Acting Headteacher



Parent Meetings

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are unable to have face to face meetings with parents in school. Our Autumn Term parent meetings will therefore take place over the phone.

Your child's class teacher will call you at an allocated time and discuss your child's progress and targets. Please note that the telephone call will last no more than 10 minutes as the teachers will need to call other parents.

You will shortly be sent an email to select the date or time you would like the teacher to call you and provide us with the best telephone number to contact you on. Please note that appointments will be offered on a first come first served basis.



Wraparound Care

Thank you to everyone who completed the Wraparound Care survey. This helped us to plan our Wraparound Care provision.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a Breakfast club at this time.

We have recently sent an email informing you of several after school clubs run by external companies that will start after the half term break.

This included details of how to book a place.

Details of the available clubs can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/breakfast-afterschool>

Reminder

Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Back to school	Monday 2nd November

Please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time.

If you are planning to travel abroad in half term, please ensure you are aware of quarantine requirements in place and know that these are subject to change. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> for up to date information.

Reminders of our current procedures

- Please remember, to ensure the safety of our Whitehall community, **you should not arrive at the school gates or join a queue more than 5 minutes before your child's start / finish time** (for example, if your child starts at 8:50am, do not arrive to the school before 8:45am).
- If your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid-19, your child must not come to school. Please see the flowchart at the end of this newsletter for a reminder of the procedure.

Google Classroom

We will be using Google Classroom to support children with remote learning if required. We will provide guidance on how to use this over the coming weeks and will send you your child's login details. We believe that Google Classroom will also be a successful way to share class learning such as assemblies, lessons and successes while parents are not allowed into school.

Class Assemblies

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are unable to invite parents in to school for class assemblies at the moment. Instead, your child's class will make a video recording of their class assembly which will then be uploaded to Google classroom for you to watch. All children will be given a username and password for Google classroom to enable them to access this. You will be informed when they are available to watch.



Flu Immunisations by school nurses

Flu immunisations for those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 whose parents have given their consent by completing and returning the consent form will take place on Friday 23rd October. If you want your child to have the flu immunisation but did not return your consent form to us, please contact your GP.

Individual Photos

Don't forget to go online and order your child's individual photo! Visit www.kittleorders.com and enter the username and password on the document that your child brought home with them or scan the QR code on the document, Please remember that we cannot accept orders in school.



Walk to school month competition

Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to School Month. Please remember that, due to the position of our school site, we encourage limited use of cars and more walking to school. The London Borough of Hillingdon's Road Safety Team are inviting all children to take part in a borough wide competition! All parents have been emailed details of this competition. Information regarding this competition can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/our-school-partner-activities>. Please remember to email all competition entries to office@mail.whitehallinf.org by Friday 23rd October.

Communication Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Communication Survey. It is great to know that 90% of parents feel that the amount of communication being sent is appropriate. We will review the feedback from the survey and communicate this to you.



ADMISSIONS Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2021, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2021**. Applications should be made online at <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2021, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2021**. Applications should be made online at <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

Attendance Reminder

If your child is absent from school, please contact us by **8:30am every day they are absent** by calling 01895 590112 and selecting option 1 to leave a voicemail.



Remember that the clocks go back by 1 hour on **Sunday 25th October**.



Uniform Reminders

- * The weather is colder and wetter now so please remember to send your child to school with a coat **every day**.
- * Where possible, please send your child to school with a pair of wellies (in a separate bag). The playground can become quite wet during the day.
- * On PE days, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their school jumper / cardigan.
- * Your child needs to bring their bookbag into school **every day**.

Harvest Celebrations

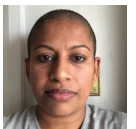
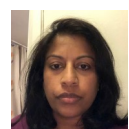


Thank you for your Harvest donations. These have been passed on to Hillingdon Foodbank who were very grateful for your generosity. I am so proud of the way Whitehall continues to help it's wider community.

Whitehall Value of Happiness

At Whitehall Infant School we embrace the 'Power of Positivity'. Therefore, we would like to celebrate all the positive things our Whitehall community takes part in.

This week we are celebrating a parent of one of our children who has shaved her head to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. What a brave thing to do for such a worthy cause! She raised £340 for a great charity. If you wish to donate, <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/dinusha-jayasooriya>



If you or your family are helping the community, raising money for charity or anything else that shows community spirit, please email information to us on office@mail.whitehallinf.org.

Lunch Menu - Week of 19th October (Week 1 of menu)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Madras with Rice	Jacket Potato with Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
Caribbean Style Baked Fish with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Beef Burger served in a homemade bun with Wedges
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne (Halal)	Tortilla Stacks with Wedges	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes (Halal)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese
Fresh Fruit, Strawberry Ice Cream	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag
Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt	Apple Flapjacks	Red Velvet Cake	Yoghurt
		Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt	

Lunchbox expectations

We have noticed that some children are being given some unsuitable lunch items such as chocolate bars, fizzy drinks, cold chips. Please see some reminders for packed lunches below:



- If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it is a healthy balanced lunch.
- We encourage children to finish their lunches so please try to avoid putting too much food in your child's lunch.
- If your child has grapes in their packed lunch, please cut them in half. Whole grapes can be a choking hazard for small children.
- Please no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks
- Due to allergies, items containing nuts (including nut spreads and chocolate spreads) are not permitted in school.
- If you put items in your child's lunch that require cutlery (such as pasta), please ensure you provide the cutlery.

Our caterer's provide a range of healthy, delicious meals. If your child has a packed lunch every day, why not encourage them to try one of the hot meals once a week?

Camden Art Centre

Camden Art Centre have put together some fun family art Activities. Details of the activities can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/our-school-partner-activities>. Remember to send photos of your work to office@mail.whitehallinf.org

A new hospital in Hillingdon



The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has announced plans to build a new hospital in Hillingdon. As anyone who has visited the hospital will realise, the current Hillingdon Hospital is an old building. The maze-like layout makes it difficult to get around and the condition of buildings can make the experience of being in hospital more difficult.

They have an ambitious plan to build a new hospital by 2025 and very much want to hear from everyone who has an interest in the hospital, to ensure that plans consider their ideas and aspirations. More detail about the plans and a short survey can be found online: <https://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment/>

SUPER STAR FOOTBALL CLASSES

Hermitage Primary School
Belmont Road, Uxbridge UB8 1RB

Little Stars
2-3.5 Years
Class 1: 10:00-10:45

Every Saturday
2 Years - 5 Years
Super Star Sport work with over 800 nurseries and pre schools across the UK including many in the local area.

Shooting Stars
3.5-5 Years
Class 2: 10:00-10:45



BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL SESSION TODAY!




SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN CONTACT USING THE DETAILS BELOW TO BOOK YOUR SPACE AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

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 Call 07377 890 515 for more information

Home Activities for all year groups

Please see below a summary of the Homework Activities for each year group.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	
Reading	Half Termly home activity ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be given a book on Friday to take home and share reading with their family. They are to bring their book back the following Friday so it can be changed. All returned reading books will be quarantined before going home with another child. We expect parents to read to or listen to their child read for at least 10 minutes every day. If you read with your child for 10 minutes a day, your child will experience at least 60 hours of reading a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child will be provided with lots of different learning activities that they can engage with at home. The ideas will be centred around revising the learning that has already taken place as well as preparing for upcoming learning for the next half term. This homework will be provided at the start of each half term. At the moment completed activities are not to be brought into school 
Home activity packs	
Nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery children will be given activity packs at the start of the spring term in maths, English and phonics. They will be able to take these home to use. 	Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home activity packs will be given to children to support the maths, writing and phonics in the Autumn term. They will be able to take these home to use.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	
Reading	Spellings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be given a book on Friday to take home and share reading with their family. They are to bring their book back the following Wednesday so it can be changed. All returned reading books will be quarantined before going home with another child. We expect parents to read to or listen to their child read for at least 15 minutes every day. If you read with your child for 15 minutes a day, your child will experience at least 91 hours of reading a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will be given a spelling book for each half term that they can keep at home. This will contain all of the spellings (broken down weekly) that they will need to learn during those weeks. Children and parents will be told which week's spellings the children will need to learn and practice each week. Challenge time will be carried out on those spellings during the following week in school. 
English and Mathematics home activities (alternating weeks)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy / mathematics homework will be given out on a Friday and is to be returned the following Monday. Homework will be a revision of what children have been learning in class. Guidance will be included with homework if required. 	
Read Write Inc	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RWInc story word sheets and handwriting sheets will be given out weekly to children Your child can practice handwriting and story words at home. They do not need to be brought back into school. 	

COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

