



Headteacher's Newsletter

November 2020 ISSUE 2

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,

The children and staff have been very busy since half term.

There are now less than 4 weeks left until the end of term with lots of special events coming up. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our Christmas celebrations will be different this year. Please see the information provided on the second page of this newsletter for further details.

Miss Cheshire, Acting Headteacher



Communications sent out recently

13/11/20	Remote learning plan
23/11/20	Confirmed Covid-19 case

Important Dates

Thursday 17th December - Last day for Nursery.

Friday 18th December - School finishes. Please see below for details of the time your child will finish school on this day:

Reception - Larch & Spruce	12:00pm
Reception - Birch & Cedar	12:10pm
Year 1	12:20pm
Year 2	12:25pm

If your child's finish time clashes with the Junior school, please collect your infant child first and then walk through to the field.

Monday 4th January - Children return to school

Remote Learning Plan

We recently shared with you our Remote Learning Plan should your child need to isolate. Please see the below summary:

Level 1 When your child has to self-isolate but the rest of their class do not	Level 2 When your child's whole class / Year group are isolating	Level 3 Whole school closure
The school will provide you with:		
Remote learning pack	Google Classroom assignments and resources	Google Classroom assignments and resources
Activities & ideas sheet	A suggested timetable	A suggested timetable
Weekly phone call from class teacher	Weekly phone call from class teacher / support staff	Weekly phone call from class teacher / support staff
Online learning - Mathseeds & Reading Eggs	Online learning - Mathseeds & Reading Eggs	Online learning - Mathseeds & Reading Eggs

Our full Remote Learning Plan and other useful information regarding Remote Learning can be found on our website:

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/childrens-page-1/home-and-remote-education>

Contact Details

Please ensure we have at least 3 up to date contact numbers for your child. If you have changed your contact number, please let us know by emailing office@mail.whitehallinf.org.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are sending our communications via email. Please ensure we have a valid email address for you so that you do not miss out on important information.



Google Classroom












Google Classroom

It has been lovely to see some children actively using Google classroom. We will shortly be posting class assemblies and Christmas shows on Google classroom. Please help your child to login to Google classroom. Instructions on how to do this can be found on our website: <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/childrens-page-1/home-and-remote-education>



Festive Celebrations



What?	When?	Further Information
Hillingdon Foodbank Christmas Appeal 	Thursday 3rd December and Friday 4th December	As we are not asking parents to donate food for class parties this year, we are asking you to use this opportunity to support the Hillingdon community by donating food for Hillingdon Foodbank. The festive period can be hard for many with more people having to rely on the use of foodbanks this year. More information regarding this will be sent home soon.
Christmas Jumper Day 	Friday 11th December	Children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (or festive clothing). This year, we will be raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We have a number of children and families within the school who have been supported by this hospital. A link to the justgiving page will be sent home nearer the time.
Christmas Lunch 	Friday 11th December	Thank you to everyone for completing the Christmas Lunch questionnaire to order their child's Christmas Lunch. The tables will be decorated with items provided by the Parents' Association.
Christmas Productions 	Week beginning 14th December	As we cannot have parents into school at the moment, each class will record a Christmas song or poem. This will then be uploaded to Google Classroom for parents to watch. We will inform parents once the videos have been uploaded.
Class Parties for Nursery 	Wednesday 16th December	Nursery children can come to school in party clothes on this day. Please ensure they wear sensible clothing and footwear. The Parents' Association are providing party food for the children to eat in class.
Class Parties for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 	Thursday 17th December	Children can come to school in party clothes on this day. Please ensure they wear sensible clothing and footwear. The Parents' Association are providing party food for the children to eat in class.
Christmas Pantomime 	Thursday 17th December	The Parents' Association have paid for a Virtual Pantomime that children can watch in class. I am sure the children will really enjoy the pantomime. A big thank you to the Parents' Association for this.
Virtual Elf Visit 	December	Instead of a Santa's Grotto this year, the Parents' Association have kindly paid for a virtual Elf visit for the children! They will watch a specially recorded video in their classrooms and will receive a gift from Santa to take home.
Virtual visit from Mrs Claus 	December	To help children celebrate Christmas at school, they will receive a virtual visit from Mrs Claus! She will virtually visit each class and talk to the children about the importance of making good choices.

Attendance

We have recently had some families travelling overseas without informing us. Please remember not to book holidays or trips abroad during term time as this may result in your receiving a fine from the Local Authority.

Attendance since half term:

Whole School	95%
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Nursery AM	95%
Nursery PM	86%
Birch	98%
Cedar	94%

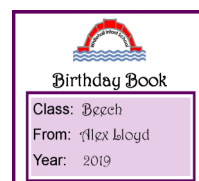
Larch	95%
Spruce	97%
Beech	95%
Elm	94%

Maple	97%
Pine	97%
Flamingo	95%
Kingfisher	95%
Toucan	95%



Birthdays

We appreciate that children like to celebrate their birthdays but please remember that we are a healthy school and do not hand out any food items. We ask that you celebrate a birthday by giving a book to the class for all to enjoy by handing this into the main school office. Please allow time for the book to be quarantined.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need - we raised £384 which is fantastic!



Diwali

It was so lovely to see our children and staff taking part in our Diwali dress up day and learning about how the festival is celebrated.



School admissions

September 2021

For children due to start Reception in September 2021, you **must** apply for Primary School by **15th January 2021** by visiting <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2021, you **must** apply for Junior School by **15th January 2021** by visiting <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

Christmas Cards

In previous years we have had our 'Christmas Postbox' in school where children can 'post' Christmas cards to their friends. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are not able to do that this year. Please do not allow your child to bring cards or gifts into school that they will be giving to other children.



SCL HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS

FROM **£26** DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

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Ofsted REGISTERED

1 December to Remember

Let's see in Christmas in style!

MONDAY 21ST - WEDNESDAY 23RD DEC 2020

Your nearest venue is...

Hermitage Primary School
Belmont Road, Uxbridge UB8 1RB

BOOK ONLINE
wearescl.co.uk/holiday-clubs

For full terms and conditions please visit www.wearescl.co.uk/school-sport-activities-terms-conditions.

Lunch Menu

Week of 30th November (Week 3 of menu)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef slice with New Potatoes	Lamb Lasagne with Herb & Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
Salmon Paella	Jacket potato with baked beans & cheese	Vegetarian Pinwheel with Roast potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy	Chinese style stir fry with noodles
Macaroni Cheese	Lamb Lasagne with Herb & Garlic Bread (Halal)	Pasta Italiane	Chicken Sausages with Mash potato & Gravy (Halal)	

Uxbridge & Cowley Locality Children's Centres

November - December 2020

Due to Covid-19 all locality staff will be working from Oak Farm Children's Centre

The Centres are open Monday - Friday (9:00am - 4:00pm) for information and support for families with children up to 5 years of age.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNING	<p>Baby Group (3-6 months) (Virtual) By Oak Farm CC 10:00am - 11:00am Booking required</p> <p>Story Time (Virtual) By Cowley CC 10:00am - 10:30am Booking Required</p> 	<p>Baby Group (0-3 months) (Virtual) By Oak Farm CC 10:00am - 11:00am Booking required</p>  <p>Please Note: All Children's Centres Virtual sessions are being delivered via free Microsoft Teams app</p>	<p>Supporting Autism (Virtual) By Oak Farm CC 10:30 - 11:30 Booking required</p>  <p>Virtual Weaning Party</p> <p>via ZOOM by Health Visitor 10:00am - 11:00am ID: 954 1018 8033 Passcode: Weaning Questions</p>	<p>Baby Group (6-12 months) (Virtual) By Cowley CC 10:00am - 11:00am Booking required</p> <p>Brushing 4 Life Free children's toothbrushes and paste. Ask a member of staff for more details</p> 	<p>Music Group (Virtual) By Cowley CC 10:00 - 10:30 Booking required</p>  <p>Breastfeeding support is available from our team every day; please call to make an appointment</p>
AFTERNOON	<p>Stop, Look and Listen (Virtual) By Cowley CC 1:30pm - 2:30pm Invite only</p>  <p>New Dads Group (Virtual) by Uxbridge CC 7:00pm - 7:45pm Booking required</p>	<p>Come Talk with Me (Virtual) By Oak Farm CC 1:30pm - 2:30pm Please call for more information</p>  <p>One to One bookings are available for support, please contact the centre</p>	<p>Play and Learn (Virtual) By Cowley CC 1:30pm - 2:30pm Booking required</p> <p>All bookings to be made by email to: oakfarmcc@hillington.gov.uk</p>  <p>Please call 01895 250865 if you need more information</p>	<p>Expectant Dads Group (Virtual) by Uxbridge CC 7:00pm - 7:45pm Booking required</p> <p>2 year old funding Do you qualify for FREE childcare for your two-year old child? To find out more, please speak to a member of our staff team or visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/freecchildcare</p>	<p>Your Bump and Beyond</p> <p>Antenatal classes for First Time parents in Hillingdon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pregnancy ✓ Early days, real life, nappy changing, bathing & feeding ✓ Birth, Pain relief & Labour ✓ Where to go to access support <p>T. 01895 250865</p>

Contact Us:

<p>Uxbridge Children's Centre Whitehall Road, Uxbridge UB8 2DQ T. 01895 558190 E. uxbridgecc@hillington.gov.uk</p>	<p>Oak Farm Childrens Centre Windsor Avenue, Hillingdon, UB10 9PD T. 01895 250865 E. oakfarmcc@hillington.gov.uk</p>	<p>Cowley Children's Centre Worcester Road, Uxbridge, UB8 3TH T. 01895 556990 E. cowleycc@hillington.gov.uk</p>
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All telephone calls will be diverted to Oak Farm Children's Centre

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Health clinics (appointments ONLY)	Midwife (9:00am - 4:00pm)	PMH (9:00am - 1:00pm)	HV's Clinic (9:00am - 11:30am) CITS 12:00 - 4:00pm	HV's Clinic (9:00am - 11:30am)	Midwife (9:00am - 4:00pm)
Useful information	Families Information Service - 01895 556489, Community Midwives - 01895 279472, Hillingdon Health Visiting Team - 01895 891302, Hillingdon Talking Therapies - 01895 206 800				

<p>P3 Advice Centre (Housing, Education, Training, Employment, Health, Benefits) T. 01895 436114</p> 	<p>SEND local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. It allows families to see what they can expect from a range of local agencies and how to access them.</p> <p>SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY sasinclusion@hillington.gov.uk saskeyworking@hillington.gov.uk</p>	<p>Free milk, fruit, veg and vitamins if you're under-18 and pregnant</p>  <p>HEALTHY START</p> <p>With Healthy Start, you get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins.</p>
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Visitors must be wearing a face covering - Covid screening questions will be asked - Scan the QR code or give Track & Trace details



Ask our team about Five to Thrive for your child 'Building brains for better futures'



Also Check Out London Borough of Hillingdon Children's Centres Timetables At:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/childrenscentres

COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

