



# Headteacher's Newsletter

December 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,

We come to the end of a term in which we have all had to adapt to different ways of working. Our children have shown great resilience during this time. As a school family, everyone has played their part in working together to make this work for the children.

I have enjoyed catching up with parents recently and am overwhelmed by the warmth of your welcome. Thank you for your kindness and understanding. I want to thank the staff team for their tireless, positive contributions to the smooth running of the school.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Christmas gifts and cards, they are greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish all of our families a happy holiday and joyful Christmas celebrations. Keep Safe!

Manjit Bringan



## Communications sent out recently

15/12/20	Reminder of Last day of term
15/12/20	Christmas Reading Competition
16/12/20	Reminder of Spring Term after school clubs
17/12/20	Confirmed Covid-19 case - General letter

## **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>

## Important Dates

Please see the below timetable for a reminder of the finish times for today.

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

**Monday 4th January: Children return to school**

## What to do if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the school holidays

Email [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) with 'COVID 19' as the title and include the following information:

Full name of child	Date symptoms started
Year group and class	Date test taken
Your phone number	Date of positive test result
	Date child last in school

Please note that we will only read and action 'COVID 19' emails during the school holidays.

Alternatively, you can call the school on 01895 590112 and select Option 0 then leave a voicemail giving the above details.

## How we will let you know if your child is a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case?

You will receive a text message informing you that your child is a close contact.

You will be emailed a letter with further details which will include how long your child needs to isolate for.

## Christmas Reading Competition

We would like children to read as many books as they can over the Christmas holidays. These can be books given by the school, books that they have at home or books online using Reading Eggspress (access through Reading Eggs).

Every time your child reads a book, please **upload a photo of the book cover to Google classroom** (your child's login details are inside their reading record). Every child who takes part will receive a certificate and a prize will be given to the child in each year group who reads the most books! **Happy Reading!**





## Christmas Productions



Your child's Christmas Production is now available to watch on Google Classroom. Just login using the details in your child's Reading Record. Children whose parents did not give permission for video recording are not in the productions. For safeguarding reasons, you will be unable to download or share the video and we will not grant you access to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

## Virtual Open Day

As we are unable to invite prospective parents into school at the moment, we have created a 'Virtual Open Day' on our website including a virtual school tour and presentation about the school. If you or anyone you know has a child that is due to start nursery or reception next year this page will provide them with useful information about our school.

Visit <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/admissions/virtual-open-day>

In January we are hoping to hold open mornings for prospective parents. More details will be sent out soon.

### After School Clubs for Spring Term

Given the success of the After School clubs this half term, we are pleased to advise that these will continue after the Christmas break.

Details of the clubs available for your child and how to book a place have been emailed to you and can also be found on our website:

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/breakfast-afterschool>

### Safeguarding reminder

Please remember to ensure children only watch content / play games that are appropriate for their age. The website <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> has a really useful tool to filter films, games and TV shows by your child's age to see what is appropriate for them.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff for their hard work over the Autumn Term. A special thanks to Mr Heath, Mr Brooks and all of the premises team for working so hard to keep the school clean, tidy and safe.



### Christmas Hampers

One of our school values is **family** and as such, we need to think about families that could do with a helping hand at this time of year. We were very fortunate to receive a donation of some lovely hampers from Hillingdon Foodbank which have been given out to some of our families at this seasonal time.



### Attendance

Attendance this half term:

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95%</b>
Nursery AM	94%
Nursery PM	89%
Flamingo	95%
Kingfisher	92%
Toucan	97%

Birch	96%
Cedar	94%
Larch	97%
Spruce	96%
Beech	94%
Elm	98%
Maple	98%
Pine	95%

All children who are in attendance on the last day of term will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon.

### Visit from Mrs Claus

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Claus for virtually visiting each class. The children really enjoyed meeting her.



### Virtual Pantomime

The children really enjoyed watching a virtual pantomime this week. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this event.



### Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch last week. I would like to thank Harrison's catering for the delicious, nutritious lunch, the Parents' Association for providing the table decorations and the lunchtime staff for ensuring the children had an enjoyable meal.



### Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see the children coming to school in their festive clothing. Thank you to everyone who donated - we raised £364 for Great Ormond Street Hospital!

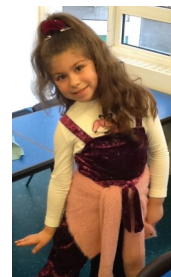


### Elf Visit

The children were very lucky to receive a special virtual visit from an Elf. Thank you to the Parents' Association for arranging this.

### Class Parties

The children all had a fun time having a Christmas party with their classmates. Thank you to the Parents' Association who donated food for the parties.



# School Terms and Holidays 2020/21

These dates are for next year. Please book all holidays outside of school time.

SPRING TERM 2021

Term starts for the children	Monday 4th January
Staff Development Day (school closed)	Friday 12th February
Half Term Holiday	Mon 15th - Fri 19th February
Term starts for the children	Monday 22nd February
Term Ends	Wednesday 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2021

Term starts for the children at 8:50am	Monday 19th April
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 3rd May
Staff Development Day (school closed)	Friday 28th May
Half Term Holiday	Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June
Term starts for the children	Monday 7th June
Staff Development Day (school closed)	Friday 2nd July
Term Ends	Friday 23rd July

Term starts for children	Thursday 2nd September 2021
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# What's on the menu?

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

### WEEK 1

w/c  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan,  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan,  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
& 15<sup>th</sup> Mar

Chicken Madras  
with Rice  
Tuna Pasta Bake  
Jacket Potato with  
Cheese & Beans  
Ice Cream

Beef Burger with  
Wedges  
Macaroni Cheese  
**Halal** Beef Burger with  
Wedges  
Chocolate Sponge  
with Chocolate Sauce

Roast Turkey with  
Roast Potatoes and  
Gravy  
Cheese & Tomato Pasta  
Bake  
Roast **Halal** Turkey with  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Flapjacks

Shepherd's Pie  
Jacket Potato with  
Cheese & Beans  
**Halal** Shepherd's Pie  
Red Velvet Cake Fresh  
Fruit

Fish Fingers & Chips  
Homemade Cheese &  
Tomato Pizza with  
Chips  
Mix Fresh Fruit

### WEEK 2

w/c  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan,  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb,  
1<sup>st</sup> Mar  
& 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Spaghetti  
Bolognese(Beef)  
Chinese Style Stir  
Fry Egg Noodles  
Jacket Potato with  
Tuna Mayo  
Chocolate Mousse

Chicken Tikka with  
Rice  
Macaroni Cheese  
**Halal** Chicken Tikka  
with Rice  
Lemon Sponge with  
Custard

Roast Beef with Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy  
Quorn Roast with  
Roast Potatoes &  
Gravy  
Roast **Halal** Beef with  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Jelly

Chicken Sausages with  
Mash & Gravy  
Veggie Sausage with  
Mash & Gravy  
**Halal** Chicken Sausages  
with Mash & Gravy  
Shortbread Biscuit

Breaded Fish with  
Chips  
Tortilla Stacks with  
Chips  
Mixed Fresh Fruit

### WEEK 3

w/c  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan,  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb,  
8<sup>th</sup> Mar  
& 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

Beef Pie with New  
Potatoes  
Salmon Paella  
Macaroni Cheese  
Ice Cream

Lamb Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread  
Jacket Potato with  
Baked Beans &  
Cheese  
**Halal** Lamb Lasagne  
with Garlic Bread  
Apple Sponge with  
Custard

Roast Turkey with Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy  
Vegetable Pinwheel with  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Roast **Halal** Turkey with  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Jelly with Fruit Wedges














Piri Piri Style diced  
Chicken with Rice  
Jacket Potato with  
Cheese & Beans  
**Halal** Piri Piri Style  
diced Chicken with Rice  
Berry Sponge Cake with  
Custard

Breaded Fish with  
Chips  
Homemade Cheese &  
Tomato Pizza with  
Chips  
Mixed Fresh Fruit

# TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)**





# COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

