



Headteacher's Newsletter

March 2021 ISSUE 3

*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,

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the Spring Term 2021, and what a strange term it has been.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and resilience over this term ensuring that children were able to access learning and have a smooth return to school. We have worked together as a community with the children's wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

The children have been so fantastic this term that we have decided to give them all a treat in the form of mini chocolate eggs and a cookie. These will be sent home with your child.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Easter break and continue to stay safe.

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Easter is a Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to Christian history, Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday. Many of the early Christians used to exchange red eggs during this time. Thursday is known as Maundy Thursday and Friday is Good Friday. These are important dates in the Christian calendar.



Communications sent out recently

23/03/21	After school clubs for Summer Term
23/03/21	Last day of term information
24/03/21	Help Hillingdon keep infection rates low
25/03/21	2021-22 Term Dates
26/03/21	Birthday books information

Important Dates

Please see the below timetable for a reminder of the finish times for tomorrow. Children will receive a packed lunch to take home.

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

Monday 19th April: Children return to school

Applications for Primary School

Offers for Primary school places will be made by the Local Authority on **16th April 2021**. Please remember to log on and accept the place offered. Please contact the Local Authority on 01895 556644 if you have any questions.

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

Email office@mail.whitehallinf.org with 'COVID 19' as the title and include the following information:

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

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

How will the school let you know that your child is a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case and needs to isolate?

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.

Easter hat homework



Over the Easter break, children are invited to make Easter Hats to take part in our Easter Hat Parade. A prize will be awarded for the best hat in each class.

Easter hats should be brought into school on **Monday 19th April**. A flyer has been sent home this week regarding this.

Spring Term Parent Meetings

Thank you to everyone who made time to have a telephone parent meeting with their child's class teacher. I would also like to thank staff for the time and effort that goes into these meetings.

Your child's learning log has been sent home in their bag. If you have not received it, please email us and we will resend it after Easter break.

If you were not able to speak to your child's class teacher and would like to, please email office@mail.whitehallinf.org.



Class photos

Whole class photos will be taken by our school photographer on **Tuesday 27th April**. All children should come to school on this day in their full school uniform. Pine class individual photos will also be taken on this day.

This year, you will not receive a proof of your child's class photograph. Instead, your child will bring home details of how to view their photo online. All photos must be ordered online, we cannot accept any orders or cash into school.



Uniform Appeal

We are in need of spare school uniform. If you have any uniform you are able to donate, please bring it to the main school office.

Please remember to return any items of uniform lent to you by the school.

Thank you!

Summer School Uniform

Children can wear summer school uniform when we return after the Easter break.

The summer school uniform includes school grey or black shorts and red check dresses.

School shoes or black trainers for safety. Please do look at the weather conditions and dress your child accordingly.

Don't forget to send your child in with a waterproof jacket since the weather can be unpredictable. If the weather is very hot, please apply suncream to your child before school and provide them with a sunhat.



Safety Reminders

- Please do not arrive at school or enter the school grounds more than 5 minutes before your child's start or finish time. Cars are still coming in and out of school up until the end of the school day.
- Please remember to continue to follow lockdown guidance over the Easter holidays.

Passport Applications

Please remember that we do not sign passport applications. If you require a letter from the school for official purposes, please contact the main school office and not your child's class teacher. Thank you.



School environment

Thank you to everyone for respecting our school environment. Please remember to take any rubbish home with you or put it in the nearest bin.



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for ensuring their child is at school on time every day.



The below tables show how great our attendance has been since the children returned to school - well done everyone!

Whole School	96%
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Nursery AM	95%
Nursery PM	86%
Birch	94%
Cedar	97%
Larch	97%
Spruce	93%

Beech	97%
Elm	97%
Maple	98%
Pine	95%
Flamingo	94%
Kingfisher	99%
Toucan	97%

Are you an Attendance HERO?

Here
Every day
Ready
On Time



We will be sharing information about our Whitehall Infant School Family in our newsletters.



Staff Profile - Miss Woolley, Learning Mentor

How long have you worked at Whitehall Infant School?

I have worked at Whitehall Infant School for 13 years.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

In my spare time I really enjoy reading.

What is your favourite meal?

I love roast dinners!

What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

My favourite subject at school was maths.

What is your favourite school value and why?

My favourite school value is happiness as I think everyone has the right to be happy and I love seeing the happy, smiling faces of the children.

New Zebra Crossing on Whitehall Road

The new zebra crossing on Whitehall Road is now in operation. We hope this makes the journey to school safer for our Whitehall families.



Hillingdon Libraries

Hillingdon Libraries have several weekly online Tiny Tales storytime sessions for families with pre-school children. Further information about these can be found on their Twitter (@Hill_Libraries) and Facebook feeds (@HillingdonLibraries).

Home self-testing service launches for households with school children

Households and families with school-aged children can now access COVID-19 home testing kits. Testing kits are to be used twice weekly, meaning people can self-isolate faster if they test positive. Home-testing kits can currently be ordered online for home delivery at www.gov.uk/coronavirus or can be collected from Topping Lane PCR test site near Brunel University. Visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/community-testing for more information.

Perform Easter Holiday Course

Perform will be running holiday courses over the Easter Holidays for 4-10 year olds. Based on *Beauty and the Beast* these fun drama, dance and singing courses will run from 10am-3pm each day. You can read more about them here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/beautyandthebeast>.



+ KEEP HILLINGDON SAFE +

PLEASE CONTINUE TO



Wash your hands



Cover your face



Keep a safe distance



Get tested regularly



Take the vaccine when eligible



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www.hillingdon.gov.uk/coronavirus

PE Timetable - Summer Term

Please see the below PE timetable for the Summer Term. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

Class	PE Day
Birch	Monday
Cedar	Thursday
Larch	Tuesday
Spruce	Wednesday
Beech	Monday
Elm	Wednesday
Maple	Friday
Pine	Tuesday
Flamingo	Friday
Kingfisher	Thursday
Toucan	Tuesday

Foodbank Easter Appeal

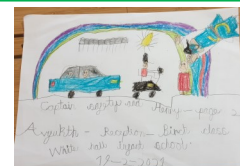
Thank you to everyone who donated for our foodbank Easter appeal. The foodbank were amazed at the amount of donations we received!



If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance with food, please visit your local foodbank. Alternatively, free fresh food and other items are available from the Hindu Temple on the Cowley Road every Tuesday from 2pm until 3pm. More information can be found here: <https://www.matajitemple.com>

Road Safety Competition

Well done to everyone who entered Hillingdon's Road Safety Competition last month. The Road Safety team received some wonderful entries.



A huge congratulations for Avy in Reception for being selected as one of the winners! His entry will feature in the book the Road Safety team are producing and he will receive an amazon voucher.

Virtual Tour

We have recently had a professional virtual tour of our school produced. If your child is new to our school and you have not been able to have a school tour, this is a great way to see the classrooms and school premises.

<https://kuula.co/share/collection/7Yvjb?fs=1&vr=1&autorotate=0.16&thumbs=1&info=0&logo=-1>

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief. We raised £332 which is amazing!

If you would like to donate there is still time to do so by visiting

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whitehall-infant-school-rednoseday21>



Please help your child to maintain good oral hygiene and brush their teeth twice a day.



Lunch menu for Summer Term

Remember that **all** children have access to a free lunch at school.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week One Week commencing: 19th April 10th May 7th June 28th June 19th July	Chicken Madras with Rice Tuna Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Beef Burger with Wedges Macaroni Cheese Halal Beef Burger with Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Halal Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Shepherd's Pie Jacket Potato with Bakes Beans Cheese Halal Shepherd's Pie	Fish Fingers and Chips Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips
Week Two Week commencing: 26th April 17th May 14th June 5th July	Spaghetti Bolognese (beef) Chinese Style Stir Fry Egg Noodles Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Chicken Tikka with Rice Macaroni Cheese Halal Chicken Tikka with Rice	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausages with Mash and Gravy Veggie Sausages with Mash and Gravy Halal Chicken Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Breaded Fish with Chips Tortilla Stacks with Chips
Week Three Week commencing: 3rd May 24th May 21st June 12th July	Beef Pie with New Potatoes Salmon Paella Macaroni Cheese	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese Halal Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegetable Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Piri Piri Style diced Chicken with Rice Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese Halal Piri Piri Style diced Chicken with Rice	Breaded Fish with Chips Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips



School Terms and Holidays

September 2021 - July 2022

Whitehall Infant School

AUTUMN TERM - 2021

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Wednesday 1st September
Term starts for the children	Thursday 2nd September
Half Term Holiday	Mon 25th - Fri 29th October
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 1st November
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 2nd November
Term Ends at 12:30pm	Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM - 2022

Term starts for the children	Tuesday 4th January
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 11th February
Half Term Holiday	Mon 14th - Fri 18th February
Term starts for the children	Monday 21st February
Term Ends at 12:30pm	Friday 1st April

SUMMER TERM - 2022

Term starts for the children	Tuesday 19th April
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 2nd May
Half Term Holiday	Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
Term starts for the children	Monday 6th June
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 4th July
Term Ends at 12:30pm	Thursday 21st July
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 22nd July

AUTUMN TERM - 2022

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Thursday 1st September
Term starts for the children	Friday 2nd September

SUBJECT TO:
Four conditions that
must be met at each
phase of lockdown

4 STEP ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person. No household mixing indoors.



Wraparound childcare.



Stay at home.



Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).



Minimise travel. No holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.



Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.



Libraries and community centres.



Personal care premises.



All retail.



Outdoor hospitality.



All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).



Domestic overnight stays (household only).




Self-contained accommodation (household only).



Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).



Minimise travel. No international holidays.



Event pilots begin.

STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.



Indoor entertainment and attractions.



30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).



Domestic overnight stays.



Organised indoor adult sport.



Most significant life events (30).



Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).



Remaining accommodation.



Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply.
Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%.
Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%.
Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.



International travel - subject to review.

STEP 4

At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following (subject to review):



No legal limits on social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all life events.

4 Conditions to be met:

1. The vaccine programme continues to go to plan
2. Vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying with the virus or needing hospital treatment

3. Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions
4. New variants of the virus do not fundamentally change the risk of lifting restrictions