



Headteacher's Newsletter

April 2021 ISSUE 1

*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,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. It has been lovely to see the weather getting warmer and the days getting brighter. The children look so smart in their summer school uniform.

We love helping teachers train and are pleased to have a student teacher assisting Toucan class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our Whitehall family.

Happy St George's Day to those celebrating!

Manjit Bringan



Ramadan Mubarak to those observing Ramadan.



During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which form the basis of how Muslims live their lives.

Class photos



Whole class photos will be taken by a 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.

Afterwards, 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.

England does the daily mile



On **Friday 30th April** we will be taking part in 'England does the daily mile'.

The 'England Daily Mile' want as many primary schools around England to get moving on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health.

On this day, all children can come to school wearing their PE kit and each class will do their 'daily mile' during the school day. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather and to wear trainers with no laces.

Summer Term Dates

Monday 3rd May: Bank holiday (school closed)

Friday 28th May: Staff development day (school closed)

Mon 31st - Fri 4th June: Half term

Monday 7th June: Return to school

Friday 2nd July: Staff development day (school closed)

Friday 23rd July: Last day of term

Applications for Primary School

If you have applied for a Reception place for your child in September, please remember to log on and accept the place offered by Friday 30th April 2021. Please contact the Local Authority on 01895 556644 if you have any questions.

Keeping the community protected from Covid 19

Our school, along with the Junior school, will keep all of our current Covid safety precautions (such as staggered start times, year group bubbles etc) in place until the end of the school year. Please continue to maintain social distancing and wear a face covering whilst on the school premises.

We hope that this will continue to keep our school community safe from Covid 19.

Communications

Please remember to update us if you change any of your contact details (telephone number, address or email address). It is very important that we have a valid email address for you as most of our communications are sent out via email.

Please also regularly check your child's bookbag for any paper communications sent home.

Prince Phillip

I, along with a lot of the Nation, were saddened to hear the passing of Prince Phillip. We will speak to the children in an appropriate manner about this historic event in an assembly.

Two of our school values are Happy and Respect. Children will be making pictures to send to the Queen to make her happy and show our respect for the Royal family.

Home School Agreement

Thank you for your responses to our Home School Agreement sent out recently. It is great to know that we have such supportive Whitehall families.

Turn on the subtitles

Research shows that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **double the chances of a child becoming good at reading**. Visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Attendance Reminders

It is important that your child attends school every day.

One day of school missed per week = 39 days of learning missed in just one school year!

Please remember the following:

- If your child needs to have a medical or dental appointment we ask that, if possible, you book this outside of school hours so that they do not miss any of their learning time.
- If your child does need to have an appointment during school hours, please inform the school office the time you will be collecting them as well as your child's class teacher (please provide us with a copy of the appointment letter). Please bring your child back to school after the appointment unless the medical expert has advised you not to.
- If the appointment is for a parent or sibling please ensure your child still attends school by making alternative arrangements to drop your child to school or collect at the end of the day.
- During this time of year, some children will suffer with Hayfever, If your child is suffering with Hayfever, **they do not need to be absent from school**. Please see the following link for treatment advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/>
- It is very important that your child arrives at school on time every day. If they are late, they miss the 'soft start' of the day which could include the sharing of class news and other information.



PE Timetable - Summer Term

Please see the below timetable for PE. 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

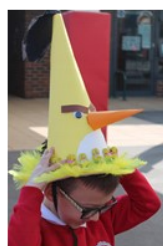
Parent Governors



We recently welcomed two new parent Governor's to our Governing Board. I would like to thank Mrs Hutchison and Ms Clarke for supporting our school in this way.

Easter Hat parade

Children recently took part in our annual Easter hat parade - they all looked wonderful! Thank you to the PA for providing prizes for the best hats.



Lunch menu
for week
commencing
26th April
(Week 2 of
menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese (beef)	Chicken Tikka with Rice	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Breaded Fish with Chips
Chinese Style Stir Fry Egg Noodles	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Sausages with Mash and Gravy	Tortilla Stacks with Chips
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Halal Chicken Tikka with Rice	Halal Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Chicken Sausages with Mash and Gravy	

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