



Headteacher's Newsletter

May 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,

It is lovely to see the children enjoying being back at school following the Easter Break.

We are excited to be able to have some events happening this term. Please see the diary dates on the next page of this newsletter.

I would like to wish Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating this week.



I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

Manjit Bringan

Eid Celebrations

Eid-al-Fitr celebrates the end of Ramadan. This is an occasion intended for enjoyment, forgiveness and feasting.

Please note that the school can only authorise one day for events such as Eid or other religious celebrations. All requests for absence from school must be emailed to office@mail.whitehallinf.org.

We are having Eid celebrations in school on Friday 14th May. Children can come to school in traditional or party clothes. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and wearing school shoes or trainers only.

Welcome



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ferrell to Whitehall Infant School. Mrs Ferrell is our new Receptionist and Admissions officer as Mrs Malik has secured another position in the school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Ferrell to Whitehall Infant School.

Class Assemblies



During this term, each class will record a class assembly to upload to Google Classroom. You will be emailed once your child's class assembly is available to watch.

Summer Term Dates

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

Important Reminder

Please remember that if your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19, they must have a PCR Covid test. A lateral-flow rapid test is meant for those who do not have symptoms.

To keep everyone safe, the whole household must isolate until a negative covid result has been received. We cannot accept your child back to school until the family member with symptoms has received a negative result.

Aspirations Day - Thursday 20th May

On Wednesday 22nd May children can come to school dressed as something they want to be when they grow up for Aspirations Day. A letter with further information (including outfit ideas) will be sent out soon.

We would love to have parents tell the children about their job. In previous years we have invited parents into school.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we cannot do this at the moment. **Instead we would be grateful if you could record a short video (no more than 2 minutes long) talking about your job, showing resources you use, uniform you wear etc.**

If you are able to record a short video for us, please email it to office@mail.whitehallinf.org by **Thursday 16th May**.



Safeguarding reminder

Please remember to inform us if there is anything significant going on which may impact your child.

We try to ensure that we inform you if anything significant happens at school.

Thursday 20th May - Census Day

Thursday 20th May is census day where all children attending the school will be counted. It is very important that your child is in school on this day as this determines how much money the school receives from the Local Authority.

Attendance



Since children returned to school in March, we have had excellent attendance. Children have already missed so much learning time this school year and I would like to thank everyone for ensuring their child attends school every day.

If your child is unwell, please remember to call 01895 590112 option 1 and leave a voicemail every day they are absent.

Contacting the school

We understand that it can be worrying to parents if their child has been upset going into school.

Please avoid calling for updates as the school office deal with a high volume of calls. Please be assured that if there are any concerns regarding your child (including if they continue to be upset during the day) we will contact you to discuss them.

School Uniform



A new bill to reduce cost of school uniform has been introduced. We really try and think about the implications of the cost of our uniform and ensure that it is affordable for all parents. As stated on our website and communications about uniform, most of our uniform can be purchased from High Street shops and supermarkets. If you have any comments regarding our uniform, please contact us as we are always open to feedback!

Curriculum Overviews

The Curriculum overviews for this half term for each year group are now available on our website:

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/curriculum>



National Book Token competitions

National book tokens are currently running 2 competitions. Please click on the images for further information including how to enter.



Lunch menu
for week
commencing
17th May
(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	

Diary Dates

These dates are subject to change. Separate information will be sent out for each event nearer the time.

Friday	14th	May	Eid celebrations	Children can come to school in traditional / party clothes
Thursday	20th	May	Aspirations Day	Children can dress up as something they want to be when they grow up
Friday	28th	May	Training Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon - Fri	31st-3rd	May - June	Half term	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	23rd	June	Nursery sports day	Depending on restrictions in place
Thursday	24th	June	Sports day	Depending on restrictions in place
Friday	2nd	July	Training Day	SCHOOL CLOSED

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