



Friday 24th September

Headteacher's Newsletter

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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,

A big thank you to everyone involved in settling the children back in to school for a new school year. All the children look very smart in their uniforms and ready for learning.

We know they are enjoying being back in school and have quickly got used to the changes with routines. It has been lovely chatting to all our families both new and old.

Thank you for being so supportive.

I would also like to thank everyone for using the information on our website and the school newsletters.

Our newsletters are issued every two weeks on a Friday.

Mrs Bringan



REMINDER Class Start and Finish Times

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Larch and Spruce	8:30am	2:50pm
Cedar and Birch	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	8:45am	3:05pm

For those with children in both Infants and Juniors please refer to the times recently communicated via schoolcomms.



Harvest Celebrations

This year we are pleased to say that we will be partnering with the Hillingdon Foodbank to provide donations received as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. The foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food and supplies. They rely on donations from school, churches, local business and the general public.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for Hillingdon Foodbank. Please bring in your donations from **Wednesday 29th September until Friday 1st October and place them in the box which will be clearly marked outside school.**

On **Tuesday 5th October** our children will be celebrating Harvest with a special assembly hosted by Father Andrew of St Andrew's Church. As well as being grateful for all the food we have, another message for Harvest is to share our gifts with others.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Individual Photos

Individual school photos will be taken by our school photographer on **Tuesday 28th September.**

All children should come to school on this day in their full school uniform.

We have changed the PE for the following classes for that week only.

Beech Friday
Maple Friday
Toucan Wednesday
Peacock Thursday

Sibling photos will be offered for those siblings attending the Infant school only.

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.



Thursday 7th October - Non School Uniform Day

On Thursday 7th October children can come to school in non school uniform.



This is because it is National 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 we receive from the Local Authority. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and is wearing school shoes or trainers, please no laces.

Data Collection and Pupil Premium Forms

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their forms - the response has been fantastic !

If you are still to return the forms then please do so directly to the school office or via your child's class teacher.

It is extremely important that you return this information so that we can ensure our system reflects the correct information for your child.

If you have any questions or need help with completion don't hesitate to let us know.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is available every day during term time from 07.30am with breakfast provided .

If you would like a place for your child, please email the school office. Places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis.

Welfare Reminders

Flu Vaccinations are due to take place on **13/10/21**. Thank you to those who have already returned the forms and given your consent. If you wish for your child to have the vaccine, please can you return your consent form to us by **01/10/21**.

Please note if your child misses the vaccine and you still wish them to have it, you will need to arrange this through your family doctor.

Sickness quarantine time periods

- If your child is suffering from either Diarrhoea or Vomiting then please ensure that you allow 48hrs before returning them to school.

Late arrival procedure

Reception gates will be closed at 8.50am , KS1 gate will be closed at 08.55am.

If you arrive late you need to report to reception and let us know that you have arrived. A member of staff will then come and collect your child and take them to class.

Absence Reminders

- If your child is unwell, please ensure you call the school on 01895 590112 by 8:30am and select option 1 to leave an absence voicemail. Please state your child's full name and class.
- Please leave a voicemail every day that your child is absent.
- If you have left an absence voicemail, you do not need to call the school again that day unless it is to update us on the welfare of your child.

COVID 19 - INFORMATION AND UPDATES

The Covid Guidance has changed. Please find details below by clicking on the link:

- [What Parents and Carers Need to know](#)

We are still asking you to keep your child at home if they have any symptoms (a new continuous cough or a high temperature or loss/change to your sense of smell or taste), and to get a PCR test as soon as possible.

You can book a PCR test at a local testing site by visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phoning 119
Contact tracing will be completed by NHS Track and Trace.

Parents Association (PA) - Come and Join us !

Thank you for your responses so far, we will be getting in touch soon to re launch our PA .

- Do you like organising events, having fun and helping others ?
- Would you like to meet other parents from our school community and help to raise funds for all our children to benefit from ?

Then why not join our Parent Association - If you would like to join then please email your interest to the office at : Office@mail.whitehallinf.org

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who donated to Jeans for Genes Day.

We raised a total of £243.78, which is amazing!

Thank you



Bookbags

Children need to come to school with a **school Bookbag**. Bookbags can be purchased from <https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/>.

Please do not send your child to school with a backpack or rucksack as we do not have the space in school to store them.



Curriculum Overviews

Are available for this half term for each year group on our website:

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

Summer Reading Challenge

We will be celebrating children who took part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge.



If your child took part in the library's Summer Reading challenge, please email a copy of their certificate to office@mail.whitehallinf.org by Friday 1st October 2021.

Whitehall Infant School App - Have you downloaded ?

Access information such as notices, calendar, contacts and newsletters with ease . You will also receive notifications of upcoming events.

Download Instructions

- Visit either the Google App store or the Apple app store and search for ' School Jotter 2'.
- Once downloaded search for our school by either typing in our name ' Whitehall Infant School ' or by the school postcode UB8 2LX
- You should now be taken to our school welcome page—You should not need a Username or Password.
- Using the left hand navigator bar click on Dashboard and you will be given a list of options to view.



Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon for schools.

The London Marathon is taking place on **Sunday the 3rd of October** this year and as a school we will be taking part by completing the Mini Marathon during October, on the school grounds. The event will take place over three days and children can take part in their school uniform.

The Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon in school is all about inspiring children and young people of all ages and abilities to be physically active.

Regular exercise has a positive impact on children's health and fitness and taking part can help start a habit that stays with children for the rest of their lives. Physical activity also supports good mental health and wellbeing as everyone feels happier after they've been for a run! .



Clubs

Day	Activity	Year	Time
Tuesday	Gymnastics - Hall queries@gymelets-cheerlets.co.uk	Yr2	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Football - Studio chaz@superstarsport.comwl	Yr2	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	SSS spy club—Studio chaz@superstarsport.comwl	Yr1	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Gymnastics - Hall	Yr 1	3.15 - 4.15

Parking Reminders

Both the morning and afternoons can be an extremely busy time outside the school.

A suggestion that we have to assist with the daily congestion is to ask if you could maybe park a little further away and walk the remainder, It is our hope that this will help to reduce the number of cars directly outside the school and ensure the safety of our pupils.

- Please remember that Costswold Close is a private road and should not be used for parking.



KEY DATES

Data Collection Forms	Monday 27th September
School Photos	Tuesday 28th September
Harvest Food Donations	Wednesday 29th September until Friday 1st October
Nasal Flu Vaccination Consent Form line	Friday 1st October
Harvest Celebration	Tuesday 5th October
Non school Uniform Day	Thursday 7th October
Virgin Money Mini Marathon	Dates to be agreed
Nasal Flu Spray - for those who have returned the consent forms	Wednesday 13th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd October - Normal timings.
Half Term - School Closed	Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Our Vision

Our vision is to empower families to be and feel strong, safe and healthy through the provision of early and targeted support to reach their full potential.

Our Journey

To achieve our vision, we respond to the needs of the families as early as they are identified by working together to ensure the right person for the child and family is providing the right support. The service consists of the Stronger Families Hub, three locality based Key Working Teams and holistic partnership working across Hillingdon.

Stronger Families Hub

Is a single point of contact for all safeguarding referrals and an online route to refer a child to Social Care.

- Professionals contacting the Hub will be asked to complete an Early Help Assessment to determine the right support for each family. This support can include:
 - Special educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
 - Adolescent Development Services
 - Portage
 - Stronger Families (Locality Key Working teams)
 - Social Care
 - School attendance
 - Children Missing from Education
- All referrals will be received into the same place and *The Stronger Families Hub* will respond 24/7

Stronger Families



**“The right service,
the right person,
the right time”**

How to refer?

If you are a professional and wish to make a referral for a family, you can access the referral process through the Council's website and select "Make a referral". This will take you through to the Stronger Families Hub page where you will be able to fill out the Early Help Assessment.

This link <https://Portal-EHM.hillingdon.gov.uk> can also be used.

If you are advising families to refer themselves, they can contact the Stronger Families Hub by calling 01895 556 006 or e-mailing:

strongerfamilieshub@hillington.gov.uk



What happens to your referral?

The referral is electronically sent to the Stronger Families Hub where there are dedicated team members working around the clock.

The Triage Officers and Senior Social Workers will read all referrals and, based on your information along with further checks and enquiries, a decision will be made on what is the right service for each family and who is the right professional to lead the delivery.

What is a Stronger Families Plan?

A Stronger Families Plan details the support for a child or young person and their family. It is single or multi-agency plan completed in partnership with the family to build on their strengths and reduce areas of concern.

Locality Model

The three locality-based Key Working Teams are:

South East Manager - Anne-Marie McCarthy covering Hayes & Harlington – Charville, Barnhill, Yeading, Botwell, Townfield, Pinkwell, Heathrow Villages.

South West Manager - Lea Perez Uxbridge & West Drayton – West Drayton, Yiewsley, Brunel, Uxbridge South, Uxbridge North, Hillingdon East, Ickenham.

North Manager - Louise Hemming Ruislip & Northwood – South Ruislip, West Ruislip, Manor, Cavendish, Eastcote & East Ruislip, Northwood Hills, Northwood, Harefield.