



# Headteacher's Newsletter

October 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 am very pleased to see that the vast majority of our pupils are on time and ready for learning. I was also pleased to see that the recent fuel crisis didn't cause an issue and pupils were still in school.

Attendance remains a key priority for us so your extra attention and support in this has been noted and is very much appreciated.

We had a very successful Census day thank you for your attendance and for those pupils who tried the school meals for the first time, we hope you enjoyed them.

We also had a lovely service delivered by Reverend Andrew to celebrate Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully, you can see the photos taken in our Harvest Festival section.

Mrs Bringan  
Headteacher

Half Term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October
Back to school	Tuesday 2nd November 2021



**Remember that the clocks go back by 1 hour on Sunday 31st October 2021**

## Reminder

Please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time. If you are planning to travel abroad in half term, please ensure you are aware of all quarantine requirements in place and know that these are subject to change. Please visit the below website for up to date information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If you require any special leave requests then they must be made in writing to our Head Teacher Mrs Bringan

## Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held this half term, the 18th October - 22nd October (the week before half term). These meetings will be carried out over the phone.

You will receive a link soon to pick a date and time. We will offer a later evening appointment on Thursday 21st October to support parents who may not be able to attend earlier.

The parent meeting is to talk about how your child has settled, what they will be working on in their learning and to share an attendance update.

## Harvest Celebrations

Thank you for all your kind and generous donations of non perishable food, toiletries and baby essentials such as nappies and wipes.

The Hillingdon Foodbank came to collect our donation on Thursday 7th October. Below is the link for the foodbank.

[Foodbank Link](#)



## Walk to school week

October is International Walk to School Month.

We would like to encourage children to walk to school during the month of October (12th-17th).

If you have to drive to school then maybe you could park a little further away and walk the last part.

This is a chance for you to try walking for a day or you can try for the whole week. We will have walk to school champions along the route to encourage the children.

**Walk to School Month**

## School Photos

Photographs were taken by Kittle photography on Tuesday 28th September 2021.

On Friday 8th October each pupil who had a photo taken on the day will be sent home with their photo card, which shows the photo taken and the instructions on how to order.

All orders are placed direct with Kittle Photography and not via the school.

## ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

### Applying for Nursery School

For children due to start Nursery in September 2022, you must apply direct to the school. If your child's date of birth falls between **1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019** then you can apply for entry in September 2022. Please email the school office directly with any questions : [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)

### Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2022 you must apply for a Primary School place by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Applications should be made online at :

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>

### Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2022, you must apply for a Junior School place by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Applications should be made online at:

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

### New Admissions September 2022—Open Mornings.

We are pleased to announce that due to most COVID restrictions being lifted we are able to offer open days to those parents or carers who have children due to start nursery or school in September 2022.

We will be offering 4 open mornings across a period of a week in early November 2021. You only need to attend 1 session. If you are unable to attend a session then you can always take at our virtual tour on our website :

[Link to virtual tour](#)

**Monday 8th November 2021, Tuesday 9th November 2021, Wednesday 10th November 2021 and Thursday 11th November 2021.**

09.30am Meet and Greet

09.45am Accompanied tour of the school

If you or someone you know has a child due to start school in September 2022 then we would love to see them at one of our open mornings. In order to secure a space then please email your interest to our school office team at [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)

- **For the safety of both our staff and pupils we ask that any visiting parents are either double vaccinated or**

### Nursery Parents Message - Developing Independence

We recently sent home an email to all Nursery Parents with some pointers on how we can work together to develop your child's independence .

Question	Tips
Does your child know to wash their hands after going to the toilet?	<a href="#">Tips on washing hands</a>
Do they know how to cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing	<a href="#">Tips on how to cover your nose and mouth when sneezing</a>
Can you child independently go to the toilet ?	<a href="#">Tips on how to Toilet Train</a>
Can your child put on and take off their coat ?	<a href="#">Tips on How to put on your coat</a>

### School Uniform and Book bags

Please ensure that all school uniform including book bags have your child's name written on the label inside the clothing , for the book bag you can write their name on the front.

Example



As the weather is changing and becoming much colder , we ask that summer dresses or shorts are no longer worn.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Available every day during term time from 07.30am with breakfast provided .

Spaces are limited so if you would like a place for your child please email the school office. [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)



### Design a Christmas Card Competition - Hillingdon

Hillingdon Borough are inviting residents of all ages to submit a festive image related to the borough for this years Hillingdon corporate Christmas card. We would love to encourage our pupils to take part.

The Winning entry will be selected by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Edwards.

Email [corporatecommunications@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:corporatecommunications@hillington.gov.uk) with your name, age and home town, plus your entry, ensuring your image is in the format of either a jpeg or a pdf attachment. Closing date for all entries direct is **Friday October 29th**.

If you need any help with the sending of your image then please email [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) for the attention of Mrs St Flour by Thursday 21st October and she will be happy to help/ send on your behalf.

Good Luck!

### Census Day 2021

Thank you to all parents and pupils for helping to make our Census day a success, we had a good number of attendees which goes direct to

setting our funding budgets for the following school year. The children enjoyed their special menu we had set for the day and all look fabulous in their own clothes.

### Whithall Infant School Mini Marathon Challenge.

The London Marathon is took place on **Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October**. Whitehall Infant school is taking part in a fun mini marathon to celebrate the annual event as part of our 'Daily Mile'.

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.



### Welfare Reminders

- A number of parents are not calling when their child is absent. The welfare officer is spending a great deal of their day calling home to find out why pupils are not at school.
- If your child is unwell, please ensure you call the school on 01895 590112 by **08.30am**. Select Option 1 and leave an absence voicemail, stating your child's full name and class.
- Please leave a voicemail for each school day that your child is absent.
- If your child is suffering from Diarrhoea or Vomiting then please ensure that you allow 48hrs before returning them to school.

### COVID 19 - INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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

Insert hyper 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.

A pupil cannot return to school until they have had a negative PCR test.

You can book a PCR test at a local testing site by visiting :

[www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by phoning 119 .





## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of those families who made donations for our Harvest Festival, they have been gratefully received by the Hillingdon Foodbank. Reverend Andrew hosted special Harvest Festival assemblies for KS1, he spoke about growth and how a person who can do a good deed can lead to others doing the same which creates more goodwill to more people. Reverend Andrew also commented on how lovely the children's singing was and has extended an open invitation to all families in the community to attend St Andrews church.

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend these assemblies.

## Harvest Festival Assemblies



### Reception Assembly




### Year 1



### Year 2



## Updated Lunch Menu

<div>  <h1>WEEKLY MENU</h1> <p>Please note Dishes may vary due to local choice at your school</p> <p>(v) = vegetarian</p> </div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1 w/c</b> 30th August 20th September 11 <sup>th</sup> October 08 <sup>th</sup> November 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Chicken Madras with Rice Halal Chicken Madras with Rice Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans (v) Jelly with Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger with Baked Wedges Halal Beef Burger with Baked Wedges Macaroni Cheese (v) Chocolate Cake with Custard	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Tomato & Basil Pasta (v) Apple Flapjack with Fruit Wedges	Chicken Stir Fried Noodles Halal Chicken Stir Fried Noodles Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans (v) Oat & Raisin Cookie with Orange Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips Cheesy Tortilla Stack with Chips (v) Mixed Fruit Salad
<b>Week 2 w/c</b> 6th September 27th September 18 <sup>th</sup> October 15 <sup>th</sup> November 06 <sup>th</sup> December	Lamb Shepherd's Pie Halal Lamb Shepherd's Pie Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (v) or with tuna mayonnaise Chocolate Mousse with Orange Wedges	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Halal Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice Macaroni Cheese (v) Lemon Sponge with Custard	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (v) Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Halal Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Veggie Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (v) Chocolate Marble Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips (v) Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Wedges
<b>Week 3 w/c</b> 13th September 4th October 01 <sup>st</sup> November 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese Halal Beef Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans (v) Apple Sponge with Custard	Piri Piri Chicken with Rice Halal Piri Piri Chicken with Rice Macaroni Cheese (v) Lemon Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Halal Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (v) Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Lamb curry with rice Halal lamb curry with rice Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans (v) Carrot & Pineapple Cake with Custard	Breaded Fish with Chips Cheesy Tortilla Stack with Chips (v) Fresh Fruit Salad Topped with Natural Yoghurt



## KEY DATES

Applications for Nursery / Primary and Junior school are open	Wednesday 1st September 2021 - Saturday 15th January 2022
Walk to School Week	Monday 12th October - Friday 17th October 2021
Nasal Flu Spray - for those who have returned the consent forms	Wednesday 13th October 2021
Half Term - School Closed	Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021 - School re opens Tuesday 2nd November 2021
Teacher Training Day	Monday 1st November 2021 - <b>School Closed</b>
Christmas Card Competition	Friday 29th October 2021 (Deadline) <b>Thursday 21st October if sending via school office</b>
Clocks go back 1 hour	Sunday 31st October 2021