



Headteacher's Newsletter

November 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

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

It has been lovely to see all our pupils and families, the children have all come back with a positive mind set and ready to work hard this term. We also welcome all our new families who have recently joined us.

It has been really pleasing to see that our parents have read and understood our recent COVID guidance and are helping to keep us all safe. Thank you to all of you for adapting to the changes so quickly.

Below is a reminder of our staggered start and finish times.

Mrs Bringan

	Entrance	Start time	Finish time
Morning Nursery	Nursery gate on Cotswold Close	Between 8:30am and 8:45am	11:15 - 11:30am
Afternoon Nursery	Nursery gate on Cotswold Close	12:30pm and 12:45pm	Between 3pm and 3:30pm
Reception	Reception Gate	Larch/Spruce 8:30 Cedar/Birch 8:40	Larch/Spruce 2:50pm Cedar/Birch 3:00pm
Year 1	Playground	8:40am	3pm
Year 2	Playground	8:45am	3:05pm

KEY DATES

Children In Need Non school uniform	Friday 19th November 2021
Anti Bullying Week	Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021
Virtual Childhood Asthma Workshop	Monday 6th December 2021
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10th December 2021
Chaplin's Christmas Panto - Red Riding Hood - (paid for by Parents Association fund raising	Monday 13th December 2021
End of Term Nursery	Thursday 16th December 2021
End of Term Reception , Year 1 and Year 2	Friday 17th December 2021 School finishes at 12.30

Communication School and Parents/ Carers

At Whitehall we believe good communication is vital , it helps to both inform our parents /carers about what is going on within the school and also helps to develop a good relationship which builds trust and understanding. We have a number of methods of communication which we use today

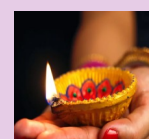
Method	What	Parent Requirement
Email	Various communications	Provide school with email address
Text	Various Communications	Provide school with mobile contact number
School App	Access information such as notices, calendar, newsletters and ad hoc communications	Download to your mobile phone via Google or Apple store search School Jotter 2. Once downloaded choose Whitehall Infant School
Newsletter's	Sent by email fortnightly and posted on our website and APP	Access to our school app , mobile phone or computer.
Website	Variety of information	Access to a phone or computer
Posters	Notice boards around school	Take a look when dropping or collecting children.
Phone	Speak directly with staff	To be available for phone call at agreed time.

Parent Association Update

We would like to say a big Thank you to all those parent volunteers who have already come forward with their details to be part of our Parents Association, it has been appreciated. Unfortunately due to the current increase in COVID cases we are hearing about in the news we have decided that we will not be doing face to face fundraising this year and therefore will postpone the launch in line with our risk assessment.

Happy Diwali

We hope you had a wonderful Diwali and enjoyed your time celebrating with your family and friends. The children came into school in their best celebratory clothing which was wonderful to see. Please see some of the photos of the children at the end of the newsletter.



**New Admissions September 2022 Open mornings —
change to our original communication**

Due to the recent news on the current COVID numbers we have decided that in order to ensure the safety of everyone, we won't be offering any face to face open morning as previously communicated for the week commencing November 15th 2021.

We would like you to alternatively join our virtual tour which can be found on our website.

[Virtual Tour Link](#)

Please email any queries to us and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your understanding

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is celebrated on 11th November and is a day to remember people who fought and died in wars. On November 11th 1918 on the 11th hour, the First World War ended.



Poppies are worn on Remembrance day (and days leading up to) as a sign of remembrance for those people who died during this war and any other that followed. The poppy was chosen as a symbol as it began to grow freely on the battlefields where service men died.

We will be marking the day collectively with a 2 minute silence at 11.11am.

Children in Need

We will be having a dress up day to help raise money for Children in Need on **Friday 19th November 2021**. The children can choose to come dressed in something Yellow or Spotty, as always please ensure the children have school shoes or trainers only.

Whitehall Infant School would love to help raise funds for this cause and have set up our own charity giving page which can be found using the following link:

[BBC Children In Need 2021 Whitehall Infant School Page](#)



Anti Bullying Week - One Kind Word

Anti Bullying week takes place across the UK from **November 15th to November 19th**, with its key theme being 'One Kind Word'. Whitehall Infant School will be supporting this by talking to the children about the importance of being kind.

Further information on this campaign can be found via the link below:

[Anti Bullying Week 2021](#)

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

Can we please ask that you email the office below to ensure there is a space for your child before bringing them to a morning session. Please email the school office. office@mail.whitehallinf.org with your enquiry.

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 2017 and 31st August 2018**, then you can apply for entry in September 2022. Please email the school office directly with any questions:

office@mail.whitehallinf.org

Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2022 you must apply for a Reception 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 Year 3 School place by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Applications should be made online at:

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

At Whitehall Infant School, regular attendance is extremely important to maximise your children's learning potential, every day counts.



Our target is for every child to reach at least 95% attendance level. Please note that this target is set by the Department for Education and it is something that we are monitored against.

If your child has an authorised absence then please be aware that this will still count towards their overall attendance and hence they will be shown as absent during the approved period.

- A number of parents are not calling when their child is absent. The Welfare and attendance officer is still 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 48 hours before returning them to school.


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.

Can we also please ask that as the weather is getting colder that children are appropriately dressed.

The school gates will be locked each day at 08.50am. If you arrive late you should 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.

These workshops are **free** and are available to any parent/carer that wishes to attend.

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**Central and
North West London**
NHS Foundation Trust

HILLGONDON CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED THERAPY SERVICE - CITs
Speech and Language Therapy Mainstream Schools Team

Zoom Parent Workshops – November 2021

You are invited to attend an online workshop with Speech and Language Therapists from the Mainstream Schools Team, via Zoom.

All these workshops can be joined on the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888938292?pwd=SHZuNTZBMlYtYjZmZzZlZDZkdzQ9>
 Meeting ID: 898 8893 8292
 Passcode: 997720


<p style="text-align: center;">Stammering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 1.30pm</p> <p>The session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help you find out more about children's stammering • Give an overview of useful strategies and activities to support your child • Share sources of further information and support 	<p style="text-align: center;">Lego Therapy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 23rd November at 1.30pm</p> <p>The session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give an overview of what Lego Therapy is • Explain why we use Lego Therapy • Give parents ideas of how to adapt Lego Therapy into other activities at home
<p style="text-align: center;">Speech Sounds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 26th November 2021 at 4pm</p> <p>The session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain types of speech sound assessment • Describe the typical pattern of speech sound development and types of speech sound difficulties • Give an overview of speech sound therapy activities you can do at home • Share sources of further information and support 	<p style="text-align: center;">Emotional Regulation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 22nd November at 11.30am Thursday 25th November at 4pm</p> <p>The session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what emotional regulation difficulties look like • Discuss the impact of emotional regulation difficulties • Give an overview of different strategies we can use to support emotional regulation

- These are **ONLINE** workshops delivered on Zoom which is free to use
- You can JOIN on a phone or laptop but the information is easier to read on a larger screen
- Parents will be asked to have their microphones and videos off during the presentation
- Each workshop will have the waiting room enabled. Please wait in the waiting room until the speaker allows you into the meeting.

Please contact the CITs service by email to register on the date you would like to attend:
citsadmin.cwyl@nhs.net

If you would like the same information delivered to you in a different format or if you require an interpreter to access the information from the workshop in your home language, please contact the [CITs service on: 01885 488 202](tel:01885488202) and we will aim to provide this.

We hope you are able to join us.



Wellbeing for life



CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

Join our
**FREE Virtual
Asthma Workshop**

DECEMBER

4pm - 5pm

6th


Presented over: **zoom**

Session presented by a Hillingdon asthma nurse, covering:

- What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack
- Inhaler techniques
- Myth Busting
- Asthma plans
- Common triggers

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE


CONTACT THE TEAM TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

 Call the team 01895 543 437

 nhsnwccg.Myhealth@nhs.net



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
Week 1 w/c 30th August 20th September 11 th October 08 th November 29 th 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
Week 2 w/c 6 th September 27 th September 18 th October 15 th November 06 th 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
Week 3 w/c 13 th September 4 th October 01 st November 22 nd November 13 th 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

Diwali 2021

It was so lovely to see all the children dressed in their celebration clothes on Friday 5th November in celebration of Diwali.

Here are just some of the photos we took .

