



Headteacher's Newsletter

November 2021 Issue 2

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 has been another busy couple of weeks since our last update. As a school we have embraced the 'Anti Bullying Week' which ran the week commencing November 15th 2021. Each class learnt about the key message 'One Kind Word'. You can read more about our activities further down in the newsletter.

Thank you for wearing masks and social distancing. We have to work together as a family to keep everybody safe.

Finally we had the pleasure of some of our Governors visiting the school site, which you can read more about within this weeks newsletter.

Mrs Bringan

Head teacher

Welcome and Farewell

This term, we have welcomed two new members of staff, Mr River Da Souza and Miss Charanjeet Bain's.

River Da Souza is our new Premises Assistant working across both the Infant and Junior School.

Charanjeet Bain's joins us as a very experienced LSA, who will be working in both Nursery and across the school.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the Whitehall Infant School family.

We will be sadly saying goodbye to **Mrs St Flour** our Finance and Communications Officer. Mrs St Flour is leaving us due to personal circumstances.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs St Flour every happiness.

KEY DATES

Virtual Childhood Asthma Workshop	Monday 6th December 2021
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10th December 2021 
Pupil and Staff Christmas Lunch	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

Thank you from Hillingdon Food Bank

The Hillingdon foodbank have contacted Whitehall Infant School and have asked that we pass on their thanks for the recent donations made as part of our Harvest Celebrations. During this period the foodbank collected 8,224.22 Kilos of food , which is absolutely amazing!



Thank you to everybody who made a contribution.

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children campaign

Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper (or festive clothes) on Friday 10th December 2021. for a donation of £1. We will have a bucket to collect your donations on the day .

Donations will be given to [Save the Children](#) on behalf of our school.

School shoes must be worn for safety



Welfare Updates

Punctuality

Arriving on time is extremely important to start the school day in a positive way and get the day off to a calm start. 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 their class.

	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

	Entrance	Start time	Finish time
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

Attendance

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

Please note that if you have an authorised absence, this still counts towards the overall attendance, hence they will be shown as absent during the approved period.

The school governors have just approved the updated attendance policy for the school. The policy is based on the latest Department for Education and Local authority guidance. Please refer to our policy - [Attendance Policy](#)

Head Lice

There have been a couple of cases of head lice in school this past week. Head lice and nits are very common in children and their families. They don't have anything to do with the cleanliness of hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's hair on a daily basis and where possible always have hair tied back.

If you would like any more information about the treatment of head lice and nits please visit the [NHS website](#)

Welfare Reminders

- 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.
- The 48hrs rule is from NHS guidance.

School Uniform

Uniform I am sure everybody has noticed that the weather has started to change and winter is fast approaching. Please ensure your children are appropriately dressed during this cold or wet period

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

Book Bags Please ensure you check your child's book bags on a daily basis.

The book bags will contain their reading books, homework and on some occasions a letter from the school which may need you to respond to. Please wash the bag regularly.

COVID 19 - INFORMATION AND UPDATES

The COVID Guidance has changed. Please find details below by clicking on the link : [What you 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.

'One Kind Word'

Anti-Bullying week took place from 15th-19th November. Following this year's theme of 'One Kind Word', children across the school learnt about the importance of kindness and the difference one kind act or word can make to someone else's day. We held an assembly on Monday 15th which you can view via the following link : [Anti Bullying Presentation](#)

It was wonderful to see the children putting their ideas into action, helping each other, paying each other compliments and supporting each other to make the right choices so that there were smiles all round! Children took time at the end of each day to reflect on how it felt to be kind as well as to receive kindness from others.



NSPCC Pant's Rule

Next week during our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Education) lessons we will be teaching children the **NSPCC's PANTS rules**. These rules have been created by the NSPCC to help children to understand that their body belongs to them and that they should talk to someone they trust if anything upsets or worries them.

The rules are taught in an age appropriate way using child friendly stories.

Further information for parents can be found on the NSPCC website at: [NSPCC Pants Rule](#)

The Pantosaurus song has been made available on YouTube by the NSPCC: [Pantosaurus Song](#)



Children In Need 2021

Carrying on the kindness theme of the past weeks , it was lovely to see all our children dressed up on Friday 19th November to help raise awareness for Children In Need. **Thank you** for your kind donations made so far, we raised £90.00 on the day and will know our total from our Just giving page after December 3rd when it closes. If you haven't yet and would still like to make a donation then please go to our Just giving page before December 2nd 2021.

Please see some the fab photos taken on the day!

[Whitehall Infant School Just Giving Page](#)



Whitehall Infant School Governor Visits



Recently we have had the pleasure of welcoming some of our Governors to the school, details of their visit and it's purpose can be seen below. The role of a school governor is to work alongside our Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team to ensure that Whitehall Infant School provides a good quality of education for our pupils.

Nathan White

Nathan visited us in his capacity of Safeguarding governor to do a Health and Safety walk through the school. Nathan was hosted by our health and safety partner 'Kirk and Kirk'. The outcome of the meeting was documented and any actions are being dealt with accordingly.

Susan Watts

Susan is our governor for SEN and Inclusion. During her visit she had a tour of the school and its facilities with our Safeguarding officer and had the opportunity to review our provisions we have in place for our SEN pupils, Susan also learnt to how children share information if they are worried. Finally Susan was also able to learn what our progression for writing expectations are across the school and how we achieve.

Emma Hutchinson

Emma is a new governor to the school and is responsible for PE and Sports Premium. Emma had a tour of the school with staff from both EYFS and KS1. Our PE and Sports Co-ordinator met with Emma and together they identified possible spending opportunities that will have a positive impact for the children. We were also able to show her the lunchtime provisions we have in school and she was able to speak to staff members whilst enjoying a lunch with the children.

Further information on our Governing Body can be found on our school website. [Governing Body](#)

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>

A polite notice regarding birthday cakes, treats and party bags

Please note that we do not share birthday cakes, treats or party bags, staff will not be able to give these out. Many parents would rather limit and monitor the amount of treats eaten by their children. Also we need to always be aware of allergies and the risks that can be posed if a child eats something they are not able to. We will still acknowledge your child's birthday and will celebrate by singing happy birthday in class.

An alternative idea that we have is that you could maybe make a donation of a book and will presented to their class/ school with a book note saying who donated the book and which birthday they were celebrating. We look forward to celebrating your child's birthday safely.




Harrisons Catering at Whitehall Infant School

Our school meal provider is a company called Harrisons Catering, as a company they believe in providing both healthy and nutritious meals. All their ingredients are sourced from local and national suppliers that they trust and they can trace back all their ingredients to it's source. As it is getting colder, why not try a delicious hot meal and see for yourself.




Each day we have 3 options that the children can choose from on a daily basis, please see the menu below.

Lunch Menu - September through to December 2021

<div>  <div>WEEKLY MENU</div> <div>Please note Dishes may vary due to local choice at your school</div> <div>(v) = vegetarian</div> </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

Free Parent Workshops



NHS
Central and
North West London
NHS Foundation Trust

HILLINGDON 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=SHZsNTZBMytqamZwaEhQL1dkeDZidz09>
 Meeting ID: 898 8893 8292
 Passcode: 997720


<p style="text-align: center;">Stammering 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 Tuesday 23rd November 2021 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 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 Monday 22nd November 2021 at 11.30am Thursday 25th November 2021 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.cnwl@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: 01895 488 200](tel:01895488200) 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



nhsnwlcg.Myhealth@nhs.net

Club Information

We will be sending out a separate email next week with the details for the upcoming term.