



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,

As we pass the halfway point of January 2022, I just want to say what a great job everyone is doing in such difficult circumstances. With the efforts from school staff, children and parents, quality learning continues at WIS despite the number of Covid absences rising.

Nationally schools are struggling to cope and at WIS the brilliant staff are covering any gaps with great aplomb!

From the 24th January 2022, the isolating rules changed - the isolation period has now reduced from 7 to 5 days with two consecutive negative LFD tests in a row starting on **day 5**. Please always check with 119 if you are unsure of your own or your child's isolation periods.

The government guidance is changing to reflect the changing profile of this virus. At WIS we are continuing with measures to keep our community safe.

Stay safe,
Manjit Bringan

Headteacher

School Admissions

If you have applied for your child to start Reception with us in September 2022, we will contact you once we have received the relevant information from the Local Authority after Easter.

Applying for Nursery

Children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are eligible to start our school Nursery in September 2022.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a Nursery place for your child, please visit: <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/admissions/nursery-1>.

We have also created a [Virtual Open Day](#) on our website containing useful information regarding our school along with a video tour.



Burns Night

Many people across the world will be celebrating Burns Night on the 25th January 2022.

Burns Night is celebrated mainly in Scotland to remember the poet Robert Burns.

Are you celebrating? Please take pictures and tell us how you celebrate so we can share on our website and in our newsletters.

Send photos and stories to
office@mail.whitehallinf.org



Curriculum Overviews

The Curriculum overview for this half term for each year group is now available on our web-

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

School Values

This half term, we will be focusing on our school values. At the moment, we are focusing on the values of **family and respect**.

We would love to see examples of how you and your children are upholding these values (such as respecting the environment, helping to maintain a sense of community, showing good manners and kindness to others). Please email your ideas and photos to office@mail.whitehallinf.org for us to showcase on our website and in our newsletters.



Parent Governor Vacancies

Can you help shape the future of our school?

We need parents of pupils registered at the school to make a difference in our school's community by volunteering to become **parent governors**.

Currently we have **two vacancies** for parent governors on the governing body.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership.

Full training is provided.

A letter and further information about how to apply to be a governor has been sent today and we have added the same information to our website:

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/governors/governor-vacancies>

If you would like a paper copy please email the school reception: office@mail.whitehallinf.org

If you would like to find out more please do speak to myself or request a call from one of the current governors.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 10th February 2022



Attendance for W/E 21/1/2022

Our individual attendance heroes over the last week were:

Name	Class
Iman	Cedar
Adeep	Spruce
Claude	Beech
Caitlyn	Maple
Samrit	Peacock
Anastazja	Flamingo

Last week's top class for best attendance were:

1st Place	Elm Class	98%
2nd Place	Larch Class	94.5%
3rd Place	Cedar Class	94.4%



Christmas Card Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the Christmas Card competition. We had some brilliant entries. It was so difficult to choose the winners!

The winners are:

Mia - Flamingo



George - Peacock



Aleena - Larch



Vera - Pine



Thank you to all parents/carers who have donated packs of tissues to the school. We greatly appreciate it.

Remote Education

Device Survey

Thank you to the 164 families that have responded to our recent device survey.

This will help us provide the best guidance and plan for remote learning should be need it.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Percentage of responses</u>
Nursery	29%
Reception	46%
Year 1	52%
Year 2	43%

Findings from survey

1% of families who responded indicated they had no access to internet at home	3% of families who responded indicated they had no device at home that children could use
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What are we doing?

We receive no government funding for devices of routers.	Where possible , we will provide data packages. a device or paper copies of learning.
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Our Remote Education Offer

Our continued offer is similar to that of when we were in lockdown. The difference this time is that the class teachers are in school teaching their class and have less time to be online.

Please find information below regarding our updated offer

Day 1	<p>Notify the school that your child is self isolating and whether they are able to continue their learning from home.</p> <p><u>Our number one priority is that your child is well. If your child is unwell we do not expect them to access remote learning.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child is well enough to access remote learning they are to log into their Google Classroom account if they have not done so already to check if there are any issues signing in. They are to log into Mathseeds and Reading Eggs and complete maths and reading activities for the day. Children should have their reading book at home and should read this. They can practice their handwriting at home and complete any homework activities set. Children should stay as active as possible. There are resources on our Remote Education page that will provide Yoga sessions and other activities that can be completed indoors. There are also links to other sites that give children ideas of activities to complete such as art and design.
Day 2 onwards	<p>Google Classroom will be your child's main platform to use.</p> <p>There will be a daily Read Write Inc lesson to watch and participate in.</p> <p><u>Early Years (Reception and Nursery)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The EYFS team will share practical activities that you can complete with your reception or nursery child throughout the week that reflect the learning that's taking place in school. * You can also access Mathseeds and Reading Eggs and complete fun online activities with you child. <p><u>KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KS1 team will set maths, English and topic work for your child to complete Where needed they may set Mathseeds and Reading Eggs lessons but your child will be guided to complete these Your child can also access Mathseeds and Reading Eggs even if lessons are not set. Your child will have other lessons to complete including handwriting, PE time as per their timetable.

Wellbeing whilst learning from home.

Learning at home for an extended period can be overwhelming for children. Remember to encourage 'mindfulness time' including opportunities for drawing, singing, exercise and reading for pleasure.

Give your child opportunities to share their feelings whilst at home. Give them talking opportunities.

Involve them, where possible in activities at home such as cooking and tidying up. Encourage independent skills including dressing, going to the toilet and using cutlery.



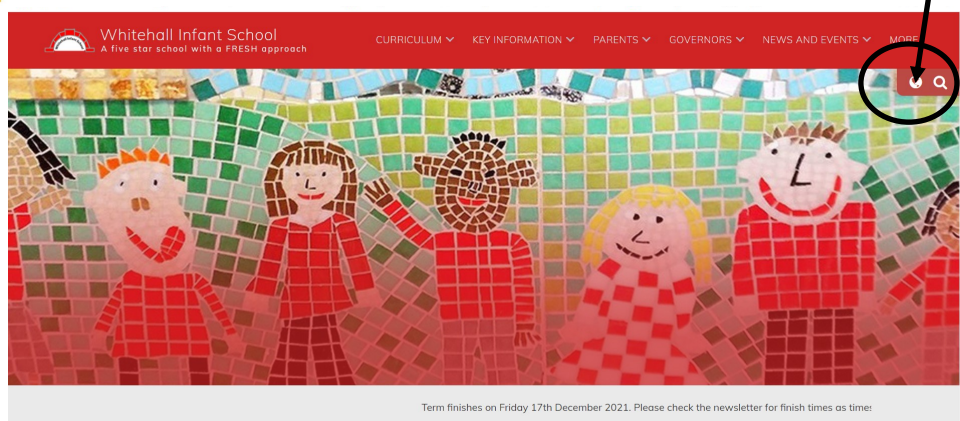
New Website!

We are currently redeveloping our new website so that it is easier to navigate and can be used on a variety of devices.

Over the next few weeks you will see lots of changes. Watch this space!



The website is also able to be translated, Please click on the 'globe' and select the language of your choice.



Competition Time

School App Competition - School Jotter

We have a school app. It will give you instant updates when we send letters or announcements out to families.

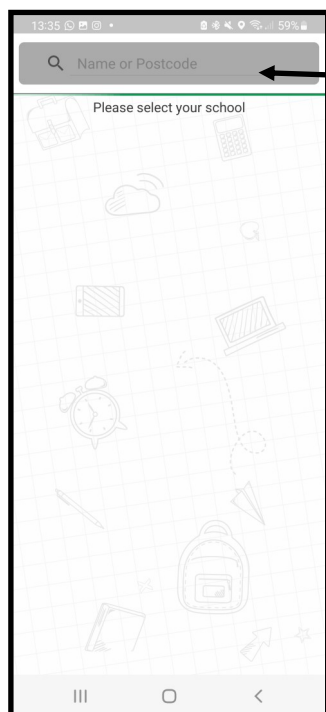
The app is called '[School Jotter 2](#)' and can be found on the 'Play Store' for Android phones or in the Apple store for iPhones.

We need as many parents/carers to download the app. We are holding a competition between all the classes in the school. The class with the highest number of App downloads will win a class prize.

You have until **10th February** to sign up. The winning class will be announced in the newsletter after half term.

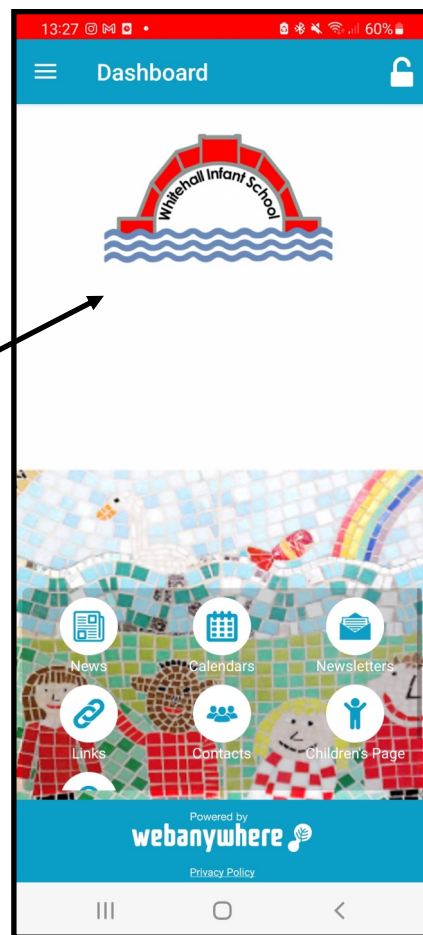
When using the App for the first time please type 'Whitehall Infant School' and our logo and postcode will come up.





1. Type in the box at the top
'Whitehall Infant School'
2. Our school will come up.
Click on the emblem.

3. Your main page will look like this



Uxbridge Library Events

Tiny Tales at Uxbridge Library

Join Uxbridge Library for stories and songs for 2-5 year olds, in a relaxed and friendly environment.

These free events are available to view on the Hillingdon council website:

<https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/library-events>

Education for All Exhibition

The exhibition is running until the 28th January 2022. It looks at the 1870 Elementary Education Act, which laid the ground for compulsory primary education. Taking local examples, it shows the provisions for schooling existed before and after the Act and delves into the lives of pupils and teachers, curriculum and school buildings



Lunch Menu

Week of 24th January 2022 (Week 1):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lamb meatballs in tomato sauce & penne pasta	Chicken sausages with mash & gravy	Roast boneless chicken with roast potatoes and gravy	Beef lasagne with garlic bread	Fish fingers served with chips
Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce & wholegrain rice	Quorn sausages with mash & gravy	Roast quorn with roast potatoes and gravy	Jacket potato with beans/cheese or Tuna	Homemade cheese & tomato pizza served with chips
Halal lamb meatballs in tomato sauce & penne pasta	Halal chicken sausages with mash & gravy	Halal boneless chicken with roast potatoes and gravy	Halal beef lasagne with garlic bread	Homemade salmon pizza served with chips
Berry sponge cake & custard	Shortbread biscuit with sliced fruit	Chocolate Mousse	Iced lemon sponge with custard	Mixed fresh fruit