

Headteacher's Newsletter



July 2022 | Issue 2

Dear Parents/Carers,



This is my last newsletter for this school year and what an wonderful year it has been!

Thank you to all the children, parents, staff and governors for their commitment and support over the year.

Good bye to all our families who are moving on, we wish you all the best.

It has been a delight to be part of your child's learning this year.

Manjit Bringan
Headteacher

Reminders

Nursery last day of term—Wednesday
20th July 2022

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Last day of school Thursday 21st July 2022.

Staggered finish times

Class/Year Group	Finish Time
Spruce and Larch	12:00pm
Cedar and Birch	12:10pm
Year 1	12:15pm
Year 2	12:20pm

First day back for children in
RECEPTION / YEAR 1 and
YEAR 2

Monday 5th September
2022

Nursery start dates vary and have been communicated to parents separately.

Starting Nursery or Reception in September 2022

New to Reception and Nursery parents have been given a welcome pack during their 'Welcome Meetings' back in June 2022. Parents who were unable to attend have been contacted to collect their welcome packs from the school office. These packs contain important information including your child's start date, class and induction schedule. Please read any correspondence carefully.

If you require any further information please email

office@mail.whitehallinf.org

Start Times for September 2022

As cases of Coronavirus continue to rise we continue to be cautious when reviewing our Covid risk assessment.

From September we will
continue to stagger our start
and finish times.

Year group/Class	Start time	Finish time
Nursery am Nursery pm	8:30am 12:30pm	11:30am 3:30pm
Reception Larch & Spruce	8:30am	2:50pm
Reception Cedar & Birch	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	8:45am	3:05pm

Reminder - Autumn Term 2022 PE Timetable

Class	PE Days
NAM	Wednesday
NPM	Wednesday
Cedar	Tuesday
Larch	Wednesday
Birch	Thursday
Spruce	Monday
Beech	Tuesday & Friday
Willow	Monday & Thursday
Elm	Tuesday & Friday
Pine	Monday & Thursday
Peacock	Tuesday & Thursday
Flamingo	Monday & Wednesday
Toucan	Tuesday & Thursday
Kingfisher	Monday & Wednesday

Your child will be taking part in PE on the day/s indicated in the table on the left

Children may come to school on their PE days in PE kit.

Thank you for your continued support as we work through the heatwave we are currently facing.



Remember:

- Apply sun cream before your child comes to school
- Wear thin light clothing (shorts and t-shirt) and closed toe shoes/trainers.
- Wear a sun hat
- Bring a named water bottle

More guidance can be found here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

School Uniform

We are fortunate to always have families offering us donations of clean school uniform in an excellent condition. **Spare uniform will be available at the end of the day on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.** Given the rise in the cost of living and being so close to the end of the year we are urging any families who require school uniform to get in touch and we will offer support where we are able to.

September 2022 Reminders

Labelling Uniform

There are often items that can't be returned to their rightful owners as they are not labelled. Please write your child's name on clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes and book bags.



Items your child does not need

We do not have rucksacks in school. Previously these would have been used to carry PE kits. Please only send your child in with a book bag.

No shoes/trainers with laces. These pose a health and safety risk as often children do not know how to tie laces yet. If your child is able to tie laces please have a discussion with their class teacher so that we are confident they will be able to do this independently.

Final Orders at PMG

Final orders for uniform with the Whitehall Infant School logo on is the 12th August 2022.

Attendance Matters

5th September 2022

Children start at school

It is very important that children return to school on time at the start of the next academic year. Every day absent will impact on the number of hours of learning that your child will take part in and will impact on their progress. Our attendance policy can be found here: [Attendance policy](#)

Attendance %	Descriptor	Learning Hours Lost
98%+	Outstanding attendance	0-20
95%	Good attendance	47.5
90%	Improvement required	95
Below 90%	Persistent absentee	105+
85%	Special measures	142

Travelling Abroad

Please do not take leave during term time. If you do need to travel abroad, you must email us with the reason why and request the leave. It is very important that you keep us updated with where your child is during school term time. We have a duty of care to every child during this time and need to ensure we follow the correct safeguarding procedures.



If your child is abroad or you are planning to take your child abroad soon, please ensure they are back in the UK in time for school to return in September (please remember to allow extra time to quarantine if needed).

Please refer to next academic year term dates to plan your holidays (end of newsletter).



Leaving Whitehall Infant School

Please remember to let us know if your child will not be returning to Whitehall Infant School (or Whitehall Junior school for the current Year 2 children) in September.

If you move out of the area over the summer holidays, please email us on office@mail.whitehallinf.org

with details of the school your child will be attending.



Summer Reading Challenge

This is an annual competition organised by 'The Reading Agency'. This year's theme is 'Gadgeteers' and enthuses children to see science in the everyday. Partnering with the science museum, the challenge focuses on innovation and science we see in the world around us.

How to take part

Visit your local Hillingdon Library. You will need to be a member of Hillingdon libraries - joining is free and easy!

Visit and borrow books at least 4 times during the summer (we recommend aiming to read at least 6 books).

Collect your gifts as you borrow books from the library!

There are 4 visits to complete.

Follow the link for summer reading events:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/9597/Programme-of-Summer-Reading-Challenge-events>



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club will continue to run in September from week commencing 12th September 2022. If you **would like to express an interest** for your child to attend breakfast club, please complete the expression of interest form by **Thursday 21st July at 9am**. Forms can be collected from the school office.

Please remember if your child attended breakfast club this year this does not mean they have a guaranteed place next year. You must apply again.

Nursery applications

There is still time to apply for a place in our Nursery.

If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please collect an application form from the main school office.



We are fortunate to enjoy the support of many members of our community including our Governors who attend meetings and help with the ongoing improvement and development of our school, guests who come to host an assembly, our caterers and kitchen staff, our premises team including Mr Heath, our office staff and all our teaching and support staff. All of these people help to enrich the lives of our pupils and are a valuable asset to us.

We are relaunching our Parents' Association!



The Parents' Association are in need of new members for September. The Parents' Association supports the school with various events throughout the year including special fundraising events and school enrichment activities. The school will not be able to offer exciting experiences without the support of our wonderful parents.

If you would be interested then please email **office@mail.whitehallinf.org** or speak to **Miss Hall or myself** before the end of this school year. Our first meeting will be in September 2022.

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Reading Eggs and Mathseeds!

We subscribe to Reading Eggs and Mathseeds.

It is really beneficial for your child to use these programs at home to support their learning in school. The company are constantly updating their website with new games and learning



activities. We will be monitoring their usage and giving rewards to children who use this regularly. We are also hoping to start a Reading Eggs and Mathseeds club in school for children who are unable to access this at home. This will start in September.

School Staff 2022/2023

Leadership Team

Mrs Bringan - Headteacher
Mrs Kennedy - Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Robinson - School Business Manager
Mrs Williams - SENCO
Mrs Pert - Pupil Premium Lead

Nursery

Mrs Bir (Year Leader), Mrs Murphy

Support Staff

Mrs Bains, Mrs Armaghan

Office Staff

Mrs Ferrell - Admissions Officer
and Receptionist
Mrs Ferdous - Resource and Finance
Assistant

Reception Cedar - Mrs McLucas (Year Leader)

Spruce - Mrs Caba

Larch - Mrs Salah

Birch - Mrs Patel



Support Staff

Miss Fatima, Mrs Fawcett, Miss Lyford,
Miss Alley

Pastoral Team

Miss Hall - Welfare and Attendance
Officer

Miss Woolley - Learning Mentor
Mrs Malik - Safeguarding Officer

Teaching Support

Miss Carter - HLTA
Miss Cann - HLTA
Miss McAnulty - HLTA
Mrs Cluett - EAL LSA

Year 1

Elm - Miss Downie (Year Leader)

Pine - Mr Ball/Miss Ukey

Beech - Miss Payne

Willow - Mrs Jamil

Support Staff

Mrs Young, Mrs Handa,
Mrs Hussain

Premises Team

Mr Heath - Premises Manager
Mr De Souza - Premises Assistant
Ms Laver - Cleaner
Ms Hinds - Cleaner
Mrs Kaler - Cleaner

Year 2

Flamingo - Mrs Aqbarawi (Year Leader)

Kingfisher - Miss Wright

Peacock - Mrs Pert

Toucan - Miss Walsh

Support Staff

Miss Perry, Mrs Sidhu

SMSAs

Mrs Khurana
Mrs Kaur
Mrs Goldfinch
Mrs Greenman
Mrs Begum

SEN Keyworkers

Miss Keary

Mrs Worthington

Mrs Barba

Mrs Kaul

Mrs Kaur

Mrs Zulfiqar

Mrs St. Clair

Recent Communication

End of year reports

Leaflet with new class teacher
and class

Letter about keeping safe
during the UK Red
Weather Warning

Summer activity
information

Autumn term club flyers

Reception induction
information

Nursery induction information

MyHealth Asthma Workshops

MyHealth are running FREE Asthma workshops for parents who have children with Asthma. These sessions are run by the Hillingdon Hospital asthma nurses giving you the chance to learn from health professionals and to ask them questions directly. Some of the content included in these sessions is Asthma attacks, Asthma triggers, inhaler techniques and Asthma action plans.

The workshop is run online using ZOOM from 4pm - 5pm you can register your FREE place from this [link](#).

You can also contact the MyHealth team on tel: 01895 543 437 or nhsnwlccg.myhealth@nhs.net



FREE
Virtual
Asthma Workshop's

4pm - 5pm

July 11th August 1st August 24th September 12th September 22nd

CONTACT THE TEAM TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

 **01895 543 437**

 **nhsnwlccg.Myhealth@nhs.net**




WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE WORKSHOP ?					
What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack	Inhaler Techniques	Myth Busting	Common Triggers	Asthma Plans	Q&A

SESSION PRESENTED BY A HILLINGDON ASTHMA NURSE



Summer Activities

We have added lots of different activities on our school website for children to take part in if they so wish. Please go to our curriculum pages to find out more!

Summer Fun Activities in Hillingdon

We have also added information about different free activities around Hillingdon on our website.

Please go to our 'latest news' page for more information.



Hillingdon Summer Activity Programme



FIESTA 2022:

FIESTA is one of the summer holidays programmes being delivered from 25th July to 26th August 2022 and is offered to children and young people in school years 1 to 12.

FIESTA delivers from various locations across the Borough including the Young Peoples Centres in Ruislip, South Ruislip, Harlington and Uxbridge, and from local sports facilities and community venues including the Compass Theatre. This year's offer includes Summer Fun and Big Summer multi-activity programmes, Musical theatre for young people with disabilities and support needs, cricket, netball, tennis, First Aid, plus much more. There really is something for everyone.

Bookings are now open! You can book via the web on [Summer Activity Programme 2022. - Hillingdon Council.](#)

There are 3 different types of tickets that can be booked :

1. resident tickets - if you live or are educated in Hillingdon,
2. non-resident tickets - if you live outside the borough and do not attend a Hillingdon school or
3. HAF tickets - for children and young people who are on free school meals who families are in receipt of benefits (theses families would have already received an email on how to book. If you feel that you are eligible for HAF and not received an email, please contact HAFprogramme@hillington.gov.uk).



School Terms and Holidays September 2022 - July 2023 Whitehall Infant School

AUTUMN TERM - 2022	
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Thursday 1st September 2022
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 2nd September 2022
Term starts for the children	Monday 5th September 2022
Half Term Holiday	Mon 24th - Fri 28th October 2022
Term starts for the children	Monday 31st October 2022
Term Ends	Friday 16th December 2022
SPRING TERM - 2023	
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 10th February 2023
Half Term Holiday	Mon 13th - Fri 17th February 2023
Term starts for the children	Monday 20th February 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
SUMMER TERM - 2023	
Term starts for the children	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 1st May 2023
Term ends for the children	Friday 26th May 2023
Half Term Holiday	Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023
Term starts for the children	Monday 5th June 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 3rd July 2023
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Friday 21st July 2023
AUTUMN TERM - 2023	
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	Monday 4th September 2023
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 5th September 2023