

# Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I welcome you back to school on behalf of all the staff and Governors. I have enjoyed greeting all our families and it has been lovely getting to know our new to school families.

One of our continued priorities for the coming year is to promote wellbeing amongst our school community. The children have settled well in all our classes across the school.

As we start this new school year we are supporting children's transition back into school. You have done a fantastic job in preparing your child for their schooling and we can see your hard work.

Mrs Bringan,  
Headteacher



## Attendance and Welfare

It is very important that your child attends school every day. If your child will not be in, please remember to call the absence line by 8:30am on **01895 590112 option 1** every day that your child is absent.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell.

We follow the government guidelines to determine how long a child should stay at home. The most common queries are in the table below

Vomiting and / or Diarrhoea	Your child should stay at home for 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped.
Sore Throat	Your child can still come to school however if they have a high temperature they should remain at home
Head Lice / Nits	Your child should attend school but their hair should be treated.
Coughs and Colds	It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. If they have a high temperature they should remain at home.

## Safeguarding reminders

- Please keep your child with you during drop off and pick up. It can become very busy and we would not want your child to become separated from you.
- Ensure your child is dropped and collected by an adult.
- If you have **changed your phone number, address or email address** please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)
- Please inform us of any court orders or injunctions preventing someone from collecting your child.
- Please provide legal documentation for any safeguarding issues relating to your child.
- Remember to regularly check our website or app for important information.

## Start and End of the Day

Thank you to all families for following the school's procedures in the morning and at collection time.

**Late drop off** - A reminder of start times and when your child will be given a late mark are shown in the table below:

Year Group	Start Time	Your child is
Nursery am	8:30am	8:45
Nursery pm	12:30pm	12:45pm
Reception	8:30am	8:50
Year 1	8:40	8:55
Year 2	8:45	8:55am

**Late collection** - A reminder of finish times can be found in the table below. If you are late collecting you will need to collect your child from the office.

Year Group	Finish time	Late collection
Nursery am	11:30am	11:40am
Nursery pm	3:30pm	3:40pm
Spruce/Larch	2:50pm	3:10pm
Cedar / Birch	3:00pm	3:10pm
Year 1	3:00pm	3:15pm
Year 2	3:05pm	3:15pm

Parents of **only junior school children** (not families with children in both schools) **must drop off and pick up** their children from the field entrance on Whitehall Road.

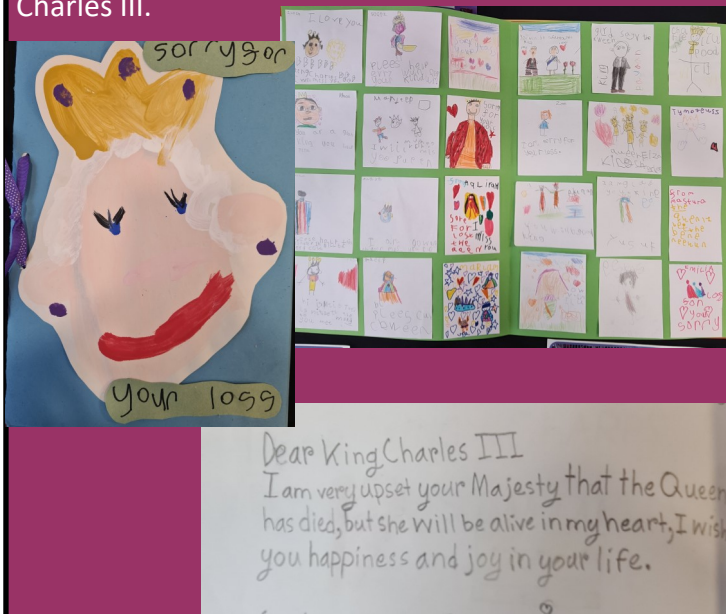


## How do we share news and communicate information?

- **Phone & email.** Make sure we have the most up to date contact details.
- **Website and School Jotter App.** Download the app now from the Play Store or App Store.
- Regularly **speak** to parents on the playground or in the office. If you have a query or want to share information **please do speak to us.**
- If you would like to speak to a member of staff please **book an appointment.** This can be done through our school office.














## The Death of Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II was the reigning British monarch for the last 70 years who died on 8th September 2022 aged 96. Part of the National Curriculum involves the children learning about important events in living memory. We spoke about Queen Elizabeth's reign and death in an age appropriate way and allowed children to discuss their own feelings. As a school we created cards and messages to send to our new monarch, King Charles III.



## Uniform and Equipment

Thank you to everyone for ensuring their child is wearing the correct uniform. The children all look so smart. Please ensure all your child's clothing is labelled with their full name.

Plain or Whitehall logo red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan	
White shirt / blouse, red or white plain or Whitehall logo polo shirt	
Grey or black trousers. No leggings	
Grey or black skirt or pinafore dress ( <b>Leggings should not be worn under dresses</b> )	
Red, white or grey socks / tights	
Footwear – Sensible black shoes with <b>no laces</b> . Plain black trainers are acceptable - no logos.	
Hair that is shoulder length or longer to be tied up	
Wellies (only to walk to and from school. School shoes must be brought to school)	
Waterproof coat	
A named water bottle – please ensure your child's name is written in permanent marker and is clearly visible	
Bookbag - <b>No Rucksacks</b>	
Any books they have borrowed from the school	
A small packet of tissues	

## Summer Reading Challenge

- At this time of year we would celebrate children who took part in the library's Summer Reading challenge with a special assembly with parents.
- Due to the current situation, we will not be able to invite parents to celebrate with us. However, we would still like to celebrate the children's success!
- If your child took part in the library's Summer Reading challenge, please bring a copy of their certificate into school.

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

## Keeping everyone safe—Coronavirus

To keep everyone as safe as possible, we are ensuring children are regularly washing their hands and reminding children to not put their fingers in their mouth, to cough into their elbow and to sneeze into a tissue which must then go in the bin.

We ensure that we have good ventilation in all areas of the school and continue our enhanced cleaning across the school.

## PE

On days when your child has PE, they should wear their PE kit to school rather than their normal school uniform.

This will reduce the need for children to change and have additional clothes in school.

Please see the PE timetable for all year groups.

PE kit - plain black /grey shorts and plain white or red t-shirt. Plimsolls or trainers with **no laces**.

If the weather is cold, they can wear plain black jogging bottoms.



**Please return the following no later than Wednesday**

**28th September 2022**

- Data Collection sheets & Pupil Premium Forms
- Who can collect? Collection card.

### Recent Communication

- Meet the Teacher letter
- PE flyers
- The Pantry information
- Meet the Teacher presentations live on website
- PE day reminders

Class	PE Day/s
Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	
Spruce	Monday
Cedar	Tuesday
Larch	Wednesday
Birch	Thursday
Year 1	
Beech	Tuesday and Friday
Elm	Tuesday and Friday
Pine	Monday and Thursday
Willow	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	
Toucan	Monday and Thursday
Flamingo	Tuesday and Wednesday
Kingfisher	Monday and Wednesday
Peacock	Tuesday and Thursday

### Curriculum Overviews

Each half term, the Curriculum Overviews show the learning that will take place that half term for your information.

Please go to your child's year group pages to view.

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/year-group-pages>



### Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, a national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder.

On Friday 23rd September, children came to school in non school uniform to raise money

We are pleased to announce that the Infant School raised **£202!**

Thank you to all who took part and donated.



The Pantry are an independently-owned business, whose journey started as a sandwich shop on Hayes High Street in 2006. Now we proudly partner with around sixty schools as a full-service catering provider, and are renowned across our industry for delivering the highest standards of school food, supported by the most innovative technology systems.



We are aware that there have been technical issues that The Pantry is working hard to resolve. If you have not signed up already please do so using the pupil login you have been sent.

If you have not received your child's log in or have any other queries please email or call using the contact details below:

**Email:** [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk)

**Phone:** 020 8813 7040 Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm.

### Lunches

**All children** in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a **free school lunch**.

We are very fortunate to have caterers who provide a wide range of nutritious meals for children. **Please do encourage your child to have a hot lunch at school.**

Please remember that we are a **water only** school in line with the London Schools Healthy Lives programme.

If your child brings in a packed lunch then please ensure it is a healthy option.

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-tips> for some great hints and tips on how to keep your child's lunchbox healthy and interesting.

**Please no nuts, chocolate spread, chocolate, sweets, juice or fizzy sugary drinks.**



### Farewells

We are sorry to say farewell to two members of staff this half term. Miss McAnulty, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants has left to work with younger children, Mrs Zulficar, a SEN keyworker, will be leaving us at the end of the month to work with vulnerable adults.

We wish them both the best of luck in their roles and good luck for the future.



# Diary Dates

Individual events information will be communicated with you where appropriate. All dates are subject to change.

Day	Date	Month	Event
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	September	Jeans for Genes Day—Non uniform day
Tuesday & Wednesday	27 – 28 <sup>th</sup>	September	Eyes & Ears check Reception Children
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	October	Harvest Assembly – Reverend Andy visit
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	October	Black History Month begins
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	October	School Census
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	October	School Individual Photos
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	October	Parent Meetings (3:30pm - 5pm)
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	October	Parent Meetings (3:30pm - 7pm)
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	October	Diwali celebration—traditional or party dress

Day	Date	Month	Event
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	November	Fire Safety Week
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	November	Height and Weight checks—Reception
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	November	Friendship/Anti-bullying week
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	November	Children in Need—Dress Up Day
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	November	Vicar visit – Reverend Andy
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Tree Assembly
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> or 14 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Jumper Day
Dates	To Be	Confirmed	Year group performances- Christmas
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas party afternoon—Children can wear party dress to
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery last day
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Term Finishes







# School Terms and Holidays

## September 2022 - July 2023

### AUTUMN TERM - 2022

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Thursday 1st September 2022</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 2nd September 2022</b>
<b>Term starts for the children</b>	Monday 5th September 2022
Half Term Holiday	Mon 24th - Fri 28th October 2022
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Friday 16th December 2022</b>

### SPRING TERM - 2023

<b>Term starts for the children</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd January 2023</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 10th February 2023</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 13th - Fri 17th February 2023
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Friday 31st March 2023</b>

### SUMMER TERM - 2023

<b>Term starts for the children</b>	<b>Monday 17th April 2023</b>
<b>May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)</b>	<b>Monday 1st May 2023</b>
Half Term Holiday	Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June 2023
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 3rd July 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends by 12:30pm (staggered finish times)</b>	<b>Thursday 20th July 2023</b>
<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Friday 21st July 2023</b>

### AUTUMN TERM - 2023 Provisional

<i>Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)</i>	<b>Monday 4th September 2023</b>
<b>Term starts for the children</b>	<b>Tuesday 5th September 2023</b>