

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone involved in settling the children back in to school well. We know they are enjoying being in school.



We have seen a change in weather recently. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately and have waterproof coat to wear. Your child can also wear wellies to and from school but must have a change of shoes with them,

I would also like to thank everyone for using the information on our website and the school newsletters.

Mrs Bringan

School Photos

Wednesday 12th October 2022

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.

If your child has PE on this day it will be changed to another day.

Siblings within the infant school will have a sibling photo.



Reminder

Please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time.

Children start school	5th September 2022
Half Term	24th—28th October 2022
Children back in	Monday 31st October
Term Ends	Friday 16th December



MacMillan Coffee Morning Friday 7th October 2022

Parents/Carers,

Come and join us on Friday 7th October at 9am for coffee/tea and some cake in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Having a Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause.

One in two of us will face cancer, and the money we raise at our Coffee Morning will help everyone with cancer to live life as fully as they can.



We will have lots of cake and tea/coffee available however if you would like to donate any cake or refreshments please provide a list of ingredients (if not already written on the packaging) and drop off to the office on Thursday after school or Friday morning.

We hope to see lots of you there!

Attendance Super Heroes!

Every week a child from each year group who has been in school everyday and on time is randomly selected to be our attendance hero! They will receive a small prize and our year group attendance mascots to keep in their class until the following week! Their names will also be printed in our newsletters.

Every week, the class in Key Stage One and Early Years with the highest attendance wins a certificate in our Gold Book Assembly and will also be featured in our newsletters. It is really exciting and fun way to get children to understand the importance of attending school every day and being on time.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest next week.

Harvest festival is a Christian celebration which reminds us to be thankful for the food that we have. At school, we show gratitude as a community and collect food to share. Reverend Andy from St Margaret's Church will be visiting the school to share this important message.



We ask for donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to the local Hillingdon Foodbank.

The foodbank urgently need the following items:

Tinned fruit	Tinned vegetables	Jam
Sugar	Long life milk	Soup and pasta sauces
Tinned meat or fish	Rice	Cereal
Rice Pudding	Pasta	

Each class (including Nursery) will make up a harvest box for our festival celebration.

Please send in your donations between

Wednesday 5th October—Friday 7th October 2022

There will be tables outside the playground gate where donations can be dropped off.

School Census Day—Thursday 6th October 2022

Thursday 6th October is National Census day where all children attending the school will be counted. It is very important that your child is in school on this day as this determines how much money we receive from the Local Authority. **It will be a non-uniform day on Thursday.** If your child has PE they will have extended PE on their other PE day or will be caught up the following week.

Change to school menu (please check your online order) :

Main: Margherita Pizza & Wedges /Tomato Pasta and grated cheese

Dessert: Chocolate Cake and Custard

Thank you for ordering meals for your children and we hope you are finding this helps when talking to your child about what they will be eating at school.

National Poetry Day!

On Thursday 6th October it is also National Poetry Day. Have you got a favourite poem ? One of my favourite's is 'Ode to Autumn'.

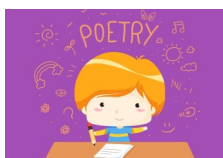
The Children's Poetry Archive has 100's of poems that can be read aloud.

Please find the link below:

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

We would love to hear your child's favourite poem or even one they have written themselves.

They can bring their favourite poem or their own poems to school on Thursday.



Farewells



We are sorry to say farewell to our School Business Manager, Mrs Robinson. Mrs Robinson joined Whitehall in May. She has been an important part of our Whitehall family but is leaving to pursue other avenues.

We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Year 1 Box Request

As part of our continuous provision, Year 1 are in need of boxes so that children can make space crafts. If you have any boxes that you think would be suitable please speak to the year 1 teachers.

Updated Policies

Policies can be found on the website. Please use the following link

<https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/links-to-policies>

to find

- Keeping Children Safe in Education

There are also translations of the above on the following website:

<https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe/kcsie/kcsietranslate>

- Child Protection Policy

- Uniform Policy



Dropping and Collecting Your Child

Reminders

- If you have only have a junior school child and no infant school children you **must** drop and pick up using the back entrance on Whitehall Road.
- If you have a year 1 and/or year 2 child and no reception children please do not attend school before 8:40am in the morning and 3pm in the afternoon as you will have to wait off site.
- You must line up outside the school gates in the allocated lines as per guidance previously sent out and not push in when it is time to collect your child. It is unfair on other families who have waited.

PE Days

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

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.



Data Collection and Pupil Premium Forms

Thank you to those who have returned the completed and signed data collection and pupil premium forms. If you have not done so could you please **return the form to your child's class teacher as soon as possible**. If you have misplaced any forms, please visit the main school office who will be able to provide you with new ones.

Letter requests

If you require a letter from the school, please visit the main school office to complete a request form and provide supporting documentation. Please note that there is a charge of £10 for letter requests.

Nails

Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish in school. It is not part of the school uniform. Please ensure children's nails are regularly trimmed so that they do not injure themselves or others.

We will soon be advertising for support staff roles. Please check <https://crinklerecruitment.com/> as the jobs adverts will be placed on this website soon.

JOB OPENING

Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.

Black History Month was first launched in London in the 1980s, where the aim was for the local community to challenge racism and educate themselves and others about the British history that was not taught in schools.

As a school, each year group will be learning about the contributions black people have made to the UK.



Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held this half term, on the 18th October - 20th October (the week before half term).

You will receive more information about booking your appointment shortly.

We will offer a later evening appointment on

Thursday 20th October to support parents who may not be able to attend earlier.

The parent meeting are very important as they are an opportunity to talk about how your child has settled , what they will be working on in their learning, their targets and to share an attendance update.

Our school governors will also be available for you to meet and talk to and there will be an opportunity for you to share your views by filling in our parent survey.



Applying for Primary or Junior School

For children due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2023, you must apply for a School place by **15th January 2023**. Applications should be made online at

ADMISSIONS

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Hillingdon's digital library offer enhances the service for residents

Did you know that Hillingdon library members can unlock a range of reading materials, reference resources, databases, e-learning tools and articles via our online digital library for free? Our new mobile libraries app also lets you manage your account anytime, from anywhere - find out just how easy it is to get started.

Download our new libraries app today

The Hillingdon Libraries app is easily downloadable on your phone, and you can access it from anywhere. This makes it extremely easy to manage your account, search the catalogue, renew, reserve and issue books.

To date, the app has been downloaded to 3,664 devices by residents, including **Sandra Steuer from Eastcote**. She said: "It took no time at all to download the app to my phone and it's great to be able to manage my book loans in a few simple clicks, as well as seeing what e-books and e-audiobooks are available for me to enjoy."

What you can do with our Hillingdon Libraries app:

- search the library catalogue
- reserve and renew library items
- scan any book's ISBN barcode to see whether it is in stock in your local library
- link cards to help you keep track of your whole family's accounts and borrow items with their digital barcodes
- find your nearest library
- download e-audiobooks and e-books
- access online resources
- use self-service functionality

- access other library services and information – book a computer, reset your PIN, find out what's on in our libraries and more.

Checkout and go

Thanks to the new app, we've made it really convenient for you to borrow your choice of reading material.

With self-service functionality in all of our libraries you can borrow library items using the Hillingdon Libraries app on your own mobile device. For more information and help, please ask a member of staff for details.

Get started today

It's really easy to get started. The 'Hillingdon Libraries' app is available from the App Store for iOS or Google Play Store for Android. All you need to do is:

- on your device's app store, search for and download the 'Hillingdon Libraries' app
- log in with your library card number and PIN.

Cllr Martin Goddard, Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "Residents want to be able to access library services at a time convenient to them and that's why we're committed to investing in our digital resources and online library events."

"By embracing technology it makes it easier for residents to use our services and helps us to be more efficient with our resources."

Find out more about our digital library by visiting www.hillingdon.gov.uk/digital-library

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Diary Dates

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

Day	Date	Month	Event
Friday	23 rd	September	Jeans for Genes Day—Non uniform day
Tuesday &	27 – 28 th	September	Eyes & Ears check Reception Children
Monday	3 rd	October	Reverend Andy visit—Harvest
Monday	3 rd	October	Black History Month begins
Thursday	6 th	October	School Census— Non Uniform Day and change of school menu
Friday	7th	October	MacMillan Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers 9am School Hall
Wednesday	12 th	October	School Individual Photos— No PE today. Wear school uniform
Tuesday	18 th	October	Parent Meetings (3:30pm - 5pm)
Thursday	20 th	October	Parent Meetings (3:30pm - 7pm)
Thursday	20 th	October	Diwali celebration—traditional or party dress

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





School Terms and Holidays

September 2022 - July 2023

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

AUTUMN TERM - 2023 Provisional

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