



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, wellies or a change of shoes with them.

School Photos



Tuesday 1st October

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



Flamingo Assembly

Thursday 17th October at 9am in the school hall.

Please arrive on time and do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can distract the children.

Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association



The Parents' Association will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning followed by their Annual General Meeting on Friday 27th September from 8:45am in the school hall.

<u>Reminder</u>	
Half Term	Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October
Training Day	Monday 28th October

Please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time.

Lunch Taster sessions

You should have received a letter inviting you to a lunch taster session with your child. Please visit the main school office to book your place and make payment of £3 for your lunch by **Thursday 26th September**. The sessions will take place on:

Tuesday 1st October 12pm - Reception

Wednesday 2nd October 12:30pm - Year 2

Thursday 3rd October 12:30pm - Year 1



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival next month. 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.

We are holding Harvest Festival assemblies on:

Tuesday 8th October at 2:30pm for Year 1 classes

Wednesday 9th October at 2:30pm for Year 2 classes

Friday 11th October at 2:30pm for Reception classes

Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

We ask for donations of non-perishable food items which will be donated to our local foodbank. Each class (including Nursery) will make up a harvest box for our festival celebration.

Please send in your donations between Wednesday 2nd October and Friday 4th October.



Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Consultations

Tuesday 15th October 3:30pm-5pm in the school hall.

Thursday 17th October 3:30pm-7pm in the school hall.

This is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about your child's targets for the year.

Sign up sheets will be displayed outside classrooms soon.

Don't forget parents' evening!

Read together morning



Come along to read a book with your child on **Friday 11th October at 8:40am - 8:55am in your child's classroom.**

Summer Reading Challenge



Thank you to those who have sent their child's reading certificate in to school. We will soon be inviting you in for an assembly to celebrate your child's success.

Open Days

We will be holding open days for prospective parents on **Wednesday 6th November 6pm-7pm** or **Tuesday 12th November 10am-11am**

If you or anyone you know has a child that is due to start nursery or reception this would be a great opportunity to see Whitehall Infant School. **Please call 01895 590112 or email office@mail.whitehallinf.org to book a place.**

Punctuality

We want all children to start their school day in the best possible way. Remember that the school day starts at 8:50am. Any arrivals after this will need to sign in the late register. Please remember to check your journey before you travel to ensure you leave enough time to get to school.

Welfare Reminders



- Please return any clothes that have been lent to you by the school.

Asthma Sufferers

- School nurses advise to give your child their reliever inhaler twice a day at this time of year. Speak to your GP if you require further information. <https://www.asthma.org.uk/> has some useful advise regarding managing asthma.

Damage to school property

If your child damages school property we may charge you with the cost of repairing the damage.

Thank you to everyone who donated money for Jeans for Genes day. We raised over **£260**. Well done!



Thursday 3rd October - Census Day

Thursday 3rd 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. We would also ask that you encourage your child to take a hot meal provided by our caterers (it is free for infant children) as the school receives additional money from the Local Authority for every hot meal taken on this day.

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.

Curriculum Overviews

The Curriculum overview for this half term for each year group is now available on our website: <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/curriculum>

Tesco bags of help scheme



Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Tesco bags of help scheme - we won! We will be using the funding to develop a sensory room over the coming months.

ADMISSIONS

Applying for Primary or Junior School

For children due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2020, you must apply for a School place by **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Reminders

- Remember to let us know if someone else is collecting your child.
- Do not leave children unsupervised. It can get very busy in the playground and we would not want any children to be separated from their parents.
- Please do not let your children use equipment in the playground after school.
- Do not ride bikes or scooters on the school premises.
- Please do not let children go near or play on the car park barrier at the front of the school.
- We have recently purchased new protective pads for the pillars in the playground. Please ensure children do not lift up or play with these pads.

Year 1 visit to St Margaret's Church

As part of their Harvest and Community learning, Year 1 visited St Margaret's Church in Uxbridge. The church is an important building in the local area. The children enjoyed walking to St Margaret's Church and looking at the different buildings and their features. They met with Reverend June who taught them about the key features of the Church, how all are welcome and how they celebrate Harvest Festival.



New words learnt: Font, Christian, Christening, Reverend, Pews, Stained glass and Vicar

Year 2 local walk

The Year 2 children took a walk to the local park to support them in their learning about the local area and to help them when creating maps. They looked at and discussed the human and physical features of our local area.



Lunch Menu

Week of 30th September (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef bolognaise with pasta	Chicken korma with rice	Roast beef with roast potatoes and gravy	Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings	Pizza bar: Cheese & tomato or Sweetcorn & pepper
Vegetable bolognaise with pasta	Macaroni cheese	Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy	Red pepper & sweet potato pattie	Salmon Fishcakes
Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise	Halal chicken korma with rice	Vegetarian pasta bake	Halal Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings	Natural yoghurt with fruit puree topped with homemade granola
Apple & cinnamon sponge with custard	Jelly with fruit wedges	Peach oat bar with custard	Chocolate brownie with orange wedges	

Family Support Volunteers Needed - Help Change a Family's Life!

Home-Start Hillingdon needs volunteers to visit struggling families in Hillingdon

- Are you a parent or grandparent? With 3 - 4 hours per week to spare?
- Are you looking for a new challenge?
- Do you know someone else who might be interested?

As a parent you'll know just how difficult it can be. Parents supporting other parents: it's a simple idea that really works. Why not use your experience & skills to help families in Hillingdon?

Volunteers visit a family in their own home every week to give support, friendship and practical help. As a volunteer you have such a huge impact in helping families cope when they are finding things really difficult. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Our next volunteer preparation course is starting on the 3rd October 2019.

The 10-session course takes place over 5 weeks, running on a Thursday and Friday, from 9.45am to 14.30pm, with a break over the October half term

If you would like to find out more, please call 01895 252804

Or Email: office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk



AFTER SCHOOL BOOGIE

Music & Dance for Under 8's who attend school or nursery
(younger siblings welcome)

Wednesday
3:30 - 4:30pm
(Please book by email on Tuesday)

Uxbridge Children's Centre
Whitehall Road, Uxbridge UB8 2DQ
Telephone: 01895 558190
Email: uxbridgecc@hillingdon.gov.uk



Please visit <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/27964/Uxbridge-and-Cowley> for a full timetable of events happening at Uxbridge children's centre.



Join us for free tennis

Saturdays at Cavendish Recreation Ground
Field End Road, Hillingdon, HA4 9PG

Coach-led sessions: 10.45am to 11.45am
Open play sessions with coach: 11.45am to 12.15pm

Fun, free sessions for all abilities • Equipment provided



Register online at
www.tennisforfree.com



www.hillingdon.gov.uk/tennis