



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,

A big thank you to everyone involved in settling the children back in to school well. We know they are enjoying being back in school and have quickly got used to the changes with routines.

It has been lovely chatting to families. Thank you for being so supportive.

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



Individual Photos



Individual school photos will be taken by our school photographer on **Tuesday 29th September**.

All children should come to school on this day in their full school uniform.

We have changed the PE for Elm and Pine classes:
Elm - Wednesday, Pine - Thursday.

Due to the current pandemic, we are unable to offer sibling photos as we have done in previous years as we cannot allow different year groups to mix. We understand this may be disappointing but the safety of the children is of upmost importance.

This year, you will not receive a proof of your child's photograph. Instead, your child will bring home details of how to view their photo online. All photos must be ordered online, we cannot accept any orders or cash into school.

Important Reminders



- ◆ Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times.
- ◆ To help us keep children, parents and staff safe, we ask that you **do not come to the school gates more than 5 minutes before your child's start and finish times.**
- ◆ Please ensure you are only queueing up at your child's start time. We have noticed that some parents are queueing in the previous year group line and this is causing a crossover of year group bubbles.

Communication Survey



At Whitehall Infant School, we think it is important to seek the views of our parents. During the current pandemic, we are sending out our communications (where possible) electronically. Thank you to everyone who has completed the Communication Survey that was emailed out this week.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Survey using the below link by **12pm on Friday 25th September**.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/HZ1DNX/>

Thursday 1st October - Non School Uniform Day

On Thursday 1st October children can come to school in non school uniform. This is because it 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.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and is wearing school shoes or trainers (no laces) only please.

Wraparound Care and Details of other adults who can collect your child

Thank you to everyone who has completed the recent survey. If you have not yet done so, please complete the survey using this link - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MCMQFQ/>. It is important that everyone completes this survey so that we have details of who is allowed to collect your child from school.



Absence Reminders

- If your child is unwell, please ensure you call the school on **01895 590112** by 8:30am and select **option 1** to leave an absence voicemail.
- Please leave a voicemail every day that your child is absent.
- If you have left an absence voicemail, you **do not need** to call the school again that day unless it is to update us on the welfare of your child.
- Guidance was sent to you last week regarding what you should do if you or your child has symptoms of Covid-19. Please ensure you follow this guidance. A copy can be found on our website - <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus>



Letter requests

If you require a letter for any official purpose (e.g. request from the Home office or a solicitor) from the school, please email the request to office@mail.whitehallinf.org. Please note that there is a charge of £10 for letter requests.

Jewellery

Please remember that children must only wear jewellery to school if it is for religious reasons. If your child wears earrings, they must be plain stud earrings. We cannot allow children to wear hoop earrings because they present a health and safety risk.

Bookbags

Children need to come to school with a school approved bookbag. Bookbags can be purchased from <https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/>.



Please do not send your child to school with a backpack or rucksack as we do not have the space in school to store them.

Summer Reading Challenge

**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**

We will be celebrating children who took part in the library's Summer Reading challenge. If your child took part in the library's Summer Reading challenge, please email a copy of their certificate to office@mail.whitehallinf.org by **Friday 25th September**

Reception Induction

I am very impressed with how well our Reception children have settled into the school routine. Over the past week they have enjoyed having lunch at school and it's lovely to see them trying new foods. They have been very well behaved at lunch time and it is clear to see that parents have been helping to prepare their child by teaching them to use cutlery.

Please remember that all Reception children are attending school full-time now. Please see a reminder of the Reception start and finish times in the table.

Welcome to Reception



Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Larch	8:20am	2:40pm
Spruce	8:20am	2:40pm
Birch	8:30am	2:50pm
Cedar	8:30am	2:50pm

Curriculum Overviews

The Curriculum overviews for this half term for each year group are now available on our website:

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

Meet the Teacher

We have created Meet the Teacher slides to enable you to learn more about your child's class. These are

available to view on our website: <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/meet-the-teacher>

Harvest Celebrations

This year, children will be celebrating Harvest in their class with a special video assembly from Father Andrew of St Andrew's Church. As well as being grateful for all the food we have, another message for Harvest is to share our gifts with others. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for Hillingdon Foodbank. Please bring in your donations from **Monday 28th September until Wednesday 30th September** and place them in the boxes outside which will be located on your route out of school having dropped your child off.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Parking Reminders

- Please remember to park in permitted areas carefully and with consideration for others.
- Parking is not permitted on the yellow zigzag lines outside of the school. Parking fines will be issued by the Local Authority to those who park on these lines.
- Parking fines will be issued to cars parked on all other yellow lines surrounding the school during the school day.
- Parking permits are available to purchase from the council to park in the marked bays on the roads surrounding the school during the school run times. Please collect a permit application form from the main school office.
- Cotswold Close is a private road. Parking is not permitted on this road
- During drop off and pick up times, Cotswold Close becomes very busy with parents and children. In order to maintain social distancing, parents and children sometimes need to walk in the road. Please do not drive down Cotswold Close unless you live there.
- Please remember that the school car park is for use by staff only.

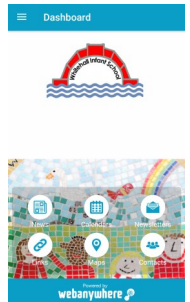


Have you downloaded our App?

Access information such as the notices, calendar, contacts and newsletters with ease! You will be also able to receive notifications of any upcoming events.

To download, visit the Google App store or the Apple App store and search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, select Whitehall Infant School from the dropdown list.

Remember to check our website - we are frequently updating it with new information!



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Jeans for Genes Day. We raised a total of £302. This is amazing!



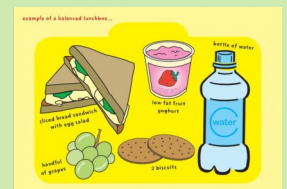
Lunch Menu

Week of 28th September (Week 1 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Madras with Rice	Jacket Potato with Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans
Caribbean Style Baked Fish with New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese	Beef Burger served in a homemade bun with Wedges
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Jacket Potato with Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne (Halal)	Tortilla Stacks with Wedges	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes (Halal)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese
Fresh Fruit, Strawberry Ice Cream	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Mixed Fresh Fruit Bag
Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Yoghurt	Apple Flapjacks	Red Velvet Cake	Yoghurt
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Packed Lunch Reminders

- No fizzy drinks
- No sweets or chocolate
- No food containing nuts
- If you put food in your child's packed lunch that requires them to use cutlery, please also remember to include cutlery with their lunch.



Harrison Catering Services

Your School

HARRISON
food with thought

About Your Catering Service

The catering service at Whitehall Infant & Juniors is provided by Harrison Catering Services, an independent, family-owned company founded in 1994.

The Harrison proposition is centred around the on-site preparation and cooking of top-quality meals made with fresh ingredients. Over 100 clients across the UK enjoy a Harrison food service, with more than 100,000 meals being served each day by approximately 2,000 staff across more than 270 locations.

Working in Partnership with Whitehall Infants & Juniors

Our catering team works with the school to tailor menus to the tastes and preferences of the pupils. We introduce further interest and excitement to our menus through themed lunches ranging from holidays like Easter and Christmas to cuisines from around the world, tying these into the school curriculum whenever possible. Whenever possible, we link our menus to the school's curriculum and activities to further reinforce the importance of eating a balanced diet of nutritious food.

Providing Healthy School Meals

Harrison understands that what children eat affects their health and their ability to learn and perform in the classroom. At Whitehall Primary School, our catering team provides nutritious, balanced meals, and we work to educate the pupils on how to make healthier food choices. Our goal is to instill a love and understanding of fresh, healthy food at a young age that will positively influence them throughout life.

All Harrison staff receive training in how to prepare and serve healthier food through the company's bespoke Eat Well Live Well® training programme.

In addition, our focus on fresh food means that only minimal amounts of fried foods appear on our menus—generally in the form of much-loved British favourites like fish and chips. We also aim to maximise access to fruit and vegetables by offering a choice of cooked vegetables, salads, healthier snacks and fresh fruit daily. Every egg we use is British-sourced and free range and the majority of our meat is British-sourced as well.

We Welcome Your Feedback

Hearing your thoughts on our catering service is an essential part of getting things right and developing the foodservice at your school. Please feel free to speak to our catering manager if you have any comments.

Join the Harrison Family

The great food and service that Harrison provides is only possible because of our talented staff. We aim to create an environment where every team member's efforts and skills are recognised, developed and rewarded, so that we can attract and retain the best people.

If you are interested in joining the Harrison family, please visit our website for the latest job opportunities at www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/job-opportunities.html or contact the human resources department at our Thame office on 01844 216777.

Our very own company nutritionist, Dr Juliet Gray, advises on all our menus!

We use locally sourced ingredients when available and in season!

Should I send my child to school?

A guide for
parents and
GPs

Would you have kept your child off school before the COVID-19 pandemic?

YES

NO

A "continuous cough" is coughing A LOT throughout the day and night, and is different from the cough that usually comes with a runny nose

Keep your child off school

Does your child have at least one of the following:

- A new continuous cough?
- A fever (high temperature measured with a thermometer)?
- A complete loss or change of taste or smell?

Are you concerned this is more serious than a cold (e.g. sepsis)?

YES

NO

YES

NO

Contact your GP, or call NHS 111 for medical advice. For urgent medical help, go to your nearest A&E or call 999

Monitor your child's condition at home, and seek medical advice if the condition deteriorates

Protect others: keep your child at home and off school. Dial 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to arrange a COVID test. These tests not available at A&E or GP. Your child and household must self-isolate until you have the results

Does your child have an underlying medical condition, such as cystic fibrosis?

YES

NO

Speak to your child's specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already spoken to them / received a letter telling you what to do

Children can otherwise go to school with: Runny noses, sore throats (without fever), or mild colds

For further guidance, visit:

<https://www.cc4c.imperial.nhs.uk/~media/cc4c/documents/icht-advice-for-parents-during-coronavirus.pdf?la=en>

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