



Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2018 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,



A big thank you to all the children for settling back in to school well and we know you are enjoying the Autumn term so far.

Census Day

Thursday 4th October is 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 attendance on this day determines how much money the school receives 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) on this day. The school receives additional money from the Local Authority for every hot meal taken. The menu for Thursday 4th October is:

Fish and Chips	Pizza and chips
Pear & Chocolate Marbled sponge with custard	

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Consultations

Tuesday 16th October 3:40pm-7pm
Thursday 18th October 3:40pm-5pm.

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.

Important Dates for September & October

Friday 28th September 9am - Parents' Association Macmillan Coffee morning followed by AGM

Thursday 4th October - Census Day

Thursday 4th October 9:15am - Harvest assembly Year 1

Thursday 4th October 2:45pm - Harvest Assembly Year 2

Friday 12th October 9:15am - Flamingo class assembly

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th October - School photos

Tuesday 16th October 3:40-7pm - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 parent consultations

Thursday 18th October 3:40-5pm - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 parent consultations

Friday 19th October 9:15am - Peacock Class Assembly

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October - HALF TERM

Monday 29th October - Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



Friday 12th October at 9:15am Flamingo Class

Friday 19th October at 9:15am Peacock Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. More details will be sent out soon.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival next month and are holding two Harvest Festival assemblies:



Thursday 4th October - 9:15am for Year 1 classes

Thursday 4th October - 2:45pm for Year 2 classes

Please note the change of date for these assemblies.

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

Open Days

We will be holding two open days this year for prospective parents

Tuesday 6th November 6pm - 7pm and Tuesday 13th November 10am - 11am

If you or anyone you know has a child that is due to start nursery / reception next September 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.



Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association

The Parents' Association will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning followed by their Annual General Meeting on **Friday 28th September** at 9am in the hall.



Please come along after dropping off your children to meet other parents and support this good cause. Donations will be made to Macmillan Cancer Support. They will need contributions of baked goods on the day to help make the event a success. The Annual General Meeting will then start at 9:45am.

School Photos

Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October.



If you have more than one child at our school and would like a family photograph taken, please return your completed slip no later than **5th October**.

Walk to school Day



Wednesday 10th October is our 'Walk to School' day. We would like to encourage all of our children to walk to school on this day! Walking to school every day allows your child to have regular physical activity and reduces the level of air pollution from cars.



Thank you to everyone who donated money on our Jeans for Genes day last week. We raised **£264**. Well done!

Beginners English Lessons

The Junior School are holding Beginners English lessons every Monday at 9am until 11am for parents. Please contact the Junior school on 01895 234071 to book a place.

Attendance

It's been a great start to the new school year with most classes achieving over 95% attendance. Keep up the good work!

It is important that your child is in school every day. Good attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning.

Punctuality

All children should be in school on time every day. Arriving late causes disruption, not only for the child but also the whole class.



Please remember that the school day starts at **8:50am** and all children should be in their classroom at this time. I would like to thank those parents who ensure that their children are at school ready to learn on time.



We run a breakfast club for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 8am every day in the hall. The cost of this club is £3 per child per day or free for eligible pupils. For more information or to register your child for Breakfast club, please visit the main school office.

After School Club

Further to our recent letter, from next week the Junior school will be running an after school club for Infant children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. There are limited spaces. Please contact the Junior school to book a place.

Pupil Premium

The school receives extra funding for children who are eligible for something called Pupil Premium. These funds are used to improve the child's education provision and resources at the school. We will shortly be sending out a Pupil Premium registration form. We would be grateful if you could complete and return this form even if you don't think your child will be eligible.

JOB OPENING

We will soon be advertising for Special Educational Needs Keyworker roles. Please check <https://www.schoolshrcooperative.co.uk/jobs> as the jobs adverts will be placed on this website soon.

Governors

Following the recent Governing Body meeting, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Man Tse has been elected as Chair of Governors and Mrs Sandra Lange has been elected as Vice Chair. Please check the Governors section on our website as new Governor profiles will be updated soon.



Mrs Man Tse



Mrs Sandra Lange

Message from school nurses

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.

Safeguarding

Please let us know if someone else will be collecting your child from school. We will not allow children to leave unless the adult collecting them is on our contact list or you have informed the school that they will be collecting.

Children's Learning

One of the key ways you can help your child's brain develop is by making sure they get enough sleep. It is vital that children have a good bedtime routine, with plenty of sleep. The link below is a great guide on how much sleep a child should be getting:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/>

[Childrensleep/Pages/howmuchsleep.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrensleep/Pages/howmuchsleep.aspx)



Year 2 Local Walks

Last week the Year 2 children went on a local walk to Uxbridge to examine the local area. The children enjoyed seeing the different aspects of the area and were very well behaved.



Toucan class had to postpone their walk due to bad weather. This will be re-arranged for another day



Celebrating Reading

Well done to our super readers

who took part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. We had over 40 children bring in their certificates! This is fantastic. I would like to thank their parents for taking the time to visit the library and encourage their child to read over the summer holidays. These children were all presented with a new book and bookmark to take home with them.



Lunch Menu

Week of 1st October (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Chicken and Lentil Curry with Rice	Beef Casserole with Mashed Potato	Fish and Chips with Homemade Tomato Sauce	Jerk Style Chicken with Rice
Tomato and Basil Pasta with Herb Focaccia	Halal Chicken and Lentil Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Stew with Mashed Potato	Margherita Pizza and Chips	Halal Jerk Style Chicken with Rice
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Moroccan Style Roasted Vegetables with Cous-cous	Macaroni Cheese		Masoor Dhal (Red Lentils) with Naan Bread
Ginger Cake with Custard	Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Oaty Plum Crumble with Custard	Pear and Chocolate Marbled Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Yoghurt Bar: Natural Yoghurt with Various toppings

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch in to school, please ensure that it is balanced and healthy. The website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-tips> has some great hints and tips on how to keep your child's lunchbox healthy and interesting.



It has been decided that children will be allowed crisps in their packed lunch but only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Please no nuts, chocolate, sweets or fizzy sugary drinks.**



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 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. Professionals like Health Visitors and Children's Centres refer families to us, recognising the difference we can make to issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances. Full training, support and out of pocket expenses are provided.

Our next volunteer preparation course is starting in October 2018.

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

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

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

Find out more about us - www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk