



Headteacher's Newsletter

October 2018 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am very pleased with how well the classes have settled and the excellent relationship between teachers and children.

This half term is nearly over and it is incredible how quickly the time has flown. I would like to wish everyone a restful half term break.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Meetings

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 are outside classrooms.

Open Days

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

Tuesday 6th November 6pm-7pm

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.



Friday 12th October Flamingo Class

Friday 19th October Peacock Class

Friday 9th November Kingfisher Class

Friday 23rd November Toucan Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at 9:15am. Please ensure that you arrive on time. Also, please do not eat, talk or use your phone during the assemblies as this can distract the children.

Reminder

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October -HALF TERM

Monday 29th October -Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 30th October -Children return to school

Data Collection, Media Consent & Pupil Premium

Thank you to those who have returned the completed and signed data collection, media consent 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.

School Photos

Please remember that school photos will take place on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October.



Black History Month

As part of Black History month, we are asking children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to research someone from history who inspires them. We would like them to write about this person, bring in a drawing, photograph or object and talk about the person they have chosen. Please label all items and bring them in by Wednesday 17th October so that they can be displayed around the school.

Walk to school Day

Our Walk to School day took place this week.

Well done to everyone who walked to school on this day and who walk to school often. Some of our teachers walk to school every day! As part of our Walk to School day, we are running a poster competition for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Entry sheets were sent home last week and posters need to be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 12th October. If you need another entry sheet, please collect one from the main school office. Prizes will be awarded to one child from each year group.



The Importance of Reading

Thank you to those parents who have attended our Reading Workshops this week. The workshop for Year 2 will take place on Thursday 11th October at 2:55pm in the hall. If you were unable to attend, information from the workshop will be placed on our website within the parents section. We will soon be holding Family Reading Sessions where you can come in to your child's class once a month and read with your child from 8:40am until 9am. More information will be sent soon.



Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to thank those who showed support for their recent MacMillan Coffee Morning. They raised £120 for a great cause. The next event planned is the **Autumn Bake Sale** on **Friday 19th October at 3:25pm in the playground.** They are in need of donations of cakes on the day.



Remember that the clocks go back by 1 hour on Sunday 28th October

Attendance

Well done to **Toucan Class** for achieving the highest attendance for last week. Keep up the good work! There are only 9 weeks left of the Autumn Term with lots of exciting things planned over the coming weeks. Please ensure that your child is in school every day so they do not miss out!

ADMISSIONS

Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2019, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions Hillingdon Council are holding information sessions for Primary admissions on Friday 9th November and Thursday 6th December. Places must be booked online via www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary

Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2019, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2019**. Applications should be made online at www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Flu Immunisations by School nurses

Flu immunisations for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place after half term. Consent forms will be sent home soon.

Copies of letters

If you require a paper copy of any letter or newsletter that we have sent out, please visit the main school office who will provide you with one.

Parentview

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school. You will first need to register and then you will be able to record your views.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

This link can also be found on our website within the 'Ofsted' section.

If you have any issues you would like to talk to us about, please call us and we can arrange a time for you to speak to a member of staff or complete a survey.

Surveys

We have recently sent out the results of our Meet the Teacher survey. If you did not receive a survey and would like to complete one, please visit the main school office.

We will soon be launching a 'Surveys' section on our website where you will be able to view copies of surveys along with their results.

If you would like to complete a general survey, please use the attached form which you will need to print and return to us or visit the main school office who can provide you with a copy. [Survey](#).



Fire Alarm Practice

It is important that we regularly practice our fire alarm procedures. We staged a practice fire alarm this week and I was very pleased with how calmly and safely all children and staff exited the building.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of those families who made donations for our Harvest Festival, they have been gratefully received by the Hillingdon Foodbank. Reverend June hosted special Harvest Festival assemblies for KS1, thank you to all of those who were able to attend these assemblies.



Funky Fridays

It is very important that children keep active. To help with this we have 'Funky Fridays' where we play music in the playground at lunchtime and some members of staff encourage the children to dance. The children have a great time (and I'm sure the staff do too!).



Library Visits

We are very fortunate to have a library within walking distance from our school. Children in Year 1 and 2 have been visiting the library this week. I would like to say how proud I am of the children for being so well behaved. I hope that these visits will encourage the children to visit the library more often.

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Lunch Menu

Week of 15th October (Week 1 of menu):

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
Lamb Pasta Bake with Herb Focaccia	Lamb Rogan Josh with Rice	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potato	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Chips
Asian Spiced Fish with Sweet Chilli Sauce and Rice	Halal Lamb Rogan Josh with Rice	Vegetarian Burger with Mashed Potato	Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Salmon and Broccoli Fishcake with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Bean Chilli on a Corn Tortilla	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese	Winter Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Fruity Friday: Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt
Apple Pie with Custard	Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt with Fruit Puree	Lemon and Yoghurt Cake with Custard	Oat and Raisin Cookie with Fruit Wedges	



Whitehall Infant School Parents' Association Committee

The Parents' Association committee for this year is:

Chair	Hannah Radley
Vice Chair	Chloe Eldred
Secretary	Hira Shabbir
Treasurer	Kevin Seabright
Committee Member	Offeibea Akato



News from Nursery

A big thank you to all the parents of children joining Nursery. Most of the children have now settled in and are beginning to explore and enjoy their new surroundings. This half term we have been learning about ourselves and our bodies. We have painted our portraits, named our body parts, created playdough characters, sung songs about our body and thought of all the amazing things we can do with different parts of our bodies.

News from Reception

The children have settled in really well to their classes. They are enjoying lunch in the hall and are getting used to the routines and the golden rules.



This term we are having PE lessons run by an outside company. The children are having so much fun in these lessons.



News from Year One

Year 1 have been exploring the story of Beegu and have retold the story using actions. We found a spaceship that had crash landed in the playground where Beegu was looking for a friend so we made a poster to help her.

We have also been exploring the senses. We used our sense of smell and taste to try different things - some were really disgusting! We used our senses on an autumn walk. We saw leaves dancing and heard the wind rushing through the trees. Some of us have had a trip to the library and to explore Uxbridge. The rest of us can't wait until it's our turn to go!



News from Year Two

In year 2 we have been learning about the local environment and our local area. We had an exciting trip to Uxbridge where we compared what Uxbridge looked like in the past and how it looks today. We discussed timelines and why certain aspects of the town has changed. We are now looking at the Stuart period and the Great Fire of London. We linked this with geography by identifying physical features in the local area.

In maths, we have been focusing on number and place value. This will help us to add and subtract correctly.

In literacy, we have been using the stories 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers to support us retelling stories and learning different grammar skills.

We have also been enjoying settling into our new classes and looking at family and belonging in various lessons.