



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,
It is hard to believe that it is already February and the half term holiday is almost upon us.



I would like to wish those of you who observe the Chinese calendar a Happy New Year! Chinese New Year is the main Chinese festival of the year and is celebrated in either late January or early February (depending on the lunar calendar). In China, this is the biggest and most extravagant festival of the year.

Spring Term Dates
18th - 22nd February - Half Term
Friday 5th April - Term Ends at 12:30pm



Thursday 14th February Willow Class

Parents of the class are welcome to attend. All class assemblies start at **9:10am**. 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.

Reception workshops

Thank you to those who attended the Reception parent workshops this week. If you were unable to attend, the information from these workshops will be placed on the website soon. There are still 2 workshops next week:

Monday 11th February 2:50pm - Numbers

Tuesday 12th February 2:50pm - Reading/Writing

Parent and Carer Questionnaire

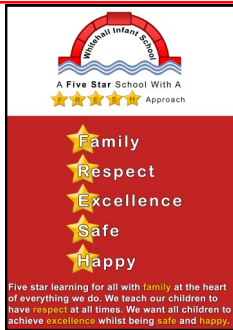
Thank you to everyone who has returned a completed Parent and Carer Questionnaire.

The class with the highest number of questionnaires returned in the Early Years Foundation Stage is **Nursery morning session**. The class with the highest number of questionnaires returned in Key Stage 1 is **Beech class**.

They will both have a class treat, as decided by the teacher. Results will be shared with you soon.

Vision and Values

We would like to invite you to come and collect a free Vision & Values pencil and share ideas on how to work together as a school. You will meet with myself and Trusha Dabba (one of our Governors) for a short tour of the school, tea and chat which will take place on **Thursday 28th February 9am - 10am**. Please visit the main school office to book your place on this session.



Petition for traffic calming on Whitehall Road

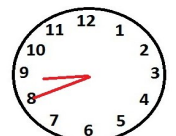
Thank you to those who have signed the petition to ask the Local Authority to implement traffic calming on Whitehall Road. If you have not yet done so and would like to sign the petition, it is available in the office in the morning and at the back gate on Whitehall Road in the afternoon until the end of the day on **Friday 8th February 2019**.

Attendance

Children have been enjoying taking part in the weekly Attendance Raffle and being Attendance HERO's. Well done to Peacock class for achieving 100% attendance for 2 weeks in a row!

Punctuality

Thank you for supporting us by arriving at school on time. The number of children arriving late has decreased and we hope that this continues going forward. Please remember that all classroom doors will be locked when the bell rings at 8:50am. If you arrive after this time please take your child to the main school office to sign in the late register.



Curriculum Overviews

Some parents have requested that the Curriculum overviews be made available as early as possible.

The curriculum overview for your child's year group for the second half of the Spring term will be sent to you before half term and will be available on the website soon : <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/curriculum>

Applying for Nursery

If you or someone you know has a child that is due to start Nursery in September 2019, please collect an application form from the main school office as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Reminder

Please supervise all your children in the school playground. It becomes very busy at school pick up and drop off times and we do not want any children to become separated from their parent or carer.

We have a new Safeguarding page on our website with some really useful information and links on.

Please visit <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding>

E-Safety

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents> has some great advice for keeping your children safe online.

Visit their website or read through their [Share-Aware booklet](#).

Year 2 Maths Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Year 2 maths workshops. If you were unable to attend, the information can be found on our website - <http://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/parents/noticeboard>

Feedback from this workshop was really positive with most parents finding it really useful to see the methods their child uses to learn maths. Some parents have asked for more workshops to be held throughout the year. This is something we are currently planning and hope to hold parent information workshops on a regular basis.



Role Model Day

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers come to the school for Role Model day. The children had such a lovely time, spending time with their family in school and learning about being a good Role model. We received a lot of feedback from the role model day and will ensure these are taken into account for future events of this kind.

We have also had some great suggestions for future parent and child experience days. We are looking into the suggestions made and are planning to hold different experience days between now and the end of the school year.



Family Reading and Breakfast morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our family reading and breakfast morning. It was great to see so many parents enjoying reading with their child whilst being able to sample the bagels that are on offer to your child every morning. We will be holding further family reading and breakfast mornings throughout the school year.



Reception Library Trip

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful library very close to our school which the Reception children were able to visit last week. The children loved having a 'storytime' session and looking at the different books the library have to offer. Our aim is to give all children a lifelong love of reading.

Please take your child to your local library—it is a free and fun day out!



Reception Local Walk

The Reception children took a walk to the local shops recently. This was to enhance the children's understanding of their local area and assist them with their work regarding their surroundings.



Lunch Menu

Week of 11th February (Week 3 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese (Beef)	Chicken & Vegetable Pasty with new potatoes	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes	Shepherd's Pie (minced lamb in gravy topped with mashed potato)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese	Macaroni cheese	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes	Jacket potato with Baked beans	Salmon & Broccoli Fish Cake with Chips
Jacket Potatoe with Tuna Mayonnaise	Halal Chicken & Vegetable Pasty with new potatoes	Vegetable Pasta bake	Halal Shepherd's Pie (minced lamb in gravy topped with mashed potato)	Fruit Friday: Selection of fresh fruit with greek yoghurt
Peach crumble with custard	Chocolate & Beetroot cake	Pineapple & Coconut sponge with custard	Oat Bar with Fresh Fruit	

Ideas for half term



Come down to intu Uxbridge where there will be a giant ball pit filled with 30,000 balls for you to dive into from Monday 18 Feb- Saturday 23 Feb.

This is the ultimate ball pit experience, whether you just want to swim around in the balls or take part in our exciting challenge, its the place to be!

There will be two golden balls hidden deep inside and its upto you to find them in the fastest time possible. Family club members will have to find 1 golden ball and non members will be tested to find the two! Those who dare to take on the challenge will be entered with their time and the fastest two winners will **win Family Premium Merlin Passes!**



Uxbridge Library

Uxbridge Rock Show Saturday 9th February - Saturday 23rd February. Cost: Free

Harrow and Hillingdon Geological Society will be staging their popular Rock show once again this February half term. Among the topics will be fluorescent rocks, dinosaur poo, local and regional geology, volcanoes and fossils. Stewards will be on hand to explain the exhibits.