



# Headteacher's Newsletter

**October 2019** ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am very pleased with how well the classes have settled and the excellent relationship between staff, families 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.

## Reminder

Half Term	Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October
Training Day	Monday 28th October
Back to school	Tuesday 29th October

Please ensure that no holidays are booked during term time.

## Pine Class Parent Consultations

Pine class parent consultations will take place on **Wednesday 30th October** and **Thursday 31st October**. Please sign up for an appointment on the sheet displayed outside the classroom.

## Diwali



Diwali is the Hindu and Sikh festival of light and celebrates the victory of good over evil. We will be learning about Diwali in school and children can come in dressed in traditional or party clothes on **Thursday 31st October**. Please ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather and wearing sensible footwear.

## Flu Immunisations by School nurses

Flu immunisations for those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 whose parents have given their consent will take place on **Monday 4th November**.

## Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip

**ODEON**

As part of National Film Week, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Odeon cinema in Uxbridge to watch Toy Story 4 on **Tuesday 19th November**. This will help the children to enrich their vocabulary, understanding inference and developing their emotional literacy. Letters have been sent home regarding this trip. Please return your child's completed permission slip and payment by **Friday 8th November**.

## School Photos



Please remember to order your photos online or return your order to school by **Wednesday 30th October**.

## Open Days

Open days for prospective parents will be held 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 next year this would be a great opportunity to see Whitehall Infant School. Please call **01895 590112** or email [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) to book a place.

## **ADMISSIONS**

### Applying for Primary School

For children due to start Reception in September 2020, you must apply for a Primary School place by **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Applying for Junior School

For children due to start Junior School in September 2020, you must apply for a Junior School place by **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Black History Month



As part of Black History month, we are asking children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to research a famous black female who inspires them and helps to make our world a better place. They could write about a role model, bring in a drawing, photograph or object, or talk to the class about the person they have chosen. Please remember to label work with your child's name and class and bring in to school by Thursday 31st October.

## Attendance

There are only 8 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!

We have had a high number of term time leave requests recently. Please do not book your holiday during term time as your child will miss out on valuable learning time and you could be liable for a fine from the Local Authority. Our Term dates were shared with you in September and can be found on our website: <https://www.whitehall-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/key-information/term-dates>

## Welfare spare clothing appeal

We are in need of girls and boys socks. If you are able to donate any of these, please bring them in to the main school office.

Please remember to return any clothes your child has been given from the Welfare room.

## Parents' Association



The Parents' Association would like to thank those who supported their recent MacMillan Coffee Morning. They raised £125 for a great cause.

The new committee for this year is:

Chair - Hanna Radley

Treasurer - Kevin Seabright & Jacky Moss

Secretary - Hira Shabbir

We did not receive any volunteers for class representatives. I hope you will all support the Parents' Association over the coming year in whatever way you can.

The next event planned is the **Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November 3:30–5pm.** More details will be sent out soon.

## Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who returned the 'After school clubs and Parent workshops' questionnaire. We are now looking into after school clubs and planning parent workshops over the coming year based on this feedback.

'Transition & First Half Term' questionnaires have been sent home this week. Please complete this and return it by **Friday 1st November**. It is very important that you complete this questionnaire so that we can ensure the transition process is as smooth as possible for the children.



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school.

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

You will first need to register and then you will be able to record your views. This link can also be found on our website within the 'Ofsted' section.

Parent Survey

## Policies

Our policies can be found on our website in:

[Key information - Links to Policies](#)

If you have any questions regarding a policy, please visit the main school office.



**Remember that the clocks go back by 1 hour on Sunday 27th October**

## Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and are dressed appropriately for the weather. From a hygiene perspective, children need to wear underwear to school every day and change underwear and socks daily.

## Vaccinations



We have received information from the NHS on the importance of ensuring all children that attend school are up to date with their vaccinations. If you are not sure if your child has had all their routine vaccinations, please contact your GP.

For a checklist of the vaccines and ages at which they should ideally be given, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

## Parent Lunch Taster Sessions

One of our school values is FAMILY. As part of this, we want children to have the opportunity to share how we eat together as a family so we invited parents in for a lunch taster session with their child. It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying these taster sessions. We will be running further sessions throughout the school year.



## Year 1 Local Walk

Last week, the children in Year 1 went on a walk around the local area. They identified the human and physical features of their surroundings and used what they had learnt in their walk during their lessons.



## Brush For Life Assembly

We received a visit from a representative from Brush4Life. She spoke to the Year 1 and Nursery children about the importance of Dental Health and how to brush their teeth correctly. She will visit us again soon to speak to the children in Reception and Year 2.

It is important that children brush their teeth twice a day. Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/> for more information on dental care.





### Visit to the Foodbank

A group of children recently visited Hillingdon Foodbank. They were able to see how the food is sorted and then given out to those in need. They even got to help label and sort some of the food! Back at school, they told their class why it is important that our school collects food for Hillingdon Foodbank to share with others.



### Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest assemblies, we received a visit from Father Andrew and Lara Seymour (a childrens and families worker at St Margaret's Church). They spoke about how the ingredients for our food come from all over the world and we should feel grateful that we are able to enjoy them.



### Governors In School Day

Earlier this week the Governors spent a day in school to see the school in action. They were very impressed with how hard all the children work and how well the staff support the children.



### Flamingo Class Assembly

The children in Flamingo class gave a wonderful assembly yesterday morning about London. They showcased their excellent literacy and geography skills. We are lucky to be so near to London. I hope families will take their children to see some famous landmarks like Big Ben, St Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and many others.



### Summer Reading Assembly

On Monday, we held an assembly to celebrate some of the children who brought in their Summer Reading Challenge certificates. They each received a book and bookmark from the school and have tea with their family members.

Another assembly will be held after half term for the rest of the children who brought in their certificates. Invites will be sent home to these families soon.



## Lunch Menu

Week of 28th October (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b><u>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</u></b>	Chicken korma with rice  Macaroni cheese  Halal chicken korma with rice  Jelly with fruit wedges	Roast beef with roast potatoes and gravy  Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy  Vegetarian pasta bake  Peach oat bar with custard	Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings  Red pepper & sweet potato pattie  Halal Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings  Chocolate brownie with orange wedges	Pizza bar: Cheese & tomato or Sweetcorn & pepper  Salmon Fishcakes  Natural yoghurt with fruit puree topped with homemade granola



**Community Solutions**  
**Saturday & Holiday Club**

Saturday and holiday activities available until March 2020

**The Wren Centre**  
 Queens Walk South  
 Ruislip HA4 0LR

**Ages 5-18**  
 For children and young people living in Hillingdon who have additional needs.

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[cypsharrowmencap.org.uk](http://cypsharrowmencap.org.uk)

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## Events at Uxbridge Library

**Monday 21st October - Peter Pan Storytime**

11am to Midday Ages 3-7

**Tuesday 22nd October & Thursday 24th October - Fossil Finding Workshop**

11am to 3pm - drop in anytime. Ages 5-10

**Thursday 22nd October - Halloween Craft**

Midday to 1pm. Ages 7-11. Places need to be booked in advance

**Friday 25th October - Spooky Storytimes followed by Fancy Dress Parade**

Storytimes running between 11am and 2:30pm finished off with a fancy dress parade. Ages 0-11.

## Ideas for Half Term

- As the weather is not great, why not play a board game together?
- Visit a local cinema and take advantage of low priced tickets for family films as part of their kids club showings. The average family can visit the cinema for less than £10 by seeing a kids club showing.
- If the weather stays dry, visit your local park for an Autumn walk and see all the wonderful colours around during this season.
- Visit your Local Library and give your child the opportunity to try different books by borrowing them and taking them home.
- Pop in to your Local Library to find out if they are holding any events over half term.



## Giant Pumpkin silent disco

Monday 21-Friday 26 October.

Children (and their parents!) are invited to pop on their spookiest outfits, grab some headphones and boogie to their hearts' content. The silent disco will be held on the Lower Mall outside Debenhams from 11-4pm

## The Big Trick or Treat

Saturday 26th October 11-4pm. Children can pick up a bucket from the Lower Mall and head to any stores with a Big Trick or Treat in their window and collect some goodies! Don't forget to dress up for the occasion in your best Halloween outfits!

## Magician

Monday 21 October, Lower Mall from 11-2pm. A wonderful magician will be ready to amaze you!

# Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2

These dates are subject to change. More details will be sent out nearer to each event.

Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	October	Staff Development Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	October	Library visits	For Year 2 at 9:45am & 11:15am
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	October	Pine class parents evening	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	October	Pine class parents evening	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	October	Diwali	Children can come to school in their own clothes
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	November	Flu immunisations	Reception—Year 2 by school nurses
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	November	Reading Wise Workshop	For Year 1 parents. 9:00am or 2:30pm in the hall
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	November	Open Evening for prospective parents	6:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	November	Kingfisher Assembly	9:00am in the hall
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	November	Read together morning	8:40am-8:55am in classrooms
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	November	Remembrance Day	1 minute silence at 11:00am
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	November	Library visits	For Year 2 at 9:45am & 11:15am
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	November	Open Day for prospective parents	10:00am-11:00am
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	November	Peacock Assembly	9:00am in the hall
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	November	Children in Need	Dress up day
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	November	Trip to Odeon Uxbridge for Year 1 and 2	Toy Story 4 at 10:00am
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	November	Toucan Assembly	9:00am in the hall
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Read together morning	8:40am-8:55am in classrooms
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parents' Association Christmas Fair	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	December	Year 2 Christingle service	St Margaret's Church 9:30am
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Christmas show	9:15am
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	Reception Christmas show	2:15pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Christmas show	2:15pm
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y1 Christmas show	9:15am
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas show	2:15pm
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas show	9:15am
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas lunch	
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	December	Pantomime for the children	Funded by the Parents' Association
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December	Class parties	Children can wear party clothes
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	December	Nursery Last Day	Sing-a-long with parents at 11:00am & 3:00pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	December	End of Term	School closes 12:30pm
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	January	SPRING TERM STARTS	Back to School - Normal Time