



# Headteacher's Newsletter

## November 2019 ISSUE 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and I hope all of our families had an enjoyable break.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure children are dressed appropriately.



### Important Reminder

**Whitehall Infant School will be closed on Thursday 12th December** for the General Elections. The Junior school will be open as usual. Junior school children must still attend on this day.



**Thursday 14th November Peacock Class**

**Thursday 21st November Toucan Class**

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

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.

### Be Spotacular for Pudsey!



We are having a **dress up day** to raise money for Children In Need on **Friday 15th November**.

The theme of this dress up day is **Spotacular!**

The children can come to school dressed in something spotty. Sensible clothes and school shoes or trainers only please to ensure the children's safety, Please bring in a donation of £1 on the day.



## **ADMISSIONS**

### Applying for Primary or Junior School

For children due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2020, you must apply for a School place by **15th January 2020**. Applications should be made online at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions). If you would like to have a tour of Whitehall Infant School, please see information about our open days below.

### Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip

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Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's completed permission slip and contribution for the Year 1 and Year 2 cinema trip on Tuesday 19th November. If you have not yet returned your child's slip and contribution, please do so urgently. Unfortunately, we cannot allow a child to go on this trip if they haven't returned their permission slip. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions, we might not be able to go on this trip.

## Open Days

Our next open day for prospective parents will be held on **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 email [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) or call 01895 590112 to book a place.** If you cannot attend this open day, please contact us to let us know what day or time would suit you and we will do our best to accommodate this.

### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is celebrated on 11th November and is a day to remember people who fought and died in wars. On that day in 1918 the First World War ended.

Poppies are worn on Remembrance day (and the days leading up to it) as a sign of remembrance for those who fought in the war. We held a special Remembrance assembly and a 1 minute silence.



## Beginners English Lessons

Starting Wednesday 13th November, there will be Beginner's English lessons for parents held at Whitehall Junior School. The lessons will run from 9am until 11am. Non school age children are welcome.

## Black History Month

It has been lovely seeing the children's work for Black History Month. Each child who brought their research in to school will receive a certificate.



### Attendance

The second half of the Autumn term is always busy with lots of exciting things happening for the children. Please ensure your child is in school every day so that they do not miss any of these events. If your child is absent from school for any reason, **please call the 01895 590112 option 1 and leave a voicemail by 8:30am every day that your child is absent.** Please speak clearly on the voicemail and leave details of your child's name, class and reason for absence.

### Parent Meetings

All parents and carers have had the opportunity to discuss progress and next steps with their class teacher. I hope you found the meetings useful and that they have helped to create a positive partnership to achieve the best outcome for your child. Please make arrangements with your child's class teacher if you were unable to meet with them.

### Welfare spare clothing appeal

We are in need of girls underwear. Please bring any donations to the main school office.

### Transition and First half term questionnaire

We recently sent out a 'Transition and First half term' questionnaire. Thank you to those who have already returned their completed questionnaire. If you have not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like another copy, please visit the main school office.

Responses to your comments will be shared with you soon.



### Parents' Association



The Parents' Association would like to thank those who supported their Recent popcorn sale. They raised £55!

The next event planned is the **Christmas Fair** on **Friday 29th November 3:30—5pm**. You will soon receive more information regarding this - please do help in any way you can to make this event a success.

The Parents' Association have signed up to 'easyfundraising'. This is a free way to raise funds - all you have to do is do your online shopping via the easyfundraising website. Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> for more information.

### Football Ticket Ballot

We have now selected the winners of the football tickets for Englands 1000th International match at Wembley Stadium. Tickets have been sent out to the winners - please do return these tickets to the school if you are no longer able to attend so that we can offer them to another family.



### Safeguarding

Please ensure that you keep your children with you at all times when on the school premises and to walk them to their classroom door. It is very busy at drop off and pick up times and we do not want children to become separated from their parents.

## PE kits

Please ensure you regularly check your child's PE kit to make sure all items are there and that they still fit your child. All PE kits should contain a plain white T shirt, plain black shorts, long plain black jogging bottoms and plimsoles or trainers with no laces. Please remember to label all your child's clothing.

## Lunch Menu

Week of 18th November (Week 2 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Chicken korma with rice	Roast beef with roast potatoes and gravy	Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings	Pizza bar: Cheese & tomato or Sweetcorn & pepper
Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta	Macaroni cheese	Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy	Red pepper & sweet potato pattie	Salmon Fishcakes
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Halal chicken korma with rice	Vegetarian pasta bake	Halal Piri piri style chickem with optional dressings	Natural yoghurt with fruit puree topped with homemade granola
Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Jelly with fruit wedges	Peach oat bar with custard	Chocolate brownie with orange wedges	

## Prime Minister's Christmas Card competition

Well done to the following who submitted an entry to the Prime Minister's Christmas card competition: Rajapske, Alisha, Tamano, Harini and Ruddhav.

They have received a special certificate from the Prime Minister.



## Diwali dress up day

It was so lovely to see our children and staff taking part in our Diwali dress up day and learning about how the festival is celebrated.



## Summer Reading Assembly

We recently held a second instalment of our Summer Reading Assembly to celebrate children who took part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge. The children each received a book and bookmark and got to have refreshments with their family.



## Kingfisher Assembly

Kingfisher class performed a wonderful assembly to their parents about Diwali.



# Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2

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

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
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	November	Tour	2pm for parents of children that have recently joined Whitehall Infant School.
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
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas show	2:15pm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	December	Y2 Christmas show	9:15am
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	December	SCHOOL CLOSED	For general elections. Junior school is open as usual.
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 donation for Save the Children
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas lunch	Letter will be sent home this week. Lunch selection to be returned by 22nd November
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