



Headteacher's Newsletter

November 2019 ISSUE 2

Dear Parents and Carers,



The children and staff have been very busy since half term. There are now less than 4 weeks left until the end of term with lots of special events coming up. Please make a note of the important dates for your child from the Diary dates on the last page.

Important Dates

Thursday 12th December: School closed for the General Election. The Junior school will be open as usual. Junior school children must still attend on this day. Please remember that Friday 13th December is our Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day!

Wednesday 18th December: Last day for Nursery

Thursday 19th December: Term ends at 12:30pm

Monday 6th January: Term starts at 8:40am

Christmas



Over the next few weeks the children will be learning about Christmas. Christmas was traditionally celebrated by Christians to remember the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas is now celebrated by people around the world from various religions. It's a time when family and friends come together to be thankful for the good things they have.

Christmas Lunch



You should have received a letter regarding the children's Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December. Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's lunch selection for this.

Parents' Association Christmas Fair



Friday 29th November 3:15pm - 5pm

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and the PA need volunteers to help on the day, donations of baked goods, pre-owned toys and filled chocolate tombola bags. For more information, please visit the main school office.

Please return your Santa Grotto slip and payment in a named envelope to the PA letterbox next to the main school office as soon as possible.

Christmas Productions

Thursday 5th December at 9:15am - Reception

Friday 6th December at 2:15pm - Reception

Monday 9th December at 2:15pm - Year 1

Tuesday 10th December at 9:15am - Year 1

Tuesday 10th December at 2:15pm - Year 2

Wednesday 11th December at 9:15am - Year 2

Please note, a maximum of 2 adults per child can attend. Please arrive 5 minutes before start. Also, please help your child by not eating, talking or using your phone during the productions as this can distract them.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can come in to school in a Christmas jumper (or festive clothes) on **Friday 13th December** for a donation of **£1**. Donations will be made to Save the Children.



Read together morning

Come along to read a book with your child on **Friday 29th November** at **8:40am - 8:55am** in your child's classroom.



Attendance

It is vital that children are in school every day. If your child is absent from school, please remember to call 01895 590112 every day until they return to school.

Punctuality

Your child starts learning as soon as they enter their classrooms in the morning. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they are missing out on 25 minutes of education every week. Over the course of a school year this would equate to 13 hours of missed education. Don't let your child miss out and help them to reach their full potential by getting them to school on time.

If you need help with punctuality, or attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Christmas Home Learning

Over the Christmas Break, children can create a Christmas Card to be used as the official school Christmas Card next year. More information regarding this will be sent home



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Parking Restrictions

You may have noticed the new "Keep Clear" parking restrictions in force at the front of the school. These are to make the area outside the school safer for all pedestrians. To avoid a fine, please ensure you do not stop here, even if it is only for a minute, between 8am-10am and 2:30pm-4:30pm.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you keep your children with you at all times when on the school premises and you must walk them to their classroom door. Please ensure your child walks close to you when leaving the school premises and does not run off. This is to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip

The Year 1 and 2 children had a lovely time watching Toy Story 4 at the cinema. This film reinforced what the children had learnt during Friendship week last week about friendship, respect and kindness. Well done to the classes as they all walked sensibly and safely.

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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.

If you would like to have a tour of Whitehall Infant School, please email office@mail.whitehallinf.org or call 01895 590112.

Easy Fundraising

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. For more information, visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>.



Children in Need

It was lovely to see the staff and children being 'Spotacular' for Pudsey! We raised **£302!** Thank you to everyone who donated. We had some amazing entries for the Children in Need poster competition. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you for assisting your child with this at home. The winners of the Children In Need Poster competition were: Rosie, Cass, George, Anastazja, Safeera, Pearlmarie, Falisha, Isaac and Zain. They received a Children in Need book. All other entries received a Pudsey sticker.



Peacock Class Assembly

Peacock class did a wonderfully informative assembly on the topic of 'Friendship'. It was great to see so many parents watching this assembly.



Toucan Class Assembly

The children in Toucan class performed a great assembly on The Great Fire of London. They sang beautifully and showed off their wonderful models of houses during the era of the Great Fire of London.



Road Safety

As part of Road Safety week, we had a visit from the Metropolitan Police. They talked to the Year 1 and Year 2 children about how to be safe on the roads and why it is important to pay attention to your surroundings.



Lunch Menu

Week of 2nd December (Week 1 of menu):

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Curry with Rice	Jacket Potato with mild Beef Chilli	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lamb Pie with New Potatoes	Fish Fingers and Chips
Baked Fish with New Potatoes	Jacket Potato with mild Halal Beef Chilli	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Halal Lamb Pie with New Potatoes	Indian Style Biryani
Jacket Potato with Beans	Tortilla Stacks with Baked Wedges	Baked Vegetable filled Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Fruity Friday:
Berry Sponge with Custard	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Wedges	Carrot & Pineapple Cake with Custard	Banana & Chocolate Mousse	Selection of Fresh Fruit with Greek Yoghurt

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2

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

Friday	29 th	November	Read together morning	8:40am-8:55am in classrooms
Friday	29 th	November	Parents' Association Christmas Fair	3:15pm - 5:00pm
Thursday	5 th	December	Reception Christmas show	9:15am
Friday	6 th	December	Reception Christmas show	2:15pm
Monday	9 th	December	Y1 Christmas show	2:15pm
Tuesday	10 th	December	Y1 Christmas show	9:15am
Tuesday	10 th	December	Y2 Christmas show	2:15pm
Wednesday	11 th	December	Y2 Christmas show	9:15am
Thursday	12 th	December	SCHOOL CLOSED	Polling for the General Election. Junior school is open as usual.
Friday	13 th	December	Christmas Jumper Day	£1 donation for Save the Children
Friday	13 th	December	Christmas lunch	Lunch selection to be returned by 22nd November.
Wednesday	18 th	December	Class parties	Children can wear party clothes
Wednesday	18 th	December	Nursery Last Day	Sing-a-long with parents at 11am & 3pm
Thursday	19 th	December	End of Term	School closes 12:30pm
Monday	6 th	January	SPRING TERM STARTS	Back to School - Normal Time

Festive Events

Light Switch on	Uxbridge Civic Centre	Friday 29th November 5:30pm
Make your own Christmas Cards	Battle of Britain Bunker	Saturday 21st December
Visit from Nana the Reindeer	Battle of Britain Bunker	Saturday 21st December 11:30am & 2:30pm
Festive Fun at local libraries	Christmas Card making at Eastcote Library	Thursday 5th December 4pm
	Light-up card making at Oak Farm Library	Saturday 7th December 2:30pm
	Making Christmas Tree decorations at Botwell Green Library	Saturday 7th December 1pm
	Christmas Nutkins at Uxbridge Library	Saturday 21st December from midday

For a full list of activities, visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/christmas