



## Whitehall Junior School School Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Autumn Term: 2



Dear Families,

Welcome to all families joining us this term! It has already been an eventful one, filled with many exciting learning opportunities and the roll out of our amazing new reading scheme.

By now, your children will have already enjoyed reading a range of books assigned by their teachers. From a recent survey conducted by our Reading Co-ordinator, it was evident that our children are thoroughly enjoying the new scheme.

With November drawing to a close, we are already beginning to see a change in the weather patterns. As the snow starts to fall closer to London now, we certainly do know that winter is upon us now. We certainly need to ensure that we keep ourselves healthy and warm, allowing us to enjoy the coming of the festive period with our families and friends.

Let us make the most of the final three weeks of this term.

Stay safe and stay well!

**Mrs Moloi, Headteacher**

### Achievements

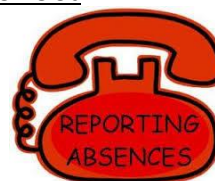
BBC Children in Need 2021 Success!



On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, our school community came into school in their own clothes, many choosing to wear something related to the BBC Pudsey appeal. The monies collected are being counted and we will share the total with you soon. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

### General

Reporting absences



It is important that parents continue to report their child's absence. More than ever, please ensure that you give a reason for the absence and please state if it is linked to COVID-19 symptoms.

In the event of your family needing to have a COVID-19 test done, during a period of self-isolation, it is important that you notify us of the result of the test. This will enable us to take the necessary action and prevent a possible spread of the virus within our school community.

To report your child's absence, call us on:  
01895234071.



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### Dealing with any concerns



We believe in dealing with any possible concerns that you might have as they arise. Feel free to talk to the staff on duty and we will direct you to the right member of staff if we are unable to deal with your concerns or questions.

**For general year group-specific queries, feel free to contact your child's teacher via the following email addresses:**

[Year3@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:Year3@whitehalljunior.org)

[Year4@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:Year4@whitehalljunior.org)

[Year5@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:Year5@whitehalljunior.org)

[Year6@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:Year6@whitehalljunior.org)

### Cold Weather Procedure



With the cold weather conditions having descended on the UK this weekend, we are reviewing our school's cold weather procedures.

Unless treacherous weather conditions, we are pleased to mention that in the case of extreme weather conditions, parents should assume that the school is open unless otherwise informed.

If information needs to be shared about the school not being able to open, we will contact you via the school's messaging system and /or via email.

### Update your contact details



Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please call the Office next week or email in on: [whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:whitehalljun@whitehalljunior.org) to update your contact details and to ensure that you do not miss out on any important correspondence.

### Good condition uniform



Thanks to the generosity of many families within our school community, we have many items of good condition uniform to offer families FREE of charge. We have a selection of skirts, trousers, white blouses, shirts, school jumpers, coats and shoes to offer. Should your child need some uniform, please call the Office or email us, indicating the items and sizes you are looking for.

### Winter Weather Conditions



**Warm jackets-** With the colder weather now upon us, please ensure that your child has a warm coat each day. Do ensure that it is clearly labelled for easier identification.



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**Wellies/ Old pair of trainers**- As we will be continuing to access the field throughout the Autumn Term, you may wish to send your child into school wearing wellies or an old pair of trainers on wet or muddy days. Once in the cloakroom, children can change into their school shoes and can be dry for the day.

### Labelling uniform



There are often items of clothing that cannot be returned to their rightful owners as they are not labelled. It would be advisable that you label your child's uniform for easy identification. Any unclaimed items of clothing will be placed in the 'red, lost property box' in the playground. Let's teach our children to be responsible from an early age.

### Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs



Throughout the Autumn Term, we have continued to offer our wraparound care for all Junior pupils and for those with siblings as young as Year 1 at the Infant School. Should you wish to find out more about our school-run provision, do contact the Office.

### Festive Friday: Christmas Jumper Day



As we typically fundraise for a children's charity in December, we will once again be wearing our Christmas Jumpers in support of

'**Save the Children**'. Therefore, on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper or any festive colours or **red, green, gold** (or even with some wonderful tinsel) and donate generously to this amazing charity.

### Applying for Junior School



For children due to start Junior School in September 2022, you must apply for a junior school place by **15th January 2022**.

Applications should be made online at: <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/junior-school>

### Online Safety



### Setting parental controls on phones and tablets

We have become a member of the National Online Safety accreditation scheme, which offers us a vast number of resources for parents and teachers to support children as they use online resources.

It is the parent and guardian's responsibility to properly monitor the use of online games and apps that children use outside of school, so here is a handy guide for setting up parental controls on android or apple devices that your child may have access to. Though these guides are set out for phones, the same techniques apply for Android and Apple tablets.

<https://whitehall-junior.secure-primariesite.net/e-safety/>



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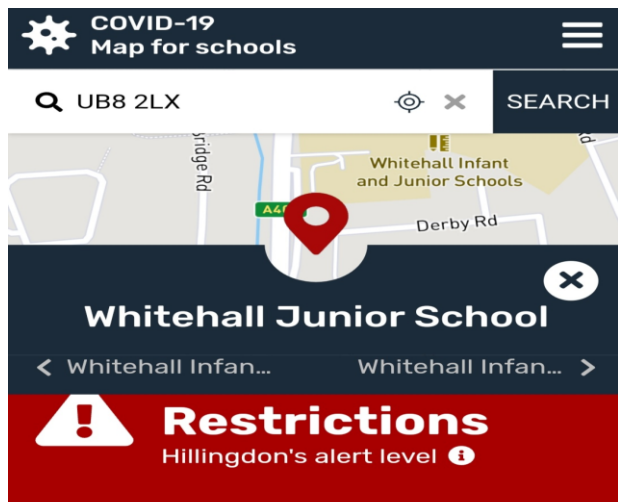
## Safety first: COVID-19 Updates



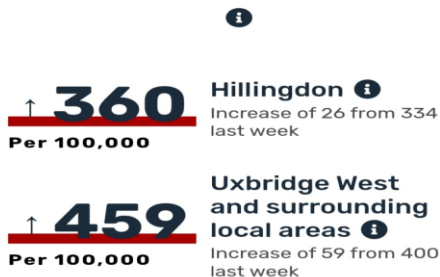
Since reopening, we have been constantly reviewing our systems around the school as a way of keeping all children, staff, families, and local community safe.

Further to the announcement of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, as well as the rising cases within our school community, it is important that we take tighter measures again.

### Local rise in COVID-19 Cases:



### COVID rate around school



## What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new, continuous cough,
- a high temperature,
- loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

If the child has a positive test result but do not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

### Early Closure



As the last day of the Autumn Term is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, the school will be shutting from 12:15pm that day. Staggered dismissal times will be shared with you soon. Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements to collect your child earlier on that day.



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FREE Christmas Lunch

**Celebrate Christmas**  
Friday 10th December

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

Roast Turkey served with Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

Halal Roast Turkey served with Halal Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

Quorn Roast served with Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables and Vegetarian Gravy

Festive Chocolate Yule Log with Vanilla Ice Cream

Or

Clementines

Term Dates



<b><u>School Term Dates 2021-2022</u></b>
<b><u>Autumn Term 1</u></b>
<b>**Training Day**</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>
<b><u>Autumn Term 2</u></b>
Tuesday 02 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 <b>(Early closure: 12:30pm only on the last day of term)</b>
<b><u>Spring Term 1</u></b>
Tuesday 04 <sup>th</sup> January 2022- Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 <b>**Training Day**</b> Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>

Again this year, we are in a position to offer all of our children a FREE Christmas lunch. This will be served on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021** which coincides with **Christmas Jumper Day** too.

Your child can sign up in class if you wish them to enjoy a meal with their classmates.