



Children in Need



On Friday 13th November, the children participated in a special 'fancy dress up day' to support the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) annual telethon to raise vital funds for Children in Need, assisting disadvantaged children across the United Kingdom. As a special surprise, the children were greeted by Pudsey Bear whilst they walked into school and at dismissal time. Pudsey Bear showcased some special moves in an effort to entertain the children for their generosity and good behaviour at school. I wonder who was under the disguise of this mystery Pudsey Bear...





Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 11th November, the parents, guardians and carers of Year 6 pupils were invited into school to discuss the 'Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe' workshop that their children will be taking part in. We thank all those who attended and hope you would agree that the workshop was insightful.



Remembrance Day



In celebration of Remembrance Day, Little Acorn class enjoyed creating a handprint poppy mural. They also learned about the significance of this day and how we commemorate those in the Armed Forces who have given their lives to keep us safe.





Booster Clubs

Booster sessions have started as of Wednesday 11th November and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Children have been invited by their teacher to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in English or Mathematics. English boosters will take place on Wednesdays each week whilst Mathematics boosters will take place on Thursdays. Please ensure that you adhere to the staggered end times for each year group so as not to cause a congestion at the School gate.

Year Group	Pick-up Times
Year 1	4:15pm (Point 2)
Year 2	4:00pm (Point 3)
Year 3	4:15pm (Point 3)
Year 4	4:30pm (Point 3)
Year 5	3:15pm (Point 1)
Year 6	4:00pm (Point 1)

Drop-Off and Dismissal Times

Year Group	Drop-Off Time	Dismissal Time
Nursery AM / PM	8:30am / 12:30pm	11:30am / 3:30pm
Year 2 and Year 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 3 and Year 5	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception and Year 4	9:00am	3:30pm

Remote Learning Through Microsoft Teams

As we enter the second wave of coronavirus (COVID-19), we expect more pupils to be accessing their classrooms virtually if they are asked to self-isolate. All pupils have received letters and guides on how to access their respective classrooms, along with an email address and password.

We request all parents, guardians and carers to access google chrome and enter 'Office 365'. Next, sign in using your child's email and password. You will have two options - 'change password' or 'enter security questions'. Once signed in, please click the box on the top left hand side of the screen, then access the Microsoft Teams application. If you require any assistance, please contact the School office.

Reading with your Children!

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. With this in mind, we urge all parents, guardians and carers to share a book with your children at bedtime. For the little ones, this may be simply looking at a picture book and introducing key vocabulary.

For the older ones, it would be really good to start with some simple stories, by reading out loud to your child. If you need any advice on reading to your child, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Primary School Admissions 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on **Friday 15th January 2021**.

To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period.

The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

School Attendance

There are many, very good reasons for ensuring children in all year groups attend school on time and on a regular basis. Good attendance means that a child:

- Keeps up with their school work,
- Is better supported to meet their expected progress,
- Develops better personal and social skills,
- Learns life skills such as punctuality and time management.

Being absent from school means that a child loses valuable learning time. In particular, excellent attendance in Year 6 is pivotal to a successful transition to secondary school. During this final year, they will prepare for and sit their end of Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments, as well as take part in lessons and activities that will help them to confidently move to the next important stage of their learning. For your information, below are some very important figures that relate children's attendance percentages to the actual number of school days missed.

98% = 4 days missed

95% = 10 days missed

90% = 19 days missed

80% = 38 days missed

Whatever year your child is in, but particularly if they are in Years 2 and 6, please ensure that medical and other appointments are made out of school hours and that they are only absent from school if they are too ill to attend. Thank you.

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 24th	Flu Immunisation
DECEMBER	
Virtual Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies via Microsoft Teams	
Wednesday 2nd	9:00am AM Acorns - Nursery
	9:30am Blossom - Reception
	10:00am Cherry - Reception
	10:30am Hazel - Year 1
	2:00pm Maple - Year 1
Thursday 3rd	2:30pm PM Acorns - Nursery
	9:00am Elm - Year 2
	9:30am Willow - Year 2
	10:00am Beech - Year 3
	10:30am Pine - Year 3
Friday 4th	2:00pm Ash - Year 4
	2:30pm Holly - Year 4
	9:30am Hawthorn - Year 5
	10:00am Rowan - Year 5
Friday 4th	2:00pm Oak - Year 6
	2:30pm Chestnut - Year 6
	Friday 4th
Tuesday 8th	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 9th	Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe Workshop - Year 6
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day - Non-Uniform
Friday 11th	Hearing and Vision Screening - Year 1
Friday 18th	End of Term - early dismissal from 12:00pm

Flu Immunisation - Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances of staff shortage, the booking for the Flu Immunisation has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 24th November**. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies

This year, we would like the children to continue with the tradition of hanging their handmade decorations on the Christmas Tree and showcasing this to their families. With this in mind, we would like to invite all parents, guardians and carers to watch their child's Christmas Tree Trimming Assembly via Microsoft Teams using their child's login details. Please see the schedule in the diary dates to find out what time your child's assembly will be. Let's see if there will be a surprise visit from Father Christmas this year or if he has to quarantine after arriving from the North Pole! If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 23rd November</i>
MENU 3	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/ Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

School Photographs - Tuesday 8th December

The health and safety of all our pupils is paramount to us and we have been working hard to ensure we can still supply your child's individual photographs in the safest way possible. As such, we have finalised arrangements with Fraser Portraits who have provided us with a rescheduled date for your child's individual photographs and a risk assessment, outlining the various measures that will be put in place for their onsite presence on the day. The photographer will now be visiting the School on **Tuesday 8th December**, so please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Should you have any concerns, a copy of the risk assessment has been uploaded to the School website and may be provided upon request at the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe - Rescheduled

Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule the Year 6 workshop for **Wednesday 9th December**. Please ensure that your child attends school so as not to miss out on this informative workshop.