

Hillborough Infant and Nursery School Newsletter – 23rd September 2022 Value of the month – our value of the month is **responsibility**.

Dear parents and guardians,

After our focus on wellbeing and transition into school or a new class, we are now back into our full swing of our curriculum.

We have noticed that many children are now appearing less tired. Thank you for supporting us getting them back into a bedtime routine. If you need any further support, please click on <u>The Sleep Charity</u> link.

As the British weather continues to never surprise us, please send your child to school with a raincoat. Physical Health is a crucial part of our curriculum, and it is important for your children's learning for them to be outside and moving every day despite the weather. We also ask they come to school wearing appropriate footwear for the day, so they can move at ease.

PE days and kit – you will have received various notifications around PE and what your child needs. **Reminder – your child's PE kit should be brought into school and remain here during the half term**. All information can be found on the school's website.



<u>Attendance</u> – everyday counts! Good attendance is vital for all children, and we work to ensure all children achieve that. We will be working closely with families to ensure good attendance. Lateness – we monitor this on a weekly basis and again, work with families to ensure punctuality.

Term Time Leave – we would like to remind you that term time leave is only granted in **exceptional circumstances** and **MUST** be agreed by the Headteacher. Any application **MUST** be completed and returned to school, no later than 14 days prior to the request. You will be expected to attend a meeting, in school, to discuss the request before a decision is made. All details can be found by clicking on the following – <u>Term Time</u> <u>Leave of Absence</u>.

Meal ordering system (Select) - Thank you to most parents who have registered and are using our new meal ordering system (Select). Please discuss the options with your child, so they are not disappointed with their chosen meal. The instructions on how to register was sent late August via ParentMail. Despite several reminder emails and telephone calls last week, some parents still have not registered and /or are still not ordering their child's meals. Class teachers no longer record meal choices, therefore it is important that all parents/guardians order their child's meals through Select.

If you are one of the few parents/guardians that has not registered on Select and/or require support with how to order your child's meal, please contact the school on <u>admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk</u>

Updates from year groups:

• **Reception** – have had such a busy few weeks but have settled in so well. They have embraced so many new learning points over the last few weeks and various places around the school. They are settling into the routine of lunchtime, and it does take time for them to develop a range of skills required. It is such a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their social skills. We know that you receive the weekly newsletter about learning opportunities that are coming up.

• Year One – What a busy start to the year! The children have settled in and are eager to go as they begin their Year One journey. They have done incredibly well in adjusting to KS1 and we are so proud of them.

Our topic for the term is 'all about me,' where we have been exploring self-portraits in art and are learning about our country in Geography. In English, we have been reading the story <u>The Colour Monster</u> and the children have wowed us with their writing skills already. In Maths we have been learning about numbers and understanding their value.

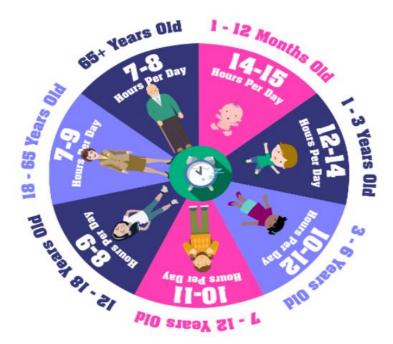
We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you, for your help and support in settling the children as this can be a daunting time for them. To support further, please remember to sign up to <u>ClassDojo</u> as soon as possible and remember to send in <u>PE kits</u>. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Year Two - The children have settled well into Year Two and are already wowing us with their impressive work. Our topic is 'all about me' and 'my community', where we will be furthering our <u>geography skills</u>.
<u>We're All Wonders</u> and Can I Build Another Me, are the stories that we have covered, so far, in English. They have supported children to further develop their understanding about differences and tolerance. In maths, we have been securing our number skills, looking at doubles and near doubles and odd and even numbers.

Thank you for sending your child's P.E. kit into school. PE kits will stay in school until half term. They are developing vital independence skills in self-care. Please remember to sign up to ClassDojo.

Did you know that sleep helps children learn? For many years' sleep has been linked to energy. However, recent scientific research proves it does much more.

Sleep helps children learn better, improves their memory, and helps them to apply their knowledge to solve problems.



Wishing you a lovely weekend, Josie Walter – Headteacher