



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 7th October 2022

Value of the month – our value of the month is **empathy**.

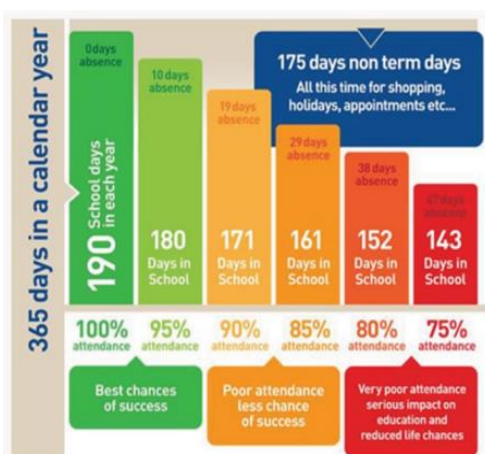
Dear parents and guardians,

Our first round of extra-curricular clubs has been a huge success. Whether they joined dance, reading, maths, signing, the new music club or one of our many other clubs, the children have been engaged and having fun whilst furthering their learning.

We would like to thank you again for ensuring your children get enough sleep. I am sure 10 hours can sometimes feel like a great challenge, but I cannot emphasise enough the impact sleep has upon your child's learning. If you need any further support, please click on [The Sleep Charity](#) link.

Finally, as we move further into Autumn, 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.

School uniform - please ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform and suitable footwear. Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and also in the school colours. If you are unsure, do check out our website - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/uniform/>



Attendance – 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 – [Term Time Leave of Absence](#).

World Mental Health Day (10th October 2022) – this day is important to both children and adults, and we will be focusing on this for the day. Mental health and wellbeing are not just for one day, but every day. This is the link to our website and the page dedicated to wellbeing - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/well-being/>. If at any point you are worried about your child's wellbeing, do speak with the class teacher or make contact with our Family Support Worker.

Luton Food Bank / Harvest Festival week – we will be focusing on others for the week beginning the 17th October and we will be sending out details of items that you may wish to bring in to support this wonderful cause and those who need their support. Here is a link to their website - <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/>. If you are struggling, you can contact them directly or do contact our Family Support Worker who can also support you and signpost you to other agencies that can provide support. We are aware that **The Stockwood Park Academy** run a food bank on Saturday mornings – there are no questions asked and you just need to live in the local area.

Extra Curriculum Clubs – as mentioned earlier, our clubs are going for strength to strength, and we are celebrating that we have been running them for a year now! We are now running a music club after school, which is being led by **Luton Music Service** and where a child can learn to play a musical instrument. These clubs provide so many opportunities for children and here is a link to an article about the benefits for your child from the [Learning Hive](#)

Coffee morning for parents – we will be running a coffee morning session during the last week of this half term. A flyer will be coming out with further details. It is an opportunity for you to have a chat about things that matter to you and meet some of the team, that can support you with your concerns or just have a friendly ear for listening.

Updates from year groups:

- **Nursery & Reception** – produce a wonderful weekly newsletter with all the exciting information about what they are working on and how you can best support your child during the week.
- **Year One** - have had a busy fortnight, we have been reading an amazing book called '[Ruby's Worry](#)'. Ruby learns how to make her worries disappear after realising other people have worries too. We used this opportunity to look at how we can use the past tense to write a diary entry.

In Science Year 1 had a lot of fun labelling the parts of their bodies and they drew their own treasure maps in Geography. In maths, we have ordered consecutive numbers and learned how to draw part-whole models. Year 1 are really trying their best with everything, we are super proud of them all.

- **Year Two** - It's amazing to think we have already whizzed past another September! As the leaves turn gold and the nights draw in, the children of Year 2 have been completing some incredible learning.

We have been reading '[Can I build Another Me](#)', a story about a boy trying to build another version of himself with the help of a robot. We learnt the different features of a fact file and wrote a fact file about ourselves. In maths, we have been identifying the place value in two-digit numbers using different maths manipulatives.

In Geography, we have been learning about physical and human geographical features in Luton town and about our famous landmarks. In Art, we have been making collages and developing our skills in pastel and charcoal. Our intrepid scientists have been learning about the human life cycle and answering the question: do animals ever stop growing? We have been learning all about our rights and responsibilities in PSHE and about the Sermon on the Mount and what the Sermons might mean, in R.E. Meanwhile in P.E we have been practising our footwork skills. Phew! What a busy time it has been!

SEND - For those families who have children with Autism, you can access some amazing support groups. **SWAN** is a support group for all parents and carers of autistic family members living in Luton. The Autism Spectrum Team hosts the meeting. They hold meetings once every 2 months at Windmill Hill School. **FLAG** is an online support group for parents and carers of autistic family members living in Luton. The Autism Spectrum Team, part of the Special Educational Needs Service at Luton Council, hosts the meeting. Meetings are held on Zoom once a month. Flyers for both of the support groups will be sent out with this newsletter and on our website.

Family Support – again we will highlight how much sleep all of us need, whether you are a child, parent or grandparent. Sleep is so vital for all of us and really helps all to function well, learn more, solve problems and be less reactive to small niggles. There is plenty of advice on the following link -

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

What's on in Luton this October 2022 – please find below a link to The Culture Trust Luton, which provide a lot of free entertainment and activities for children and adults -

<https://www.culturetrust.com/>

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Josie Walter – Headteacher

