



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

Dear parents and guardians,

We have had such a good start to our new term and the children have been working with some exciting books, which in turn has supported a wide range of subjects and their topic for the half term.



**Attendance – everyday counts! Our current whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 95%!** Good attendance is vital for all children, and we work to ensure all classes achieve that. The knowledge and skills that your child gains will support their achievements over time.

We are continuing to focus on two areas around attendance:

- those who **persistently arrive late** during the week. We are working together to remove the barriers to arriving on time.
- those who are deemed **persistently absent from school**. Gov.uk describes this, as those who have had more than 10 days away from school since the start of term.

**Mindful parking and consideration** – my team and I are deeply saddened at recent events that took place outside our school with regard to parking and consideration of others. You will have received a ParentMail during the week and we ask that you read and digest the content, especially about recording of incidents and use of them. Blocking the school entrance or local resident's drives, could put children and adults at risk, for example if the emergency services could not get through.

[Odd Socks Day](#) (14<sup>th</sup> November 2022) – as part of our Anti Bullying Week or as we like to call it 'friendship week', the children will be able to wear odd socks for the day! It is a great way to celebrate what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.

**Children in Need** – is being held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and our children can dress up in their pyjamas and dressing gown for the day! They will need appropriate footwear and a coat, as they will be going outside and moving around school. We know times are challenging for us all and if you are able to donate, no matter how small an amount, you can do so via our [JustGiving](#) page – just click on the blue words and it will take you there.

**Exercise for children** - research indicates that inactive children are likely to become inactive adults, putting young people at risk of developing conditions as they grow up and become adults. This is why it's important to encourage exercise and keeping fit from a young age. We would like to sign post you to links that may support increased activity outside of school: [GOSH – exercise for children and young adults](#), [Change4Life](#) and the [NHS Live Well](#) website

**Cost of living support** – we know that times are challenging with regard to the cost of living and the current energy crisis. We have attached a document that might signpost you to local agencies that might be able to support you. We are also signposting you to some websites that might support you to compare prices – click on the blue words to take you to the websites. Comparing grocery prices at [trolley.co.uk](#);

'superizon' which can be found on Google Play or Apple's App Store – again a supermarket comparison site and finally a website for bargains in food, fashion, books, home and other areas – [LatestDeals.co.uk](https://www.latestdeals.co.uk)

We would like to point out that school is not endorsing any of the sites and is just signposting you to possible sites that might be able to support you and your family.

#### **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 1** - Fred the frog had gone missing! The children have been amazing detectives in solving the case. We created missing posters and put them around school. Fred is now safe in our classrooms! We then decided to help Dave from the story '[Dogger](#)' find his teddy. First we started by thinking of questions to ask Dave. We then created missing posters. We included some fantastic 'wow words' in our posters. In Maths we have been learning about equivalents. We learnt that '=' means 'the same as' or 'balanced' and not just the answer. In Science, we have been learning about animals and sorting them into different groups. In History we have been learning about Remembrance day. Thank you to parents for engaging in this week's homework. The children have been excited about using Purple Mash at home.
- **Year 2** - November is a month of remembrance, from Guy Fawkes' (fireworks) night on the 5th to Remembrance Sunday on the 11th. On the subject of remembrance, the Year Two historians have been learning about the great fire of London of 1666. Speaking of London, our hard working writers have been reading 'Katie in London' and are writing letters to Ms Walter about their own, imaginary London adventures. They will be learning about expanded noun phrases - and maybe our English experts can explain to you what expanded noun phrases are!

Our mathematicians have been exploring number bonds to 100, making doubles and near doubles and practising their rebalancing skills. Also, our enquiring scientists have been investigating animals including humans - what animals need to live and how to look after animals. Finally, in D&T we will be designing and building their own bridges!

Wishing you a peaceful and dry weekend.

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