



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 6th January 2023

Value of the month – our value of the month is **patience**

Dear parents and guardians,

‘Happy New Year...’ It has been an inspiring first few days at Hillborough Infants! We were all so excited to see the children on Wednesday after the holidays and it was wonderful to see how happy and excited, they were to return to school. I was inspired walking around at 9am on Wednesday morning and seeing all the children getting straight back into their work. Talking to the children this week it is clear how much they enjoyed their holiday but how positive they are to be back at school and learning.

Welcome – we are extending a warm welcome to a new member of staff to our SEND support staff team – Mrs Ema. We are certain that she will be a valuable asset to the team. We would also like to welcome, even though she has been with us since November 2022 – Miss Rashid who is our new Inclusion Support Assistant and is supporting our SENDCo and Family Support in their work. Some of you may have already met or spoken with her as she is an additional point of contact for the SENDCo and Family Support. We are also welcoming back our Senior Midday Supervisor, Mrs Humphries, who ensures that our children have a wonderful lunchtime experience.

School day / attendance & lateness – good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. Children who are regularly late to school say that they ‘feel embarrassed, everyone looks at me’, they ‘don’t know what to do as everyone else has already started’, ‘miss starting the day with my friends and they miss me’, and ‘I don’t want my family getting into trouble’. **Reminder – classroom doors open at 08:50 and close at 09:00, promptly (a buzzer sounds for both).**

Seasonal illnesses – we are aware that there are currently high levels of seasonal illnesses and we are signposting you to the following links for the current key ones:

- COVID-19 – NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Flu – NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>
- Scarlet fever – NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>
- Strep A / Strep throat conditions – NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>
- Norovirus (vomiting bug) – NHS link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>
- All relevant information can be found via each link

Family Support – a new year and back into routines, here are a few ideas and suggestions. Getting back into a good bedtime routine: talking about their daily routines for school or for the school day, do share your own feelings; let your child share their feelings about the coming week or being back at school; draw pictures or use social stories; talk about experiences that might be happening over coming weekends; avoid stress, for you and your child, by making time for morning routines and finally, know that we are here to support you, if your child is anxious about being back in school.

This newsletter is a brief one and we will be issuing our normal newsletter on **Friday 13th January 2022**. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future editions or would like to see something else on a regular basis via admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk

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