



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 3rd March 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

It has been a busy couple of weeks, since we returned to school, and we cannot believe that we are now half way through the academic year.



Attendance – everyday counts! Our current whole school attendance is 94%! 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.

Parents and guardians – as a school we will work closely with you to ensure that children are in school and receiving the best start to their educational journey. If you are experiencing challenges regarding arriving on time or general attendance, do come and talk with Family Support or our SENDCo. We are here to support.

Celebrating attendance – we are starting to roll out over the coming weeks a variety of ways that we will be celebrating good attendance. You will receive further details and information via ParentMail

World book day – what a wonderful day we had and with such a wide range of costumes and books in the school. We have posted some pictures on the school's Twitter account.

Love of reading – as a school we are committed to fostering and developing a love of reading and the [Book Trust](#) have a very good page for parents to support this.

Website – after a few technical glitches, we are very pleased to announce that our new website is operational. It has been designed to be SMART phone optimised and easy to access. You can find it via the following - <https://www.hillboroughinfantschool.uk/>

Staff news – this week we say a fond farewell to a member of our support staff team. Miss Brennan is leaving us to go and join the Hillrise Provision, which is based at Hillborough Junior School. This provision supports children in a wide range of schools around this area. Miss Brennan has 'gone from being a little acorn to a mighty oak' with her work around supporting children. We are happy to say that she will be still working with some of our children but in a different capacity.

Luton Energise Holiday Clubs – please see the attached flyers, regarding how to book your child or children on the clubs that Luton are providing over the Easter break (3rd April to 14th April).

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** - In year one we have been reading the story '[The Emperor's New Clothes](#)'. The children have enjoyed reading the book and have been writing to debate to answer whether it was fair for the Emperor to be 'tricked'.

In maths, the children have been detectives and solving word problems, the children used part whole models to help them find what's missing.

The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character on Thursday. To celebrate World Book Day, the children made their own little books and created bookmarks. We ended the day as a year group and shared our books with our friends in the hall.

- **Year 2** – It's beginning to feel a little like spring and a multiple of blossoms are about to bloom! Blooming like the beanstalk in our English text, [Jim and the Beanstalk](#) by Raymond Briggs! There have been some fantastic stories produced this term! And what better time than during World Book day?

Just as the flowers grow and multiply, so do we in our maths, which has all been about multiplication and division. We have learned about repeated addition, sharing into groups and arrays. What else you may ask? Ask your nearest year two mathematician!

It seems only appropriate when they are growing as we speak, to continue our scientific investigation into plants, and we have ventured into the great outdoors to find out how compasses work in geography.

Just as spring is a sudden burst of colour, we get thoroughly colourful with our celebration of the ancient Hindu festival of Holi! Join us for our ongoing adventures in the next newsletter!

We have a busy few weeks coming up with Comic Relief and Holi - the Hindu Festival. We will be marking both events, details of which have or will be coming soon.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Josie Walter – Headteacher