



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 17th March 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

I wanted to open this newsletter with the importance of play during the school day. Our children spend up to 75 minutes of the school day playing outside, which equates to 20% of their school career. This is significantly more for our 3-5 years old children, who can spend up to four hours outside learning through play. I am sure you are aware this has endless benefits including:

- building confidence;
- promoting imagination and creativity;
- teaching responsibility and taking care of resources;
- developing curiosity in the natural world;
- getting the children moving;
- reduces anxiety and stress;
- encourages thinking about how things work;
- develop [gross/ fine motor skills](#);
- managing relationships and emotional regulation.

Luton Foodbank – the school recently received an award, which included a trophy, in recognition of our work in supporting the local foodbank. [Luton Foodbank](#) is a wonderful charity, whose key aim is to **eradicate food poverty in Luton**. The children were presented with the trophy during a recent celebration assembly.

Attendance – *improving attendance is everyone's responsibility* – DfE 2022. As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove or support any potential barriers to children being in school. We will be sending out, via ParentMail, a newsletter about attendance across the school on a weekly basis.

Comic Relief – This year, the event focus is on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness. We are using the following for donations and it will be open until the **2nd April 2023 - Just Giving Page** www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hillborough-Infants5

Rescheduled Holi – **will be on Wednesday 22nd March 2023**. The details will be the same as before and a flyer will be sent out.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – **all our clubs are finished by 16:15**. Please ensure that you are there to pick up your child at that time. Children can become distressed and worry about their family member when picked up late. The feedback from the children, who attend, is very positive and they are developing such a wide range of skills. Some key areas of development are: independence, working with different children, leadership skills, teamwork, communication and problem solving skills.

School grounds – a reminder to all our families that once you have dropped off or collected your child at the start and end of the day, that you vacate the school grounds promptly. In the morning, as soon as the 09:00 bell has gone and by 15:40 at the end of the school day. We appreciate your support with this and in keeping our children, staff and school grounds safe.

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).

Protecting Little Lungs - Luton Council's Public Health team is committed to protecting children from the harms of second-hand tobacco smoke. In the summer term they will be launching their Protecting Little Lungs Competition, for primary school children to design a banner for their school gates. Children will have a chance to win a prize for themselves and their school! Plus, Luton Council will arrange for your school's winning banner to be printed and delivered free of charge ready for the new school year in September 2023. More information to follow in 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 English we have been reading 'Hansel and Gretel' and we have written a part of the story remembering to use a story opener.

In Maths we have looked at money, we looked at the value of 1p, 2p 5p, 10p and 20p coins. Many of year 1 will now understand that a single coin can be worth more than a few coins e.g. a 20p is worth more than five 2p coins.

Our science investigation has been about waterproof materials and the children have enjoyed experimenting with different fabrics.

In DT we have been busy sewing our fairytale inspired puppets.



- **Year 2** – What a shock we had this week! According to our text, [The True Story of the Three Little Pigs](#), the Wolf was the good guy after all! You can find out all about it in our recounts for English, which feature our new learning: using the possessive apostrophe.

We are on fire with our maths, learning about both multiplication and division! Are we finished yet, not by the hairs of our chinny chin chin! We now know the ins and outs - not to mention the North, East, South and West - of using atlases in geography.

Finally, Holi as you know was unfortunately cancelled - so (fingers crossed) it will go ahead Wednesday 22nd March. We would chat more - but we have science experiments to plan and plants to... well, plant! See you in two weeks!

Small Talk Saves Lives Campaign Get Involved – Is a wonderful charity initiative that could just support someone who is going through depression or anxiety and could help set them on their journey to recovery. For further information please click on the link: [Small Talk Saves Lives](#)

Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort

Young people in Luton are being invited to join the *Our Global Luton* party to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort on Saturday 6th May.

Our Global Luton party is being organised by Luton Council and Luton 2040 to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The day will kick off with a colourful parade of young people from schools, youth and children's groups from across Luton celebrating the different countries with links to Luton, followed by a screening of the coronation on big screen and a party open to everyone in Luton with entertainment, food and activities. People are encouraged to bring their own picnic and celebrate with the whole Luton community.

The organisers are on the lookout for youth and children's groups, schools, faith groups, music and sports clubs or any other groups of young people who would like to take part in the *Our Global Luton* parade. They are looking for groups of 10 – 12 children to represent a country that has strong links with Luton.

If you are interested in bringing some groups from your school, youth or children's group to be part of this historic occasion, please register here [Global Luton Party](#). We recommend you copy and paste the link into your browser to access the form rather than clicking the link directly.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

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