



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Everyone can't quite believe how quickly the half term has gone but also how much the children have progressed in that time and developed their skills across a wide range of subjects.

**Parent Consultation Evenings** – what a wonderful two evenings we had sharing all the achievements that your children have been making over the last term and those next steps in their learning journey.

**Reception Easter Play** – we are so proud of how all our children took part in the performance to parents and on four occasions! The play was written and directed by Mrs Manning and fully supported by all the staff who work in reception. We have all been blown away by how the children have learnt all the songs and actions, remembering lines to say and instruments to play. Their confidence has grown as performers and ability to work with others and as part of a whole.

**Staff news** – this week we say a fond farewell to a couple of members of our team. Firstly, we say a fond farewell to Miss Ahmed who is moving to another school and to work with Year 6. Miss Ahmed has made a wonderful contribution to all the children in her care and to the whole school. Next, we say goodbye to Miss McMurray who is moving to another school that is nearer to her home. Miss McMurray, over time, has grown and developed wonderful skills when working with children who are starting on their learning journey.

**The Coronation of King Charles** – as a school, we are quite excited about the upcoming Coronation of the new King and Queen. We will be marking the occasion in a variety of ways on the lead up to the date of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We will be sending out further details after the Easter break.

**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 want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 96% and above and also to decrease our persistent absence figure.

**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.

**Nursery Expansion from September 2023** - We will be offering full time nursery places (30 hours) for 3 and 4 years olds. Our website will be updated next week to provide more information. If you wish to register your child on our waiting list, please email [admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk](mailto:admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk)

**School meals** - We will be introducing a 2-week menu from 17th April 2023. After consultation, we have kept the popular packed lunch meal (sandwich, crudités, fruit/dessert) and hot meals on a Monday (pizza), Wednesday (roast dinner) and Friday (fish fingers or cheesy bean wrap and chips). The meal choices on Tuesdays and Thursdays will also be a meal within our pupils' top 10 favourite meals. To see our new menu, please click on

<https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=529&type=pdf>

In addition to their main meal, all children have access to our salad bar which includes raisins, cucumber, sweetcorn, lettuce, coleslaw and a small slice of bread. The meals on the menu are your children's favourites - please ensure your child's meals are booked in advance in SELECT. Weekly reminders are sent every Sunday.

#### 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** - have enjoyed getting creative and participating in Easter celebrations this week! In English we have been learning about the story Rumpelstiltskin and focusing on sequencing the events that occurred. We then used this to write our own story independently! We have focused on using adjectives to make our writing more descriptive.

In maths we have been busy measuring capacity, length and weight through practical learning. We participated in an experiment to test what materials sink and float. For our wellbeing afternoon, we looked at making healthy choices whilst also participating in mindfulness activities.

- **Year 2** – What a wonderful Holi celebration we had last week! This week it seems as though spring has finally arrived - the plants are growing and so is our mind-set. Yes, the text in English is [After The Fall](#) by Dan Santat and our explanation texts are all about the importance of a growth mind-set and never giving in.

Sharing and division is the theme of our maths - the children are learning about those tricky remainders this week. Aerial and ground views have been on the minds of our geographers and our science lessons continue apace with lessons on growing plants and their environments. I think you'll agree that we've had an action packed spring term and it is time for us all to take a well-earned break.

Keep up your reading and your learning, stay curious and above all, have a wonderful Easter.

Wishing you an 'eggcellent' Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 08:50.**

Josie Walter – Headteacher