



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to summer term! The nights are lighter, the weather is warmer, the sun has been shining and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the next few weeks.

Lots of information can be found on our website - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/> and via the year group pages. You will find the knowledge organisers for this term, and other information.

**Phonics (Read, Write, Inc.)** – just a reminder that you can support your children in a variety of ways with their phonics and reading skills. Each week, via ParentMail, you receive a link to activities that support your child's phonics skills and development. They are fun, engaging and can be easily accessed via a smart phone or tablet. You will also receive a book home that again, you can support with and enjoy sharing together. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Do click on the article from the [National Literacy Trust](#) about the impact that Early Reading can have on children's outcomes.

**Parent Governors** – your school needs you! We are looking for several parents who would like to make a difference by representing the parental community on the Governing Board. You do not have to have any specific skills or academic level but really want to make a difference and shape the future of your child and future children. Click on the link to find out more via a leaflet from [Luton Governor Services](#). If you are interested, do pop into reception and leave your details.

**Volunteers** – do you have an hour or two to spare (on a regular basis), would you like to help children in a variety of ways? We welcome volunteers at school who are encouraged to assist and participate in teaching and learning activities under the guidance of the school staff. We acknowledge that each individual brings to the school a different perspective and a differing amount of experience in working with children. There is a variety of ways that your hour or two could be used: listening to children read; accompanying school visits or support an event in school. Any volunteer in school is subject to safeguarding checks and will need to provide two character references prior to starting. If you are interesting, do email the school or pop in and we can give you the relevant forms and information.

**The Coronation of King Charles** – as a school, we are quite excited about the upcoming Coronation of the new King and Queen. During the week leading up to the coronation, date of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the children will be learning about the coronation of a monarch in this country. On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the children will be having a wonderful day celebrating this occasion and they will receive a memento to remind them of the occasion. Please see the flyer that has been sent out, via ParentMail.

**Behaviour Policy** – we like to review and ensure our policy is up to date and is clear and concise for parents, children and all those who work in school. We have wanted to encompass our Vision, Mission and Values statement into our policy. Our core values are to 'CARE'; these values are all of equal importance and encompass many things: **C** – community; **A** – aspiration; **R** – respect; **E** – empowering. You will be able to find our new policy on the school website and we will be working with our children to help them understand the simple rewards and sanctions.

**Celebration Assembly** – every Friday we hold our celebration assembly, where we gather as a whole school community to celebrate a wide range of achievements that have been made over the week. We are creating a 'Star of the Week' certificate for each class and celebrating our Class Dojo winners during these assemblies. We very much enjoy celebrating achievements that children have achieved outside of school. If your child has achieved something outside of school, they can bring in the certificate, badge, trophy or medal to show everyone during this assembly.

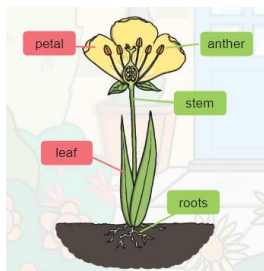
**School grounds** – a reminder to all our families that once you have dropped off or collected your child at the start and end of the day, that you vacate the school grounds promptly. In the morning, as soon as the 09:00 bell has gone and by 15:40 at the end of the school day. We appreciate your support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

**School meals** – Just a reminder that we changed our offer to a fortnightly menu. 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 this link](#)

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** - Our overall topic this half term is all about things that grow. In English, we have been reading the story '[The Last Wolf](#)' (a twist on the traditional Little Red Riding Hood story). The children are helping Red to re-grow our depleting forests. They planted a seed and wrote instructions explaining what they did. Then they learnt how a [seed grows](#) and they wrote their own explanation text.



Our science focus is all about plants and we have been out and about looking at different flowers and plants. We have labelled the different parts of a plant.

In maths, we are looking at basic multiplication and the children are rising to the challenge.

- **Year 2** – Our topic for this term is 'Our World'. We are learning about animals and their habitats in different parts of the world. Greta Thunberg is our inspirational person for this term. She is a great role model knowing all she has accomplished by such a young age.

Our core text has been [Alba, the hundred-year-old fish](#). This is a story about pollution. The children have written fantastic discussion texts about this.

We hope that you enjoy the Early May Bank Holiday and remember that school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, unless a class is closed due to NEU strike action.

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