



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Already, we have arrived at the final term of this academic year, where has the time gone! However, we have five weeks left until the end of term and so much can be achieved in that time.

We are all enjoying the sunshine and good weather. Please be reminded that children do need to have their water bottle with them. We do also continue with our outdoor learning and social times, so children will need to have a hat and should have sunscreen applied before the start of the school day.

**Caution whilst on school grounds** – it is with a heavy heart that I have to mention again that one of our families, at the end of the school day, has had items taken from their possession. We take this very seriously and are working the local police to bring about a stop to this. We would advise that you ensure items are not unattended, on show e.g. a back pocket or easily accessible. We feel that it is happening at the end of the day, due to there being a lot of human traffic around that time. We do have cameras on site and will pass any evidence on to the local police force.

**Cost of living** – we are aware that times are a challenge to us all and our finances are being stretched further and further. Do come and see us if you are experiencing any challenges that we may be able to support with or signpost you to organisations that can support you.

**Apparatus** – we would like to remind families that the large play equipment is **NOT for use, before or after school**. This is due to Health & Safety regulations and also for insurance purposes. Your children have a wonderful time during the day with our equipment. Over the summer holidays, all our play equipment and surfaces are being refreshed and resurfaced.

**Celebration Assembly** – Our ‘Stars of the Week’ over the last two weeks were:

**Star Mathematician** -

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| - Oak – Hatice  | - Maple – Muhammad | - Beech – Yusuf |
| - Elm – Reyah   | - Birch – Luqman   | - Willow – Cian |
| - Pine – Vernon | - Cedar – Pruthwin | - Ash – Kledis  |

**Star reader** -

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| - Oak – Rayaana  | - Maple – Isaiah | - Beech – Yaathra   |
| - Elm – K’Armani | - Birch – Anelis | - Willow – Mohammed |
| - Pine – Ethan   | - Cedar – Djorah | - Ash – Myah Sue    |

If your child has achieved something outside of school, they can bring in the certificate, badge, trophy or medal to show everyone one during this assembly.

**Educational Visits** – we have a busy schedule of planned visits to a wide range of places for all our year groups. Do keep your eye out for ParentMail information regarding any trips that your child’s class may be going on.

**Class photograph day** – on the **19<sup>th</sup> June 2023** class photos will be taken. Children will need to be wearing their school uniform. Please email [admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk](mailto:admin@hillboroughinfantschool.uk) if you do not want your child to be included in the class group photo.

**Nursery/Saplings** – as you may be aware, our nursery is expanding to provide provision that can cover the whole day (subject to criteria). We still have a few places available from September 2023. Please contact main office by telephone (01582 725764) or email [admissions@hillboroughinfantschool.uk](mailto:admissions@hillboroughinfantschool.uk), if you are interested.

**KS1 Jumble Sale** – thank you to everyone and all our families for the support given and items donated to us for our sale on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. It was a wonderful afternoon for the children and really supports the work that we complete around enterprise projects. The children are quite excited to work out how much was made and then decide on what they spend the money on. Our children are quite the budding business people of the future.

#### **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** – We have had an enthusiastic start to the Summer term and children have been busy developing their writing skills in English. We have been focusing on the story 'Meerkat Mail'. Children have planned and wrote a letter to Sonny's family, persuading them to join him on his holiday.

In maths, children have participated in multiple experiments involving measuring and capacity. They linked their prior knowledge of fractions to identify different amounts of liquids.

As our theme this term is 'Our Amazing World', we begun learning about the 7 continents of the world and comparing the similarities and differences between them. Children chose their favourite continent this week and created a fact file all about it.

We thoroughly enjoyed the Jumble sale we held this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and all involved in contributing to this event. The children enjoyed becoming excellent sales advisors for the event!

- **Year 2** - As we enter a new chapter in our learning journey, summer is upon us to light our path. Nevertheless, we were shivering when we read Michael Morpurgo's enchanting [rainbow bear](#)! We were inspired enough to write some beautiful first person narratives. As beautiful as the African inspired monoprints we have making in our art lessons.

Perhaps a little less beautiful but equally inspiring - our maths is about practising our addition, subtraction and multiplication skills. What once we found challenging, we have confidently mastered! Of course we cannot go any further without mentioning our jumble sale! What a wonderful day for all concerned. We heartily thank the parents and carers, children and adults in our school community for their contributions and hard work. Our commitment to our community and our values once again shone through.

It is thanks to all of you that Hillborough is a wonderful place to learn and teach and we are very grateful to be part of a wonderful team of children, parents and staff. Until we meet again, happy learning!

**Local Events** – we would signpost you to the following links for any local events listings – [The Culture Trust Luton](#) and [Experience Bedfordshire](#).

Wishing a lovely weekend

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