



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 30th June 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Wishing those, who are celebrating, a happy Eid Mubarak for Eid-al-Adha.

There are only three weeks left until the end of term and there is so much going on. We have had so much going on and we still have Year 2's performance, transition day and children meeting their new class teacher in July! The children are continuing to put in maximum effort with their learning and we will continue with curriculum until the last few days of this term.

Hot Weather – please ensure that your child/children have plenty of water to stay hydrated and any other necessary precautions are taken. Sunscreen/sunblock– must be applied at home as school are unable to support with this. The [NHS link](#) has some good advice about dealing with hot weather.

Recent inspection by Ofsted – this week, we received confirmation that we are a 'good' school based on the inspection held on the 24th and 25th June 2023. You should have received a ParentMail with the report attached to it and we be adding it to our website page. The inspectors saw that '**Hillborough Infants is a welcoming school, where pupils feel like part of a family... ..pupils are constantly kind and caring towards each other... ..pupils are enthusiastic about their learning... .. leaders have created an ambitious, well-organised curriculum which clearly sets out the knowledge pupils will learn... ..children make a strong start in the early years... ..teachers set high expectations...** There are so many other wonderful comments about our school, and I do recommend that you read the whole report.

Circus skills days – the whole school and staff had a wonderful two days when the circus came to town! The children and staff learnt about a wide range of skills that included - **juggling, disc spinning and even balancing on stilts!** All children had several sessions with the wonderful staff who came to deliver them. We posted some wonderful images on our Twitter account. A big thank you goes out to Miss Rajah who organised the whole event.



Term Time Leave – we would like to remind you that term time leave is only granted in **exceptional circumstances** and **MUST** be agreed by the Headteacher. Any application **MUST** be completed and returned to school, no later than 14 days prior to the request. You will be expected to attend a meeting, in school, to discuss the request before a decision is made. All details can be found by clicking on the following – [Term Time Leave of Absence](#).

Mental Health & Well-being - we have an exciting new and free Mental Health & Well-being program to share with you...so we are inviting all our families to a coffee afternoon on **Monday 10th July between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m..** During this session we will be able to explain and share with you this wonderful new app that can support you, your family, your children (any age), extended family or anyone else that

you might feel would benefit from some of the advice and links. Do keep an eye out for a flyer that will be coming your way via ParentMail.

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.

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 been very busy learning all about '[The Ugly Five](#)'. They have become expert researchers and created a fact file for a chosen animal. This fact file was created on the Chromebooks where children had the opportunity to develop their technology skills. The children produced some fantastic work which showcases their detailed knowledge about the five animals.

In maths we have been revising our ability to count up in 2's, 5's and 10's. It has been a challenge when starting from a number other than zero however the children have powered through and shown great motivation.

- **Year 2** - As the weather warms up, our excitement builds. Our young actors and singers are busy rehearsing for our end of term play. It's early days, but we predict great things!

Rest assured however, we have maintained our high standards of learning in English and maths. In English, the children have written some wonderful non-chronological reports about sharks, full of interesting facts and expertly constructed writing! Meanwhile, we have been harnessing our mastery of mental calculations in maths. Our budding theatre stars have also found time to explore the five oceans in geography and have been learning about food chains in science. But wait - I think I hear Hollywood or Bollywood calling, so we shall leave it there!

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

- **Energise Luton Summer Holiday Activity and Food Camps**
 - Booking open from 26th June 2023
 - Booking link - <https://activeluton.coordinate.cloud/list>
 - Tel: 01582 400272
- **The Mall's Jurassic Summer**
 - Open 22nd July - 31st August
 - See leaflet below for more information:



Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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