



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 21st July 2023

Value of the month – our value of the month of August will be **happiness**.

Dear parents and guardians,

Everyone in school can't quite believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year 2022/2023. We were so very proud of our year two children who completed three performances to parents with their end of year production 'You are Special'.

Wave goodbye and say hello – it has been a privilege, over the past two years, to watch our year two children grow into learners who are now ready for the next stage in their learning journey. They have worked so hard over the past year and had such a growth mind-set with all that came their way. We wish them well as they enter year three.

We are looking forward to welcoming all those children who are joining our Nursery and Reception classes. We know that they have had a little taster session of our exciting provision and I am certain that any older siblings have shared their experiences.

Say hello and wave goodbye – this time of year when we say goodbye to members of our team as they end one chapter here and start a new one elsewhere. We are saying goodbye to Miss Rajah, who has lead on a year one class and also made a valuable contribution to the year group and also PE across the school. Miss Rajah, is moving on to a primary school, so that she can widen her teaching experience and we wish her well at her new school. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Green, who has also led on a year one class and over time, had worked with early years, led on phonics and also computing. She is moving to a nursery school, which is nearer to home and we wish her well at her new school. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Rashid, our Inclusion Support Assistant, who for the last year has worked closely with our SENDCo and we wish her well in her new school. Last but not least we are saying goodbye to Miss Swain, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant with us for many years and is starting a new part of her own adventures.

We are then taking time to say hello to new members of our community, who will be starting from September 2023. We first of all welcome Miss Smith, who will be joining us in Saplings and leading on our thirty-hour provision. We also welcome Mrs Cerchez and Miss Khan, who will be joining us as year one teachers. Mrs Cerchez comes to us with a wealth of teaching experience across early years and key stage one and Miss Khan, who is developing her experience of working in key stage one. We also welcome Miss Barber, who will be joining us as a Reception class teacher. I am certain that you will provide them with a warm Hillborough welcome.

Attendance – everyday counts! We received our end of year report from the Local Authority to let us know that for the academic year 2022/2023, our attendance for the year was **93%**. Our school now sets our attendance at 96% and we will strive, with your support, to ensure that all our children are in school, learning, achieving their maximum potential and engaging in a rich curriculum.

SELECT (catering link for ordering your child's lunch) – we are very excited to share with you the pending launch of the online service for ordering your child's lunch. The relevant information and instructions of how to logon and use your account will be sent directly to you, about mid-August. Keep an eye out for the communication.

Online Payment Systems – from September 2022, we will be changing our online payment system to an element of ParentMail that you are already used to. When operational, you will be able to click on 'payments' and pay for a wide range of products or services.

Uniform – you have recently been sent a ParentMail to inform you of our reversion to P.E. kit/uniform that will need to be in school from September 2023. We are fully aware of the currently economic crisis and have worked hard to ensure that all items can be brought from all supermarkets and at a low price. Do check your ParentMail for the relevant information and also the school's website page.

Luton Music Service – has sent us a flyer for their ‘youth choir’ which covers ages 7 to 18 years of age. Do see that attached flyer if you are interested.

Well-being team – we would like to highlight you to [#SelfcareSummer – primary pack](#). This pack is full of useful ideas at tips of things that you can do with your children over the summer break to support well-being and self-care. Parents and guardians, you are just as important and there some lovely ideas for you on the [‘Action for Children – parent talk’](#) page. Hillborough Junior School have a page on their newsletter regarding Year 2 /Year 3 transition, which is especially useful. The link for this is:

<http://www.hillborough-jun.luton.sch.uk/parents/transition-year-2-to-year-3>

One final thought, thank you for ALL your support over the past year, we are a community that puts the children at the heart of all that we do and your continued support has allowed us to do that.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer, have fun making memories and we will **see you all on Monday 4th September at 08:50.**

Josie Walter - Headteacher