



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 15th September 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

After our focus on wellbeing and transition into school or a new class, we are now back into our full swing of our curriculum.

As you may be aware, our nursery provision has expanded, and we are now able to offer provision across the school day. Saplings staff, have now settled in their new pupils into their first full week of this academic year.

The children now appear less tired and hopefully they are settling back into routines. Thank you for supporting us getting them back into a bedtime routine. If you need any further support, please click on [The Sleep Charity](#) link.

As the British weather continues to never surprise us, please send your child to school with a raincoat. Physical Health is a crucial part of our curriculum, and it is important for your children's learning for them to be outside and moving every day despite the weather. We also ask they come to school wearing appropriate footwear for the day, so they can move at ease.

PE days and kit – you will have received various notifications around PE and what your child needs. **Reminder – your child's PE kit should be brought into school and remain here during the half term.** All information can be found on the school's website.



Attendance – everyday counts! Good attendance is vital for all children, and we work to ensure all children achieve that. We will be working closely with families to ensure good attendance. **Lateness** – we monitor this on a weekly basis and again, work with families to ensure punctuality.

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](#).

Meal ordering system (Select) – The following is a brief reminder about our system. For those of you are new to the school, you would have been sent out details etc. of how to register and use the system. Please discuss the options with your child so they are not disappointed with their chosen meal. Class teachers no longer record meal choices therefore it is important that all parents/guardians order their child's meals through Select. Do ensure that you order on a weekly or daily basis.

Class Dojo – is a school communication platform that teachers, students, and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom home through photos, videos, and messages. The following link is to a [fact sheet for parents](#).

Extra-curricular clubs – for Year 1 & 2 are due to start week commencing 18th September 2023. You should now have received a ParentMail on what club your child will be attending this half term. **Please note that clubs finish at 16:10 please ensure that you are at the office ready to collect your child promptly.**

Meet & greet (Tuesday 19th September) - This is a **brief** opportunity for you to see how your child has settled into their new class with a quick discussion with their class teacher. There is no requirement to book in advance, after you have collected your child please wait outside your child's class until the teacher invites you inside. **All academic**

discussions will take place during October at the parent consultation meetings planned for the 17th October and 18th October 2023.

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 One** – We have had a fabulous start to the new academic year, Year 1 have settled into their routines quickly and are getting on with their learning.

In English we have been reading 'The Colour Monster', in the story a little girl helps her monster separate his stirred-up feelings. Children discussed and explained when or why they might experience these feelings. Then they verbalised or wrote sentences about some of the feelings.

In maths children have looked at positional language (in, on, behind, under, next to) and ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc). We have learnt to [subitise](#) and they are getting good at doing so.

- **Year Two** - It has been a week of wonderful learning - and by sheer coincidence, wonder has been the subject of our English Text, [We are all wonders](#). The quality of story writing has only been matched by the children's determination in maths as they have learned new strategies for addition and subtraction.

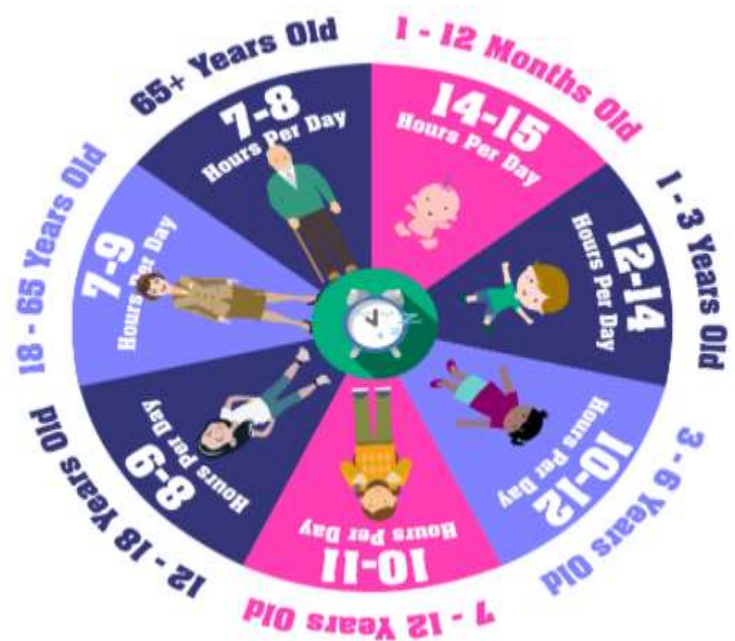
Our children have also been quite the geographers, able to demonstrate their knowledge of physical and human geography in their homework and in the vibrant posters they have produced in school. The drawing skills they have been honing in art have been put to good use!

The year two team cannot wait to see where the children's learning journeys take them next!

Did you know that sleep helps children learn?

For many years' sleep has been linked to energy. However, recent scientific research proves it does much more.

Sleep helps children learn better, improves their memory, and helps them to apply their knowledge to solve problems.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend and do enjoy the last of the warm weather.

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