



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 29th September 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Our first round of extra-curricular clubs has been a huge success. Whether they joined art, reading, computing, the music club, multi-sports or one of our many other clubs, the children have been engaged and having fun whilst furthering their learning. These clubs run from 3.40 p.m. until 4.10 p.m. and will be for every half term.

We have an amazing provision running again this year, Exercise Behaviour with Pete. He works with our pupils to help with behaviour and recognising green, amber and red choices with their choices spaceship. Each class have created their own choices spaceship in line with our behaviour policy and our pupils seem to be recognising red, amber and green choices and are able to make green choices in their day. Maybe ask your child about their class' choices spaceship?

We would like to thank you again for ensuring your children get enough sleep. I am sure 10 hours can sometimes feel like a great challenge, but I cannot emphasise enough the impact sleep has upon your child's learning. If you need any further support, please click on [The Sleep Charity link](#).

Finally, as we move further into Autumn, 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. School uniform - please ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform and suitable footwear. Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and also in the school colours. If you are unsure, do check out our website - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/uniform>



**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. Our weekly attendance newsletters highlight our figures for attendance and gives a shout out to two classes for the best attendance of that week; and those classes will also have the pleasure of having Ruby or Markus - our attendance bears - join them for that week.

**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](#).

**Luton Food Bank / Harvest Festival week** – we will be focusing on others for the week beginning the 16th October. We are welcoming donations until 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023, anything that you are able to donate – big or small – is welcome, further information has been sent out.

Here is a link to their website - <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/>. If you are struggling, you can contact them directly or do contact our Family Support Worker who can also support you and signpost you to other agencies that can provide support. We are aware that The Stockwood Park Academy run a food bank on Saturday mornings – there are no questions asked and you just need to live in the local area.



### Parent sessions coming up...

As a school we value parents/guardians as a pupils' first educators, that is why over the coming year we will be making available, sessions for parents to come in and learn about vital parts in our curriculum, values etc. This means that you will have a greater understanding of what we teach your children, and will allow you to be able to support them at home. A ParentMail form has been sent for the below sessions with useful information on how to book and timings, we look forward to seeing you there.

- **RWI parents' sessions –**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – RWI EYFS Parent Session** – this parent session is for Nursery and Reception years and will help you support your child with their phonics and gives those that are unfamiliar and introduction to our phonics scheme called Read Write Inc.
- **4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – RWI KS1 Parent Session** – this parent session is for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils' parents/guardian and will help you support your child with their phonics

- **Maths parents' session – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – this parent session is available to the whole school's parents/guardians and will help you support your child with their maths.

**School councillors** – They have been elected from Year 1 and Year 2 to play an important role in decision making and be the voice of their class. Please welcome:

**Birch** – Ismail and Hatice

**Ash** – Ismail and Maryam

**Cedar** – Yassine and Tisha

**Beech** – Mofe and Haziqa

**Maple** – Van and Alaya

**Willow** – Pruthwin and Labibah

Reception school councillors will join us later on in the year.

### 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** – Year One - have had a busy fortnight, we have been reading an amazing book called '[Ruby's Worry](#)'. Ruby learns how to make her worries disappear after realising other people have worries too. Our writing focus has been around diary entries; we have been writing in the first person. In maths we have been estimating and ordering numbers to 10.

In science Year 1 had a lot of fun labelling the parts of their bodies and singing 'heads, shoulders knees and toes'.

- **Year Two** - As September draws to a close, we are still as energised as a [Jean Michael Basquiat painting](#)! We made some pastel and charcoal portraits in his vibrant style. Our English text – '[Can I build another me?](#)' - has been equally extraordinary! We are using conjunctions and noun phrases to write non-chronological reports about ourselves. Our maths is currently focused on regrouping, partitioning and representing numbers. Look out for some high-quality maths work in our classes' dojo stories. Meanwhile, our young scientists are investigating facts about eggs. Will we crack the case? What new plans will we be hatching? Find out in our next egg-citing newsletter!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Josie Walter – Headteacher