



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 10th November 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

We have had such a good start to our new term and the children have been working with some exciting books, which in turn has supported a wide range of subjects and their topic for the half term.

Mindful parking and consideration – my team and I are deeply saddened at recent events that took place outside our school with regard to parking and consideration of others. Blocking the school entrance or local resident's drives, could put children and adults at risk, if the emergency services could not get through. We are role models to our children and when they see poor behaviour choices or physical interactions between parents, this can cause trauma in young children or lead them to think that is how situations should be dealt with in this way.

Odd Socks Day (13th November 2023) – as part of our Anti Bullying Week or as we like to call it 'friendship week', the children will be able to wear odd socks for the day! It is a great way to celebrate what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.

Children in Need – is being held on Friday 17th November and for our children, it is a **non-uniform day with a focus on 'spots'**! They will need appropriate footwear and a coat, as they will be going outside and moving around school. We know times are challenging for us all and if you are able to donate, no matter how small an amount, you can do so via our [JustGiving](#) page – just click on the blue words and it will take you there.

E-safety parent workshop – we had an e-safety parent workshop this morning, and had such a good turn out and thank you to all that attended.

Please use this [link](#) to top tips for parent with keeping your children safe online.

Please also see the [link](#) to a website that supports parents when finding age appropriate games for children.

Governor Day – we had an exciting opportunity to have some of our governors in this morning to see how the school day works and was able to experience our e-safety parent workshop and have a peak inside 1666 – look at Year 2's section to see how they did so.

Exercise for children - research indicates that inactive children are likely to become inactive adults, putting young people at risk of developing conditions as they grow up and become adults. This is why it's important to encourage exercise and keeping fit from a young age. We would like to sign post you to links that may support increased activity outside of school: [GOSH – exercise for children and young adults](#), [Change4Life](#) and the [NHS Live Well](#) website

Cost of living support – we know that times are challenging with regard to the cost of living and the current energy crisis. We have attached a document that might signpost you to local agencies that might be able to support you. We are also signposting you to some websites that might support you to compare prices – click on the blue words to take you to the websites. Comparing grocery prices at [trolley.co.uk](#); 'superizon' which can be found on Google Play or Apple's App Store – again a supermarket comparison site and finally a website for bargains in food, fashion, books, home and other areas – [LatestDeals.co.uk](#)

We would like to point out that school is not endorsing any of the sites and is just signposting you to possible sites that might be able to support you and your family.

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 reading the book [Dogger](#) this week. We have learnt all about using adjectives to describe a character. We have created a poster all about 'Dogger' and used adjectives to describe him in order to help find him!

In maths the children have been learning all about equality and balance and making equivalent values using addition and subtraction. The children have learnt all about Diwali in RE in which they have made rangoli patterns, henna designs, and Diwali cards. They have also learnt all about Remembrance Day in history and designed poppies to signify the soldiers who have fought and died in previous world wars and other significant battles.

- **Year 2** - The beautiful, golden leaves set against an inky sky tell us that autumn will soon give way to winter. Neither cold nor gloomy weather has kept us from writing some impactful letters based on our text, [Katie in London](#). Be sure to ask one of our expert writers about the rules for spelling a past tense verb!

Speaking of London, we are stepping into our time machine for a history workshop on the great fire of London of 1666. Who started the fire? Why did Samuel Pepys bury his cheese? Be sure to ask one of our young experts!

Regarding expertise, our mathematicians have been mastering number bonds to 100, making doubles and near doubles and practising their rebalancing skills. And in the midst of this exciting learning, our enquiring scientists have been investigating animals including humans. Year two has lit up the sky with our learning and we didn't even need any fireworks!

Wishing you a peaceful and dry weekend.

Josie Walter – Headteacher