



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 2nd February 2024

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

Dear parents and guardians,

The weather has been so changeable over January; however, it does not stop us in ensuring your child has as much outdoor learning as indoor. Do ensure that your child is wearing school uniform, has a suitable coat for the weather and correct footwear.

DANGER: bag accessories, toys from home, food/sweets – this is an urgent appeal to ALL our families to ensure that none of the items mentioned above, come into school! They can potentially cause **a choking hazard, physical danger due to parts, or trigger severe allergic reactions**. Please check ALL bags and pockets before coming to school.

Website – this can be found via the usual link and there are some quick links to all our information, dates, and policies. Below is a screen shot of the tool bar and shortcut sections. Our site is multilingual, and there are links to our social media presence.



e-safety – [Safer Internet Day](#) is fast approaching and the link will take you to the page with advice for parents. The school's internet provider (LGfL) has a wonderful portal for parents called [ParentSafe](#). It has clear and concise information for parents about devices, the internet, TV, and streaming programmes, also advice around computer/console games.

Parent Consultation Evening – just to let you know that the upcoming event will be on the **26th and 27th March** and booking for this event will be via ParentMail. Details will be sent out soon. It is a wonderful time to celebrate your child's successes; the skills they have developed and next steps in their learning journey.

Uniform and PE Kits – a massive thank you to all of you who ensure that your children wear the correct uniform; have suitable footwear and outdoor clothing to allow for all indoor and outdoor learning and finally have the correct PE kits in a bag and on their peg. **Reminder – do ensure that items of clothing are labelled and that children do not arrive to school on PE day in their PE kit.** Our expectation is that our children change for PE in school; this supports self-help and fine motor skills.

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** - are diving deeper into their superhero theme. After Supertato, we have been reading '[Traction Man](#)' another superhero story! Throughout the story, Traction Man saves people and things from lots of evil villains. The children know that Traction Man is a toy - it is his owner who uses his imagination to think up the different stories that Traction Man is the hero of. Traction man is a comic book story. We looked at the features of a comic and Year 1 wrote their own captions to pictures of traction man.

In maths, we have learnt our number bonds to 20. Children used a range of manipulatives to help them. If you click on the following link to [Topmarks](#) – it will take you to a range of games that you can play with your children

- **Year 2** - Are you curious about the Mars Rover? Our year twos certainly were, which is why we wrote an explanation text based on the book [Curiosity](#) by Marcus Motum. We discovered that on the 5th August 2012, the famous roving robot (Curiosity) landed on Mars, and wrote some amazing facts about its journey.

Meanwhile, our journey through maths has been about subtraction. Our take away is that we have a huge range of strategies for subtracting in our maths toolkit.

Meanwhile, our knowledge of science is ever growing as we investigate which materials can change and which remain the same.

Weekend plans – if you are looking for ideas for the weekend, do look at the ‘what’s on’ page of [The Culture Trust - Luton](#)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

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