



# Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Everyone can't quite believe how quickly the half term has gone but also how much the children have progressed in that time and developed their skills across a wide range of subjects.

**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation Evenings** – gentle reminder of the date scheduled in for Parent Consultation Meeting, you will be able to book via ParentMail and teachers will not be accepting late bookings or on the day. We really look forward to seeing all of you and sharing all the progress that your child has made.

**Eid Luton Festival** - We have been asked by a member of our community to share with you the attached leaflet. The festival will run for two days, starting on either Tuesday 9th April or Wednesday 10th April (subject to the sighting of the moon).

Some of the highlights activities taking place at the Eid festival include fun fair rides, fire juggling, donkey rides, circus workshops, face painting, henna, free arts and crafts activities, international food stalls and much more. We will also be holding our usual spectacular fireworks night on either the night before or Eid day (to be confirmed on their website).

**Radio 1 Big Weekend** – we are certain that you are aware of this amazing event that is taking place at Stockwood Park from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All information linked to the weekend can be found here and you may have already booked your tickets – [Radio 1 Big Weekend](#). **We are aware that there may be some impact on the school and surrounding area, during the week and especially on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, however we will keep you updated, as and when we have further information.**

**Cambridge Festival** - has offered us a discount to our families to attend their festivals in June, the leaflet is attached with further details. Use the promo code SCHOOLS20 that gets you 20% off all General Admission tickets booked through [FIXR](#).

**Lambing Weekends** – we have been asked to share with you the attached leaflet on the Lambing Weekends at Watergate Farm.

**End of term and start of summer term** – the last day of term is **Wednesday the 27th March 2024** and we then break up for the Easter holidays. The start of the summer term is **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 08:50**.

**Attendance** – *improving attendance is everyone's responsibility* – DfE 2022. As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove or support any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 96% and above and to decrease our persistent absence figure.


**School grounds** – a reminder to all our families that once you have dropped off or collected your child at the start and end of the day, that you vacate the school grounds promptly. In the morning, as soon as the 09:00 bell has gone and by 15:40 at the end of the school day. We appreciate your support with this and in keeping our children, staff and school grounds safe.


**School meals** – do ensure that you choose via select your choices as children become quite upset if something is not chosen. Reminder that all meals are free to children in the main part of the school (reception to year two).


In addition to their main meal, all children have access to our salad bar which includes raisins, cucumber, sweetcorn, lettuce, coleslaw and a small slice of bread. The meals on the menu are your children's favourites - please ensure your child's meals are booked in advance in SELECT. Weekly reminders are sent every Sunday.


### 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** - As we sail through the exciting journey of education with our Year 1 students, we're thrilled to share some highlights of their recent adventures across various subjects:

 **Mathematics:** Our young mathematicians have been mastering the art of numbers, delving into the world of multiplication by counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Through engaging activities and interactive lessons, they're building a solid foundation in mathematical concepts that will serve them well in their future explorations.

 **English:** Imagination knows no bounds in Year 1! Students have embarked on a creative journey by crafting their very own narrative inspired by the classic tale of Hansel and Gretel. Through storytelling and writing exercises, they're honing their literacy skills while exploring the magic of storytelling.

 **Geography:** From the bustling streets of London to the charming avenues of Berlin, our little explorers have been on a geographical adventure! They've been comparing and contrasting a UK capital with a European one, gaining valuable insights into different cultures, landmarks, and geographical features along the way.

 **Science:** Spring has sprung, and our curious scientists are on the case! They've been observing and discussing the signs of spring, from blooming flowers to chirping birds. Through hands-on experiments and outdoor exploration, they're discovering the wonders of the natural world and the changing seasons.

 **Physical Education:** In the realm of physical activity, Year 1 students are mastering the art of movement! From perfecting pencil rolls to exploring various types of rolls, they're enhancing their coordination, balance, and motor skills under the guidance of our dedicated PE instructors.

We're immensely proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our Year 1 students bring to their learning journey every day. With your continued support and encouragement, we look forward to nurturing their growth and unlocking even more exciting adventures in the days ahead.

- **Year 2** – Never mind those grey clouds, we see sunny days ahead! The creative minds of the school have been at work on our red nose colouring competition. Our display board is a beautiful sight to behold.

Behold also our maths! We have been learning about both multiplication and division and the links between the two. In geography, our intrepid explorers have been learning how to use atlases. Our children now can find any country at the drop of a hat!

Last, but never least, In English, our text is the hilarious [Jim and the Beanstalk](#) by the author and illustrator [Raymond Briggs](#). We will be using our powers of description to write some fascinating narratives.

Keep up your reading and your learning, stay curious and above all, have a wonderful weekend