



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 28th June 2024

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

Dear parents and guardians,

We cannot quite believe that there are only three weeks left until the end of term and there is so much going on. We have had so much going on and we still have Year 2's performance, transition day and children meeting their new class teacher in July! The children are continuing to put in maximum effort with their learning and we will continue with the curriculum until the last few days of this term.

Hot Weather – please ensure that your child/children have plenty of water to stay hydrated and any other necessary precautions are taken. Sunscreen/sunblock– must be applied at home, as schools are unable to support this. The [NHS link](#) has some good advice about dealing with hot weather.

Hello and welcome – it was wonderful to meet so many families on Tuesday 25th June at our admission's evening for those families of children who are starting in reception this September. It was lovely to know that we have so many families who want to ensure a smooth transition for their child and starting school. We can see that many of our families have heritages that are from all parts of the globe.

Whole School trip to Whipsnade Zoo – this was a wonderful day for all our children and they gained so much from the experience. The weather was kind and not too hot for children and adults alike. Most of the animals were out for the children to see. Another experience for the children was going on a bus/coach to the zoo and back, which they greatly enjoyed. A big thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their time to support the day. Finally, a whole school event like this takes a vast amount of coordination and we would like to thank Mrs Barber for leading on such a big project. We are aware that all our school staff support such events.



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](#).

Say hello and wave goodbye - we have a few new members of staff that have joined us this term; please join me in saying hello to Mr H May who has joined our Year 2 as a Teaching assistant, Mrs P Khatun Kalam who is our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant who will be working across the school, Mrs J Begum (originally a MDSA) who has been helping Mrs Halpin in the medical room as our part time Welfare

Assistant and last but not least Miss L Barber who has joined our Premise Team as a Cleaning Operative. Also a fond farewell for the end of term to those leaving: Mrs Muschett a Reception class teacher and Mrs E Cerchez a Year 1 class teacher - they will both be missed but we wish them all the best in their journeys.

Celebration Assembly – Our ‘Stars of the Week’ continue to grow each week. If your child has achieved something outside of school, they can bring in their certificate, badge, trophy or medal to show everyone during this assembly.

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** - In English, we read "[The Ugly Five](#)" by [Julia Donaldson](#). The children were enthralled by the story of the wildebeest, warthog, vulture, hyena, and marabou stork as they proudly marched across the African savannah. After reading the book, each student chose one of the animals and created a fact file. This exercise not only improved their writing skills but also enhanced their understanding of African wildlife.

In geography, we learned about Earth's climate and different regions. We discussed the equator and the poles. In design and technology, creativity was the order of the day as we made colourful and delicious fruit kebabs. This hands-on activity allowed the children to practise their fine motor skills while learning about healthy eating habits.

Mathematics saw our young learners mastering the art of counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. This fundamental skill will serve as a building block for more advanced mathematical concepts in the future.

- **Year 2** - As the weather warms up, our excitement builds. Our young actors and singers are busy rehearsing for our end of term play. It's early days, but we predict great things! The year two team have never heard a cohort in such tuneful form as this year's singers and players.

Rest assured however, we have maintained our high standards of learning in English and maths. Our English text is [Shark Lady](#), the true story of the marine biologist Eugenie Clark. The children have written some wonderful non-chronological reports about sharks, full of interesting facts and expertly constructed writing!

In maths, we return to geometry with renewed vigour after harnessing our mastery of mental calculations.

Undoubtedly, however, the most exciting part of our week was the trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The behaviour of the children was exceptional and the memories of all that we saw and heard will be with us for a lifetime. Our sincere thanks to the Hillborough Infant school community for making all that we do possible and ensuring positive outcomes for our children. It is because of you that we are able to make experiences like the Zoo trip happen, and we are most grateful. Until next time, happy learning!

Local Events – we would signpost you to the following links for any local events listings – [The Culture Trust Luton](#) and [Experience Bedfordshire](#).

Summer in Town - There are some exciting free and fun activities planned for all the family, taking place in the town centre, over the summer. More information can be found at [Summer in Town](#)

Family First magazine – we have been politely asked to share this link with yourselves. School does not necessarily support all the content, however there are some good articles to read. One of the articles is about ‘free meals’ during the summer holidays.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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