



## Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

Dear parents and guardians,

As we move towards the weekend and already into two weeks of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate our school value of **aspiration**. Over the past two weeks, we have seen our pupils showing real determination and enthusiasm, whether it is through their learning in the classroom, their creativity in art projects, or their participation in sports and extra-curricular activities. Aspiration is about believing in ourselves, setting goals, and striving to achieve them – and it is wonderful to see this value shining through in so many aspects of school life. Thank you for encouraging your children to aim high and supporting them every step of the way.

**Contacting school** - we are always here to support you and your child. To help us respond quickly and effectively, please use the right channels when getting in touch. For general enquiries or to report absences, please call the school office or email the admin team. For matters relating to your child's learning, please contact their class teacher via face to face, Class Dojo or school email. Using the appropriate contact method helps us make sure your message reaches the right person as soon as possible. Thank you for working with us to keep communication clear and efficient.

**Dangerous activities** - We kindly remind all families that the school vehicle gates are for authorised vehicles only and are **not** a safe entrance or exit for children and families. Please ensure children do not swing or climb on these gates, as this can be very dangerous and may lead to serious accidents. To keep everyone safe, always use the designated pedestrian entrances when arriving at or leaving the school site. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our school community safe.

**Birthday treats/gifts** - A gentle reminder that we do not allow birthday sweets, cakes or gifts to be brought into school. This is to keep all children safe from allergies, ensure no family feels under pressure to provide treats, and to make sure every child is treated equally. Thank you for your understanding and support with this policy.

**Class photos** – A quick reminder that class photos will be taken on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their photo. We are looking forward to capturing some wonderful memories!

**50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Photo** - We are excited to let you know that our special **50<sup>th</sup> celebration photo** for both Hillborough Infant & Nursery School and the Junior School will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform and ready to be part of this memorable occasion. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together!

**Sports Day** - is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to a fun and active event for all our pupils. Please keep an eye out for a ParentMail with all the dates and times—more details will be shared very soon. We hope you will be able to join us and cheer on the children!

**Fruit Trees and vines** – We would like to remind you that all fruit trees and vines belong to the Junior School. We would also advise you **NOT** to pick and eat any fruit as it may cause stomach upset. We want to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

### 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** - Well done to all our pupils for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm. It has been a busy and exciting fortnight for the children as they explored a range of new topics across the curriculum.

The children have also been working hard in their daily phonics sessions, whilst getting ready for the Phonics Screening Check. Pupils continue to practise blending sounds and reading new words. Teachers are proud of their progress, determination and aspiration.

Children have been discovering the basics of fractions in their maths lessons. Using hands-on activities, pupils learnt how to divide shapes and objects into halves and quarters. We used everyday items like fruit and paper shapes to make learning fractions fun and memorable.

In geography, the children went on a virtual journey around the world, learning three continents. The children developed their skills of using globes and maps to locate each continent and talked about different animals and landmarks found in each region. It is wonderful to see our young learners so enthusiastic about the world around them.

Design and Technology lessons were filled with creativity as pupils designed their own fruit kebabs. The children planned their kebab designs on paper and chose their favourite fruits. This practical project will help develop fine motor skills and encourage healthy eating.

- **Year 2** - As the sun reveals itself, we start to think of adventure and where [Charles Darwin](#) was born and which countries and continents he explored! In history and geography, we have been learning about famous explorers. We have been specifically looking at Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands. We have researched when and explored.

In English, our book is [Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo](#). It is the story of a polar bear who longs to become a Rainbow Bear. We have been thinking about what life is like in the Arctic tundra. We will be writing a narrative using this story as our stimulus.

In science our topic is [Living Things and their habitats](#). We have looked at desert habitats and tropical habitats and which animals can adapt to live there.

We are beginning to learn the songs for our leaver's assembly '**School'o'vision Song Contest**'. Further information will be sent home soon.

**Something for the weekend** – Culture Trust Luton has a 'what's on' page with ideas for the weekend and beyond. Luton Borough Council has an events, arts and culture page, that you may find other ideas.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team