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Our values are: **RESPECT, RESILIENCE,**
TEAMWORK, ASPIRATION and KINDNESS



SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Improving Communication- School to home

After the Parent survey in March, I went back to all staff with the feedback including comments about our school and we discussed ways in which we can improve on some of the areas which received less favourable results.

The feedback which centered around the communication you receive from us and how it needs to be improved is where we will start; having looked at various options and considered cost, workload and consistency starting from September we will be sending home a weekly newsletter using Microsoft Sway which will include information and dates. This will hopefully prevent some of the previous inaccuracies and will be emailed out every Friday. We are hoping to cut down on too many emails and texts using a cost effective method and updating the google calendar on the website so you are able to sync this with your phone.

Website and X (Twitter)

Again, in response to the Parent survey, we are trying to showcase every class and their learning/ achievements in order to show how exceptional our pupils and their achievements are! Each class will be tweeting at least once per week and this will also show on our website blog and we would love it if you would support us by visiting our website, liking, sharing and commenting on our posts.

We are promoting all things good about Hillcrest and what makes our school special and I hope you will share in our successes. In school we are talking to the children about their learning and are currently undertaking a pupil survey.

Sports Day

All parents are invited to our sports days- if in a morning, parents can stay after drop off and find their seats ready for the action and parents would need to enter school through the main gate for the afternoon. We will be on the large field between the 2 buildings. As usual Mr Smith will be leading the proceedings and staff will be supporting the children in their classes. If we could ask that you leave your child to sit with their classes and enjoy the action from the parent designated areas, they will need their water bottles, sun hats etc with them in the morning so they are fully prepared and ready to start. (Dates and times on calendar below)

Supporting children and families- Online Safety

We would like to remind parents of our online safety workshop- Cybersavvy- on Tuesday 18th June via Zoom for those interested in finding out more ways to keep children safe online led by the Anti- Bullying Alliance. In addition; our local PCSO Whaley is coming into school to deliver a presentation to our KS2 children around keeping safe online. If any parents (in other year groups) would like to join us to hear the messages and ask any questions of our PCSO at the end of the meeting you are more than welcome to attend. The presentation will be at 9am in the hall but you are welcome to sign in and wait in the main hall after the bell rings at 8:45am and the children come into school.

Summer Fayre

We are really looking forwards to our Summer Fayre this year and hope that by hosting it during our school day we can offer even more activities than usual! Staff and children will be setting up stalls and activities during lunchtime and we'd ask you to be patient with us as we set up, gates will open after registration and you may collect your child from their classroom. All children collected at 1:15pm will have their belongings with them and they will be dismissed into your care meaning you can leave with them when you are ready after going to the summer fayre.

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This includes our Y5 and Y6 pupils who normally walk home at the end of the day- they will need to be collected to attend the fayre.

Any child whose parent cannot collect them at 1:15pm or are not being collected by another family member/ designated adult will remain in school in the KS2 main hall (and can be collected from the main school office) and will be able to attend the fayre with school staff at some point during the afternoon.

Please inform school (class teacher) if your child is being collected by a different adult to normal to go around the fayre with so we know to release them and that your child knows who is collecting them too. This is for Safeguarding reasons.

We have 2 Libraries AND they are OPEN!

Since half term we have been opening our new and improved libraries **every Tuesday after school between 3:15 - 3:45**. Children may choose a book to sign out of the library to enjoy at home or you may just want to sit and read together whilst visiting. Please enter school via the Y1 door for both libraries.

The FS/KS1 library is now located on the lower school corridor (go through the archway) and the KS2 'Harry Potter' library is situated in the room next to Y1. We are so lucky as one of our PTA members has offered to volunteer in our library during this time to check in/ out books. If any other parents would like to volunteer in our library on a Tuesday please speak to Mrs Moore or Mrs Divit. Thanks to all those who have visited already 😊

Harthill Carnival

We have been invited to take part in Harthill Carnival this year on Saturday 13th July as they celebrate 50 years; we are hoping to get a float to take part in the parade which will mean automatic entry into the carnival and we would love it if families would want to join us on the day as it's the 1st time any school other than the ones in Harthill have been invited. Alongside Laughton Primary we are hosting an artist to support us with 'parade' artwork on 4th July here in school and will send out more information nearer the time. Exciting times!

Things your child needs in school

Please can you ensure your child has suitable clothing ready for a hopefully warmer spell- water bottles, hats, sun cream etc as they do spend a lot of time outside at breaks and in PE lessons. If they have hay fever, please ensure they have medication at home before coming to school.

Could you also please check that your child has a PE kit and it's in school. There are a lot of children forgetting their PE kits and borrowing the spare sets we have in school. If they have pierced ears, earrings must be taken out or covered with tape.

Showcasing achievements

We are holding our first 'Superstar assembly' on **Wednesday 3rd July** so please encourage your child to bring in their certificate/ tell us about something they have done to be proud of eg. Charitable event/ sporting achievement and they can share with the whole school.

INSET dates 2023/24

Our INSET dates;
~~Monday September 4th (Autumn 1)~~
~~Friday December 22nd (Autumn 2)~~
~~Monday June 3rd (Summer 1)~~
 Monday 22nd July (Summer 2)
 Tuesday 23rd July (Summer 2)

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
June 2024	
3.6.24	INSET day 3
Wc 3.6.24	Year 4 multiplication check (2 week window for testing)
5.6.24	FS1 & 2 Captivating Creatures visitor
Wc 10.6.24	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (2 week window for testing)
10.6.24	FS1 Welcome meeting 3:30pm/ Preloved uniform sale - 3:15
11.6.24	FS2 Welcome meeting 3:30pm/ Preloved uniform sale - 3:15
12.6.24	School photos- Class groups and Y6 leaving photo
12.6.24	Year 2 WHS 10 base rounders
17.6.24	Year 4 & 5 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture park
18.6.24	Online Safety workshops in school (Y5&6)/ After school zoom for parents 3:30pm
19.6.24	Year 1 WHS 10 base rounders
24.6.24 (Mon)	FS1 & 2 Sports day @ 9am
26.6.24 (Weds)	KS1 Years 1 & 2 plus Class 7 (Speech & Language resource) Sports Day @ 9am
26.6.24 (Weds)	KS2 Years 3,4,5 & 6 Sports Day @ 1:30pm (children can go home straight afterwards on the day with parents)
	Year 5 & 6 Relationships & Sex education lessons in school
July 2024	
1.7.24	Y6 Bikeability starts
2.7.24	Year 3 & 4 tennis doubles @ WHS
2.7.24	FS1 stay and play 3:30pm
3.7.24	Superstars assembly
5.7.24	Summer Fayre (1:30-3:30pm) Children dismissed to parents from classrooms
8.7.24	Children's University Graduation ceremony (letter from Miss Bennett to follow)
10.7.24	Meet your child's new classteacher/ RoA out to families today
10.7.24	Year 6 Prefect reward day- Gullivers
11.7.24	Year 6 Sports afternoon
11.7.24	Year 6 Leavers concert 5pm (dress rehearsal 10:45am for whole school)
12.7.24	Year 6 final day/ Leaver's assembly @ 10am
Wc 15.7.24	Transition week- all children move to their new classes for the week
15.7.24	Meet the teacher - new to FS2 3:15pm
16.7.24	Stay and play 10 – 11am - New to school - FS2
19.7.24	School closes for the Summer Holidays
Letters regarding timings for WHS events, Y6 Leaving week (unless otherwise stated) and Transition TBC asap	

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