

# Hill West Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Bikeability for selected children</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Bikeability for selected children</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.45pm - 3.15pm Parent Council meeting</li> <li><b>3.30pm - 4.30pm Parent Drop-in Session.</b> Meet your child's class teacher informally to get to know them a little better and build trusting relationships.</li> </ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am - 10.00am Badgers class assembly in the KS1 hall</li> <li>2.30pm - 3.20pm Hares class assembly in the KS1 hall</li> <li>1.30pm - 5.30pm Year 1, 2 and 3 attending Birmingham Hippodrome Pantomime</li> </ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.00am - 8.45am PTFA Re-use and Re-Wear event on the KS2 Playground</li> </ul>
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February; Year 4 attend Whitemoor Lakes for their residential visit</b></li> </ul>

### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK AT BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME

**Thursday 18th January 2023 – Years 1, 2 & 3**

The children will enjoy lunch at school as normal before leaving for the theatre.

Children are expected to arrive back at school at 5.30pm.  
"Oh, yes we are!"



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### RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2024?

The closing date for applications for a place in Reception at Primary School for September 2024 is this Monday; 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please find below a link that provide information for families making their school admission applications for September 2024.

<http://tinyurl.com/mu8ywrtp>



### MILD ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As we welcome children back for a new school year, we have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide you with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance. The DfE are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so they have laid out some information which they hope will be helpful.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

***It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Additional information can be found in the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?'***

Please follow the link; [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/when-to-call-the-doctor/)



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### HEADSHIP OPEN MORNING AND SCHOOL TOUR MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

The next Headship drop in morning will take place on **Monday 22nd January and will include a tour of our school.** Those able to attend, should arrive at the KS1 hall by 9am. We will then visit classes across school before returning to the KS1 hall where members of the Headship team can address any questions you may have.

We hope that regular tours will give you an opportunity to see the amazing relationships our teachers have with our pupils and how our ACE values are embodied in practice.



#### SAFEGUARDING

**Domestic Abuse;** domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background at any age. Research suggest that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse at some point in their life. Since the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, children that have been exposed to domestic abuse are now recogniesd as victims of domestic abuse in their own right, rather than just witnesses. In 90% of cases children are in the same or the next room when the incidunt occurs. The definintion of domestic abuse is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatneing behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members.

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247**

#### READING

We all know that pupils proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for their success.

*In the Reading Framework, July 2023 the DfE explain that becoming a fluent, skilled and attentive reader starts at the earlies stages, before children encounter a book for the first time, partly driven by the quality of their parents' talk with them that expands their vocabulary and comprehension.*



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### MEET OUR LEADERS AND TOUR SCHOOL

Our next Headship open morning is taking place on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**.



Members of the leadership team will be available between 8.45am and 11am and will be taking all those gathered on a tour of our classrooms to see the learning in action.

If you are able to attend please meet us in the KS1 hall. The tour will start at 9am and afterwards you will have the opportunity to tell us about

- any positive feedback you have about our school
- any concerns you would like to raise
- any suggestions you would like to make.

We look forward to speaking to those who are able to attend.

### PARENT DROP IN SESSION

Following a suggestion made at Parent Council, we are holding our first informal parent drop in session on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.



Teachers will be available in their classrooms between 3.30pm and 4.30pm for you to talk with informally. This will be particularly valuable for those parents who do not know their child's class teacher well and is an opportunity for you to find out a little bit more about them.

Suggestions for the session include;

- popping in to introduce yourself or to say hello
- offering some positive feedback on the experience of your child in their class
- offering some insights to the teacher about your child that you think may be important
- sharing your desires and aspirations for your child, this year and in the future with the teacher.



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### RECYCLE RE-USE UNIFORM EVENT



The Parent Council will be holding a uniform recycle event on the KS2 playground on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 8.30am.

#### ALL ITEMS ARE FREE

Please leave items at the school's main reception.

### YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We are delighted that our Year 5 pupils will be performing their Class Assembly for parents on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** in the KS1 Hall.



- 9.00am if your child is in Badgers
- 2.30pm if your child is in Hares

If parents are unable to make the assembly, grandparents or wider family members are more than welcome.



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