

Hill West Primary School

Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 22nd January 2024



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 22nd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am -11.00am your views matter - Headship open morning and tour of school for parents. Please drop into the KS1 Hall
Wednesday 24th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.30pm - 4.30pm Miss Beardmore attending West Midlands County Seven Aside Football Finals with selected children 4.00pm -6.00pm Multi-Skill sporting event at Bishop Vesey school for selected children
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-Scheduled SRE Meeting for Parents with children in Year 6 on Monday 29th January. Wednesday 31st January – Friday 2nd February; Year 4 attend Whitemoor Lakes Residential Friday 2nd February - Year 2 Open Morning and Afternoon Thursday 8th February - Reception Chinese New Year Assembly Friday 9th February – BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM 12th February – 16th February – FunFest holiday club in school.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME

We would like to welcome



Miss Claire Shipp into school as our learning mentor. Ms Shipp will join the team working with individuals and smaller groups to help pupils achieve their learning goals. I know you will want to join with me in sending her our warmest of welcomes.

HEADSHIP OPEN MORNING AND SCHOOL TOUR MONDAY 22ND 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.



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YEAR 4 WHITEMOOR LAKES

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY TO FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Located in the south of Staffordshire, Whitemoor Lakes provides the ideal backdrop for fun and adventure. With over 20 different indoor and outdoor activities there's plenty of



opportunity to learn new skills and conquer fears while enjoying time with friends and teachers in a unique setting. There are a variety of activities on offer including kayaking, sailing, canoeing, climbing, zip wire and abseiling.

We hope all of our Year 4 children going to Whitemoor Lakes have a wonderful time, and we look forward to hearing about your adventures on your return.

YEAR 2 OPEN DAY



Our Year 2 open morning and afternoon sessions are designed to give you the opportunity, as parents/carers, to come along and

work alongside your child in school. We would love it if you could attend. If you are not able to come along yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.

Friday 2nd February 2024
9am Owls; 1.45pm Kingfishers

Autumn Term 2

What you have told us and what we have done about it...

You asked for School to purchase Nativity costumes to keep at school for Future productions

Due to a kind donation from a parent we have been able to source a complete Nativity costume set for next years production.

You asked that Little wandle was added to all relevant ipads

Little Wandle has now been successfully installed.

You asked for a revised Homework policy to be issued with a clearer guide on when homework should be completed

We have revised our homework policy and shared this with parent council and with teachers. Homework issued and homework completion dates have been revised on Next Week at Hill West. You can find our revised policy on our website.



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You asked for more parent workshops to be held to explain the school's approach to managing behaviour.

A series of workshop has been planned and are due to be delivered throughout 2024, with a repeat of the first workshop taking place on Thursday 22nd February.

SAFEGUARDING

Winter Water Safety

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE Keep back from slippery banks. Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths. Never go onto the ice.

KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH Teach children not to go onto ice. Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks. If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.

IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP. Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

CALL 999 Do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

READING

Hill West is in the top 5% of schools nationally and has been praised by the Minister for Schools, Damian Hinds, in a letter issued, this week.

Congratulations!

In the letter he said,
"I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonic Screening Check. We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results. With 95% of pupils in Year 1 at Hill West Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 5% of all primary schools in the country".



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