

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 5th February 2024



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's MENTAL HEALTH Week • NON-UNIFORM DAY <p>'Hope for Peace' whole school fundraising event</p>
Tuesday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY DAY
Thursday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Robins Chinese New Year assembly; Reception parents welcome • 2.30pm Wrens Chinese New Year assembly; Reception parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Learning Profiles issued to Parents • 3.15pm-3.20pm BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Future Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th February - ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL • Thursday 22nd February - Parent Workshop 1 Recap: Focus Behaviour. Hosted by Dr Clarke in the KS1 Hall • Friday 23rd February – Year 6 residential to France

'HOPE FOR PEACE' FUNDRAISING EVENT

Monday 5th February will be a **Non-Uniform Day** in support of UNICEF appeal to support children in Gaza. Our 'Hope for Peace' fundraising event will raise awareness and make a small difference to those living through conflict. We kindly request a suggested donation of £5.00. Please donate through the Hill West JustGiving page by clicking here: www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-hope-for-peace-unicef



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO FRANCE

Some of our Year 6 are off to France on Friday 23rd February. The coach will depart from school promptly at **04.30am**. We wish them a fun and exciting trip!

Au revoir...



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READING

THE LANGUAGE OF STORIES



Listening to stories enables children to encounter vocabulary they are unlikely to hear in everyday conversations. Parents can support this vocabulary acquisition by explicitly explaining the meaning of new words and providing additional examples of their usage to enforce their meaning. Listening to stories also allows children to hear a wider range of sentence structures which not only supports their grammatical understanding, but also the bank of sentences they can draw from when they come to speak or write. When choosing a bedtime story think about the types of stories you and your children enjoy. Chose stories that you child cannot yet read independently and read it aloud to them, exposing them to language and structures they are not yet able to access on their own.

SAFEGUARDING; MEASLES



Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. The MMR vaccination is recommended to help protect you, your child, and loved ones against measles. The vaccination is free of charge.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccinations by contacting their GP practice.



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TWEET/S OF THE WEEK

This week we offer our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Downes who has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification for Leading Literacy and Miss Beardmore and Mr Henrick who have successfully passed their National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching.



BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP RE-CAP

We will be holding a re-run of our Behaviour Workshop for parents on **Thursday 22nd February** with Dr Clarke at 9am in the KS1 Hall. All are welcome to attend and during the session Dr Clarke will talk about behaviour as a means of communication and the school's approach to supporting and managing behaviours through a relational rather than punitive approach. Please join us if you can.



NEW LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS – A TRIAL

As part of our continuous efforts to enhance the overall school experience for our pupils, we will be implementing new lunchtime arrangements starting on Monday 5th February. We believe that these changes will contribute to a more positive and inclusive environment during this crucial part of the school day.

Years Five and Six will break for lunch between 12 noon and 1.00pm and then enjoy a longer afternoon of lessons between 1.00pm and 3.20pm.

Years Three and Four will break for lunch between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and then enjoy a shorter afternoon of lessons between 2.00pm and 3.20pm. As they will not be eating their lunch until



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1.00pm we suggest they bring a slightly larger snack with them to school for morning break at 11.00am.

We encourage you to discuss this with your child and share any observations or suggestions you may have. We believe that creating a positive and supportive lunchtime environment will contribute to the overall well-being and happiness for all.

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME PETER PAN 2025

We are arranging a visit to the Birmingham Hippodrome in January 2025 for all children who will be in Years 1 to 6, to enjoy the production of Peter Pan.

The visits are planned as follows:

- **Thursday 9th January – Year 4, 5 and 6**
- **Friday 10th January – Year 1, 2 and 3**

As we have to reserve and purchase tickets in advance we are asking you to buy your ticket now.



This year tickets will be available to book **until Tuesday 9th April 2024**. A payment item has been set up on MCAS as Birmingham Hippodrome 2025 and each ticket will cost £26.70. We understand that not all children will wish to attend and so those without a ticket will remain in school.

If any families would like to spread the payment over the course of the year, then please get in touch, in confidence, with Mrs Katie Jones k.jones@hillwest.bham.sch.uk in our main office.



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