

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dyslexia Awareness Week</b></li> <li>• <b>12.30pm</b> Selected children from KS2 attending a Panathlon event.</li> <li>• 7.30pm PTFA Annual General Meeting in the KS1 Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HARVEST DONATIONS</b> accepted into school</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>9.00am – 9.45am</b> Otters Harvest festival assembly, parents welcome to attend.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 3</b> visit to Herefordshire Beacon</li> </ul>

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Today we say goodbye to Miss Mooney who has been a teacher at Hill West for the last two years. She is remaining as part of the wider Hill West family and will be joining Scotch Orchard Primary School, with Dr Rhian Warrack. As you move on to new adventures, we wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the support and care you've provided. Our school won't be the same without you. Thank you for everything, and best of luck in your future endeavours!



## HILL WEST OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2025? Why don't you come along to one of our open days to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school? Appointments available through our school office (0121 3085392) for **6<sup>th</sup>** and **20<sup>th</sup> November**.



## PTFA HALLOWEEN SPOOKY PARTY

Buy your tickets now on MCAS for our PTFA Halloween spooky party at school. Dress up in your favourite costume and come along to celebrate all things spooky and spectacular.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** in our KS1 Hall.



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## YEAR 6 OPEN MORNINGS



Our Year 6 open mornings will be taking place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** and **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. We will be holding these sessions in the **KS1 Hall** and they will include a tour around our school. The session will

provide you with an introduction to **My Happy Mind**, a programme based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves. 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.

**9.00am – 11.00am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October for Otters**  
**9.00am – 11.00am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October for Foxes**

## READING

A good book can have many positive effects for your child.

**Mental health;** reading can help them feel relaxed and happy, and can reduce stress. It can also help children to feel more connected to others and less lonely.

**Brain development;** reading helps your child become smarter and more informed, and can improve their memory, analytical thinking, and focus.

**Empathy;** reading can help your child develop empathy by transporting them to another person's perspective.

**Imagination;** reading can help stimulate the imagination. This can help children develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

**Writing;** reading can improve writing by exposing children to a wide range of vocabulary and genres.



## ATTENDANCE and SAFEGUARDING

This academic year, all schools in England are working hard to improve attendance. New legislation was passed by the Government in August which has seen all schools review their practices in this regard. At Hill West we have decided on the following actions.

1. Securing good attendance will be everyone's responsibility.
2. The Attendance Champion at Hill West (Mrs Rebecca George) will secure good attendance by ensuring school is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment where all pupils want to be and are keen and ready to learn.
3. We will introduce and embed a new attendance protocol underpinned by high expectation **and** love, understanding, belonging and empathy.



*"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility".*



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## HARVEST DONATIONS REQUESTED INTO SCHOOL

We will be celebrating harvest on the 10<sup>th</sup> October and as such we are asking that all children bring a donation of food into school with them on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. These will then provide the backdrop for the Year 6 Otters assembly before being redistributed for the benefit of those in our local community experiencing hardship.

**Tinned meat, fish and meals**  
**Tinned beans or spaghetti**  
**Packets of rice, pasta, noodles**  
**Long life milk and cereal**  
**Squash and biscuits**  
**Cooking sauces to go with rice or pasta**



Thank you to everyone who is able to provide spare food to those who need it most.

## YEAR 3 VISIT TO HEREFORDSHIRE BEACON

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 3 children will be visiting Herefordshire Beacon as part of their geography work on mountain ranges.

Children will leave school at 9.00am and return by 3.20pm (traffic depending). Please ensure your child has suitable walking shoes, suitable trousers (not jeans), a t-shirt, long sleeved top/jumper and a waterproof coat. They will also need to bring a small rucksack containing a spare pair of clothes (top and trousers), a drink (squash or water), snacks and a packed lunch. Follow them on *Twitter*: **@hillwestprimary**



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FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

FAMILY DISCO  
KS1 HALL

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

CHILDREN £1	KS1 & NURSERY	TUCK SHOP
ADULTS £2	6PM TIL 7PM	SOFTDRINKS
FAMILIES £5	KS2 & FAMILIES	BBQ
	7.15PM TIL 8.30PM	BAR
		TATTOOS

TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ON MCAS APP  
UNTIL  
14/10/2023

THE DISCO IS FOR CURRENT HILL WEST PUPILS ONLY



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All Saints' Four Oaks  
invites you to our special...

**'Thankful' Messy Church**

**3pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



Join in fun messy  
play and crafts

All Saints' Church,  
Belwell Lane, Four Oaks  
B74 4TR

Please bring party  
food to share

 **Book Now!** [www.bookwhen.com/allsaintsmessychurch](http://www.bookwhen.com/allsaintsmessychurch)



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# HOLIDAY CAMP

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER  
8:30AM - 4:30PM

**AGES 5-16**

Tennis, squash, table tennis, pickleball, fun group activities, swimming\* and more!

**MEMBERS - £32.50**  
**NON-MEMBERS - £42.50**

If you're not a member, you can register an account on [myedgbastonpriory.com](http://myedgbastonpriory.com)





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