

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 21st October



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 21st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and Technology Day for all pupils
Wednesday 23rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 9.00am-10.00am Hedgehogs Stone Age assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited 3.20pm- 4.20pm Work Sharing, all parents invited 4.00pm -5.45pm Sports Hall Athletics at Bishop Vesey for selected Year 5 and 6 Children.
Thursday 24th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am-10.00am Rabbits Stone Age assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited
Friday 25th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL breaks up for half term (3.15pm for Reception and 3.20pm for all other year groups). 
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUN FEST HOLIDAY CLUB IN SCHOOL – to book visit www.fun-fest.co.uk
Monday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome all children back to school.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On **Wednesday 6th November** virtual appointments are available for parents with their child's class teacher. Our SENDCo, Mrs Stephanie Field will also be available for those parents whose children have an identified special educational need. Evening appointments will take place for all Year Groups between 3.45pm-7.15pm. You will be able to book your appointment via school cloud on Monday 21st October from 8am.



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



We are welcoming our school photographer into school on **Monday 4th November** to take individual

photographs of OUR children. There will be NO sibling photographs taken on this day.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform. No P.E. kits on this day please.

Sibling photographs will take place on **Tuesday 5th November, from 8am in the KS1 hall.**

YEAR 5 DIWALI ASSEMBLIES

We are delighted that our Year 5 pupils will be performing their Diwali Assembly for parents after the half term break.

Please feel free to join us on either **Wednesday 6th**

November at 9.00am for **Hares** assembly or **Thursday 7th**

November for **Badgers**

assembly. We hope that as many

of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.

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



SCHOOL 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 **6th** and **20th November.**



YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for a Year 7 place at secondary school for September 2025 is **31st October 2024.**

Please find attached below, links that provide information for families making their school admission applications for September 2024.

[Before you apply: researching schools | Apply for a secondary school \(year 7\) place | Birmingham City Council](#)



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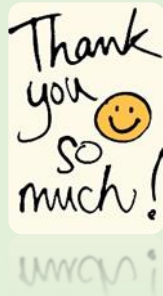


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HARVEST THANK YOU

We would like to thank our families for their donations for our harvest festival this year. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. All of your donations have been packaged up into hampers to support families in our immediate community.

Thank You



REMEMBERANCE DAY POPPIES

The week commencing **Monday 4th November** we will be selling poppies in school to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them into school with a minimum donation of **50p**.



SAFEGUARDING / FIREWORK SAFETY

Fireworks are loud, spectacular, beautiful and exciting but as we all know, when celebrating with fireworks, firework safety must always take priority over everything else. There are many hazards and common causes of injury in the UK associated with fireworks, we have listed below a guide to sparklers, bonfires, and the firework code.

1. Adults should only buy fireworks over the counter from respected stores.
2. Only an adult should handle and light fireworks.
3. Fireworks should be kept in a closed box away from sparks.
4. An adult should read and follow the instructions for lighting fireworks carefully.
5. Fireworks are lit at arm's length.
6. Always stand well back (8m is best).
7. Never go back to a lit firework.
8. Never put fireworks in your pocket.
9. **NEVER THROW FIREWORKS**



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ATTENDANCE



Remember, if your child is unwell and therefore unable to attend school you should call us on the first day of absence to report their non-attendance and advise us of what is wrong. If your child remains absent from school, for three or more days, we will arrange a virtual video meeting in line with our safeguarding first approach to attendance to speak with you and your child. We want them to know that we are missing them and wishing them a speedy recovery.

READING

Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood (National Literacy Trust).



If parents ask me what is the singular most important thing they can do to help their child make progress with their learning, my answer is always the same – read aloud to them every day.

Immerse them in stories, poems and rhymes and do it for the duration of their time in primary school.

DAFFODIL PLANTING

This autumn, each class will be planting daffodil bulbs in the school field, please could we ask, if you are able to support us by donating one pack of daffodil bulbs, we would ask that the bulbs are brought to school on

Monday 11th November.

We greatly appreciate your support if you are able to donate some bulbs and look forward to creating a beautiful field of daffodils.



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SAVE THE DATE

**Sutton Coldfield
Family Hub Launch
Event.**

**FamilyHubs
BIRMINGHAM**

**Holland House Children's
Centre**
Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield
Birmingham, B72 1RE
and
Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane
Sutton Coldfield
B72 1RN

**Tuesday 29th
October 2024
11am-1.30pm**

Bluey

**Meet Bluey and
Bingo**

**Youth
Activities**

**Gruffalo
Story Time**

Face Painting

Join us to find out more information about the Family Hub and what support is available for your family in the local area.

There will also be a range of family friendly interactive activities for everyone to join in!!
Tel: 0121 752 1860 Email: rshaheen@spurgeons.org

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PRIORY CLUB

Let's PARTY!

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE BIG **TENNIS** PARTY
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
1PM - 3PM

FREE

SCAN ME!



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BEAVERS

JOIN US FOR FUN!

We have places available at Beavers now for boys and girls aged 6-8 years.

We meet on Tuesdays 6-7pm (term-time only) at Four Oaks Baptist Church.

Find out more by emailing us at:
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